



And grant us courage to step out in faith and hope, trusting in your leading even when we cannot yet see the outcome.

(silent prayer and reflection)

**WORDS OF ASSURANCE**—from Psalm 145:8-9

*“The LORD is gracious and compassionate, slow to anger and rich in love. The LORD is good to all; he has compassion on all he has made.”*

People of God, know God’s compassion and grace, and walk in love. Live as those who have been forgiven and freed from the burdens of guilt and fear. God’s goodness and mercy follow you every hour of every day.

**Thanks be to God!**

**PASSING THE PEACE**

**HYMN (insert)** *Sweet Hour of Prayer*

**SCRIPTURE READINGS** James 5:7-11  
Colossians 3:1-4, 12-17

**MESSAGE** The Fruit of the Spirit:  
Patience and Perspective

**HYMN #45** *I to the Hills Will Lift My Eyes*

**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 #450** *Be Thou My Vision*

**BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**

**PRELUDE**

**WELCOME**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

The God of our lives invites us to come and worship, to bring our whole self to this gathering of praise—to rest from the things that are troubling us, to learn what Christ can teach of life and faith, to realize what we can offer to others and so to return into the world to serve. Let us worship God!

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

**PRAYER OF PRAISE**

God of our hearts, with joy and gladness we greet you in worship this morning.  
God of the sunrise and the sunset, we welcome this new day.  
God of the highest mountain and the deepest valley, hear our prayers and our praise, as we come before you with our needs, and our gratitude.  
God of our faith, we put our trust in you knowing that it is well placed in your gentle and caring hands.

**RESPONSE #664** *Morning Has Broken*

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND REFLECTION**

Gracious God, we confess that we do not always understand your ways. We are easily discouraged when life takes unexpected turns and our carefully laid plans and dreams do not turn out the way we want. We confess that we are quick to give up when things get difficult, and quick to question your presence and your power. Forgive us, and grant us patience to wait for your good timing. Open our eyes to recognize your leading, and to listen for your gentle whisper when we least expect it.