



PRELUDE *God of Grace & God of Glory, John Hughes 1907*

- Ian Alvarez, brass solo

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

God speaks to us in varied voices:

***Through a whispered invitation, a spark of the Spirit,
a heart-pounding knowing, or a gradual revelation.***

God is present with us today and we are called to pay attention.

***We are here with open eyes and open ears,
alert and eager to know what God will speak,
and how God will lead.***

Let us worship the Living God with joy.

HYMN #410 *God is Calling through the Whisper*

PRAYER OF PRAISE

O God, you are beyond our comprehension, and yet you understand us inside and out. We thank you for your intimate knowledge of us and your desire for the best for us. We thank you that you are a God who offers the hope of salvation to all, and that your light shines in the darkest of places. We celebrate your grace and your abundant mercy as we worship you today. Amen.

HYMN #411 *God is Here Today*
- Cathy Draper, flute
- Ian Alvarez, piano

CALL TO CONFESSION

We acknowledge that even when we do hear the voice of God calling to us, we sometimes fail to heed our call.

In honesty and humility, we acknowledge our sin.

We join together in the prayer of confession.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God, we acknowledge we can be like Jonah, reluctant to do what you are calling us to.

We know how to make excuses for ourselves. We can come up with good reasons for why we are incapable, when in reality, we are afraid and insecure. Forgive us when we assume the posture that we know better than you and help us to trust in you.

When the consequences of our actions create turbulence in our relationships, and we find ourselves navigating through storms, give us the courage to acknowledge our responsibility.

***Help us to turn our hearts toward you and let you guide us through the challenges we face.
We trust in you.***

Hear us, as in silence we lay our hearts bare before you, and help us to receive your mercy and your grace.

(Time of silent prayer)

Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Our God is faithful, slow to anger, and eager to forgive. Friends, hear the good news: through Christ we are forgiven!

Thanks be to God!

PASSING OF THE PEACE

We celebrate the grace we know in Christ as we share the peace Christ gives us with one another. The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

HYMN #466 *Come and Fill Our Hearts* (sung twice through)

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Old Testament Reading: Jonah 3:10-4:11

New Testament Reading: Philippians 1:21-30

MESSAGE "Living Boldly for Christ"

HYMN #307 *God of Grace and God of Glory*

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 #702 *Christ Be Beside Me*

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Siyahamba (We Are Walking in the Light of God)*

- David Little, piano
- Ian Alvarez, bongos & conga