



PRELUDE *Here in This Place*, by Marty Haugen
- David Little, piano

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

The Lord is our light and our salvation - what shall we fear?

God is the stronghold of our lives - what can shake us?

If God is for us, what power can stand against us?

God's moral arc of the universe bends toward justice.

One day we will see the goodness of God prevail.

**Until then, we will keep the faith,
acting in kindness with courage!**

May we find strength as we worship God and take heart!

HYMN #612 *We Praise You, O God*

PRAYER OF PRAISE—based on Psalm 145

Gentle God, still our minds, calm our spirits, and fill our hearts with your peace. In the quiet space of this sanctuary, give us rest and restore our strength. May your light fill us with faith, hope and love. We eagerly await, now, the coming touch of your Spirit to move us. Amen.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, we live in a time of great anxiety and unrest, of turmoil and uncertainty, a time when so much gnaws at our hope.

We believe in you and yet need to ask your help for our unbelief amidst life's storms. Turn our distress into calm and our panic into prayers. Let our fears give way to faith.

Then bless us with that peace you promise which passes all understanding, a peace that does not always calm every storm but calms us in the midst of the storm.

Replenish our faith with a confidence that, because you are with us, the forces at work against you are not as strong as your Spirit's transforming work among us. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Friends, Since Christ lived for us, died for us and was raised to new life for us, our hope is lifted and our faith renewed.

Thanks be to God who calms our spirits and fills our hearts with his peace.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

HYMN #39 *Great Is Thy Faithfulness* (vs. 1, 3)

SCRIPTURE READINGS Isaiah 43:1-5
Mark 4:35-41

HYMN #184 *Calm to the Waves* (sung thru twice)

MESSAGE Living with Our Fears

HYMN #177 *I Will Come to You*

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 #547 *Go, My Children, with My Blessing*

POSTLUDE *Dona Nobis Pacem,*
16th century German folk music
- Ian Alvarez, chimes variation