



PRELUDE

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

Praise the Lord, all people!

Let the sound of God's praise be heard!

Great is God's power!

Creator of the universe,
whose breath gives life,
whose hands create beauty,
whose love brings freedom,
whose mercy brings peace.

Savior of the world,

whose touch brings healing
whose words offer forgiveness
whose suffering brings life
whose death is victory.

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HYMN #32 *I Sing the Mighty Power of God*

PRAYER OF PRAISE

From Bethlehem to Nazareth,
from Jordan to Jericho,
from Bethany to Jerusalem,
from then to now,
come, Lord Jesus.

To heal the sick,
to mend the brokenhearted,
to comfort the disturbed,
to disturb the comfortable,
to cleanse the temple,
to liberate faith from convention,
come, Lord Jesus.

To carry the cross,
to lead the way,
to shoulder the sin of the world
and take it away,
come, Lord Jesus.

Today,
to this place,
to us,
come, Lord Jesus.

RESPONSE #630 *Fairest Lord Jesus*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND REFLECTION

Gracious God, we are thankful that your mercy is higher than the heavens, wider than our wanderings, deeper than our shortcomings and mistakes. Forgive and heal our careless attitudes toward others, our despair over world affairs, our lack of prayerfulness and trust in you and your unconditional love. Create in us a desire for what is good, and teach us to love what you love, and to seek you in all things, every day.

(silent prayer and reflection)

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Put your guilt and shame away, because Jesus has taken it from you and for you. The Lord your God loves to forgive and restore his people. Therefore, know that you are embraced by the God of love and set on a path of renewal in the Holy Spirit.

Thanks be to God!

MOMENT FOR MISSION: One Great Hour of Sharing

PASSING THE PEACE

SONG #175 *Seek Ye First*

SCRIPTURE READINGS Matthew 7:7-11 and Luke 18:1-8

MESSAGE Women of the Bible: Persistence in Prayer

HYMN #39 *Great is Thy Faithfulness*

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 #683 *Lord of All Hopefulness*

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE