

PRELUDE What Wondrous Love Is This
- David Little, piano

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

-Psalm 113:1-5, the Message translation

You who serve God, praise God!
Just to speak God's name is praise!
Just to remember God is a blessing—
now and tomorrow and always.
From east to west, from dawn to dusk,
keep lifting all your praises to God!
God is higher than anything and anyone,
outshining everything you can see in the skies.

HYMN #299 You Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim

PRAYER OF PRAISE

Creator God:

pour out your Spirit upon us as we gather, so your grace might strengthen us for service; so your peace might calm troubled hearts and minds; so your love might inspire our words and our actions.
With joy and gratitude, we join with all creation to sing your praise.

RESPONSE (insert) Spirit of the Living God

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND REFLECTION

Gracious God:

For choosing power over service, forgive us. For seeking attention rather than humility, forgive us.

For pushing ourselves to the front, when our presence is needed on the margins or in the background, forgive us.

Help us know where we are needed and how best to serve you and your people. Guide us, that we might be your hands and voice of healing and compassion for a world in need.

(silent prayer and reflection)

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

The God who challenges us is also the God who encourages us. The God who confronts us is also the God who accepts us. Be assured that God is with us even now, accepting, guiding, and forgiving.

Thanks be to God!

PASSING THE PEACE

SONG #710 We Are an Offering (sung through twice)

SCRIPTURE READINGS Isaiah 42:1-9 Mark 10:32-45

MESSAGE On Being Servants

HYMN (insert) Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service

MOMENT FOR MISSION Visioning Task Force

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 #753 Make Me a Channel of Your Peace

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE Ah, Jesus, Lord Thy Love to Me

- Cathy Draper, flute
- Ian Alvarez, piano