



**PRELUDE** *Here in This Place*  
- David Little, piano

**WELCOME**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

Sing out to God, all the earth!  
Break into joyful songs  
to the One who made us,  
and all things!

**All your works are wonderful!**  
**The entire earth reflects who you are,**  
**declaring the holiness and beauty of all things,**  
**all the while singing songs of praise to you.**

Come, let's bless God together!  
Let's praise the One who gives us life,  
who watches over us,  
and all of creation.

**HYMN #20** *All Things Bright and Beautiful*

**PRAYER OF PRAISE**—from Teresa of Avila (1515-1582)

**Lord, grant that I may always allow myself  
to be guided by you,  
always follow your plans,  
and accomplish your will.  
Grant that in all things, great and small,  
today and all the days of my life,  
I may do whatever you require of me.  
Help me respond  
to the slightest prompting of your grace,  
so that I may be your trustworthy instrument,  
for your honor.  
May your will be done by me, in me,  
and through me. Amen.**

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

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND REFLECTION**

—a Lakota prayer

**O great Spirit, whose voice we hear in the winds,  
and whose breath gives life to all the world, hear us!  
We need your strength and wisdom.  
Help us to walk in beauty,  
and make our eyes to ever  
behold your presence in all that we see,  
our hands to respect all that you have made,  
and our ears sharp to hear your voice.  
Let us learn the lessons you have hidden  
in every leaf and rock.  
We seek strength,  
not to be greater than another  
but to overcome our inner battles.  
Help us to right our wrongs,  
and bring harmony and balance to our world.**

(silent prayer and reflection)

**WORDS OF ASSURANCE**—from Isaiah 40: 28-31

*Have you not known? Have you not heard?  
The Lord is the everlasting God,  
the Creator of the ends of the earth.  
He does not faint or grow weary;  
his understanding is unsearchable.  
He gives power to the faint  
and strengthens the powerless.  
Even youths will faint and be weary,  
and the young will fall exhausted,  
but those who wait for the Lord  
shall renew their strength;  
they shall mount up with wings like eagles;  
they shall run and not be weary;  
they shall walk and not faint.*

Friends in Christ, God is with you, to strengthen you,  
to lift you up, to grace you with renewing love,  
that you might love and serve your neighbor  
as the Lord has loved you.

**Thanks be to God!**  
**PASSING THE PEACE**

**HYMN #37** *Let All Things Now Living*

**SCRIPTURE READINGS**    Genesis 1:26-31  
   Psalm 8

**MESSAGE**                    Everyday Mysticism:  
                                      The Sacredness of All Things  
                                      (Teresa of Avila)

**HYMN #25**    *O Lord, Our God, How Excellent*

**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.*

**SONG #80**    *You Shall Go Out with Joy*  
                                      (sung through twice)

**BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**    *Soon and Very Soon*  
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