



**PRELUDE** *Little Fugue in G Minor (J.S. Bach/Moore)*  
- Cascade Percussion Ensemble

**WELCOME**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

God whispers to each of us:  
you are my beloved,  
created in love, for love.

**My spirit answers,  
Here I am, Lord.  
Speak to me anew.**

God breathes on us the Holy Spirit,  
knitting many members into one body,  
the body of Christ.

**Together we answer,  
Here we are Lord.  
Come, Holy Spirit.**

God has yet more vision for the people  
who will partner with God  
to extend God's kingdom  
into our hurting world.

**Here we are Lord.  
Empower us for your work.**

God calls the small, and helps them do great things.  
God calls the weak, and reveals their hidden gifts.  
God calls the rejected, and opens their eyes  
to their worth.  
God calls us all!

**Here we are Lord, humble and waiting.**

Then let us gather  
to dream God's dreams,  
receive God's power,  
and do God's will.

Here we are Lord.  
Shine the light of your love on us.  
Kindle your Spirit within us.  
Work your redeeming will in us,  
that the world may know  
the power of your love.

**HYMN #475** *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

**PRAYER OF PRAISE**

Loving God, Creator of all things, we lift our hearts  
to you, filled with awe and gratitude for the  
breathtaking tapestry of creation you have  
woven. From the vast expanse of the cosmos to  
the intricate details of a single flower, your artistry  
shines through every corner of the universe. We  
praise you for the sun that warms us, the rain that  
refreshes us, and the stars that twinkle in the night  
sky. We thank you for the rivers that flow, the  
oceans that roar, and the mountains that stand  
tall. We marvel at the diversity of life, from the  
smallest insect to the largest whale, each a  
testament to your boundless creativity. May we  
always cherish and protect the gifts of your  
creation, recognizing that they are not ours to  
exploit, but to steward with reverence and care.

**RESPONSE** (insert) *This Is My Father's World*

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND REFLECTION**

Lord, you showed true humility  
by becoming human like us,

**yet too often we show pride.**

You wept alongside your friends,  
and for the city of Jerusalem,

**yet too often  
we rush past the pain of others  
and are careless about community.**

You loved those who were weak, despised, or cast  
out,

**yet too often we love those who are strong,  
respected, or popular.**

You freely forgave and showed mercy,

**yet too often  
we hold grudges and cause pain.**

You prayed that we who believe in you should be united in Spirit and purpose,

**yet too often we focus on the differences that separate us.**

You call us to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world,

**yet too often we shrink back, or hide our light. Forgive us, loving God, so that we may shine with the light of your love.**

(silent prayer and reflection)

**WORDS OF ASSURANCE**—based on Psalm 103:8, 10

The Lord is full of compassion and mercy, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. God does not deal with us according to our sins, but according to his mercy. God's gift of forgiveness makes us able, with the power of Holy Spirit, to choose to forgive, be renewed and live again in right relationship with each other and with our God.

**Thanks be to God!**

**PASSING THE PEACE**

**HYMN #634** *To God Be the Glory*

**SPECIAL MUSIC** *Double Violin Concerto in D Minor 1, Vivace (J.S. Bach/Houllif)*  
- Cascade Percussion Ensemble

**SCRIPTURE READINGS** Genesis 50:15-21  
Matthew 18:21-35

**MESSAGE** Teach Us to Pray: Releasing Debts

**HYMN #753** *Make Me a Channel of Your Peace*

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done  
on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread,  
and forgive us our debts,  
as we forgive our debtors.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For yours is the kingdom,  
and the power,  
and the glory  
now and forever. Amen.**

**HYMN #542** *God Be with You till We Meet Again*

**BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE** *Violin Concerto in A Minor III, Allegro Assai (J.S. Bach/Martin)*  
- Cascade Percussion Ensemble