



**PRELUDE** *Oh What Wondrous Love*  
- Cathy & Cathy

**WELCOME**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

With confidence, draw near to the throne of grace to find mercy and help in times of need.

**We bring our burdens and cares,  
seeking to find relief and renewed strength.**

Give thanks for God's presence in all times and places.

**We rejoice that God hears us  
in this time and place.**

Bring your gratitude and praise to the One who created and redeemed the world.

**We don't know what the future holds,  
but we know the One who holds the future.**

**HYMN #1** *Holy, Holy, Holy*

**PRAYER OF PRAISE** (Christine Longhurst, *re:Worship*)

Loving God, we praise you for all that we see and experience which we can understand, and for all that we cannot understand but trust to your goodness and redemptive power. We praise you for fall colors, for wind and rain, blue skies and gray skies, for the falling leaves and your power to transform that which has fallen into fertile soil for the future. Grant this same transformation in our lives as we offer ourselves to you in worship.

**RESPONSE #32:** *I Sing the Mighty Power of God*

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION & REFLECTION**

God of the lost and found: when we try to hide from you, or when we wander from your ways, you always find us and welcome us home to your heart of hospitality. Though we have done nothing to earn them, you pour out the gifts of grace and mercy upon us. When we stumble over our lack of trust, you set us back on our feet, to follow you into the Kingdom. You speak your peace, and it is enough. Help us to receive your gifts, and live in the spaciousness of your Kingdom of joy and peace.

(silent prayer and reflection)

**WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

*Happy are those whose transgression is forgiven,  
whose sin is covered.*

*Happy are those to whom the Lord imputes no iniquity,  
and in whose spirit there is no deceit.*

*While I kept silence, my body wasted away  
through my groaning all day long.*

*For day and night your hand was heavy upon me;  
my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer.*

*Then I acknowledged my sin to you,  
and I did not hide my iniquity;*

*I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord,"  
and you forgave the guilt of my sin.*

*Therefore, let all who are faithful  
offer prayer to you;*

*at a time of distress, the rush of mighty waters  
shall not reach them.*

*You are a hiding place for us;  
you preserve us from trouble;  
you surround us with glad cries of deliverance.*

—Psalm 32:1-7

**Thanks be to God!**

**PASSING THE PEACE**

**HYMN #19** *God of Great and God of Small*

**SPECIAL MUSIC** *Here I Am, Lord*  
- Dan Woodworth, soloist

**SCRIPTURE READINGS** Luke 15:1-10  
Genesis 3:8-13

**MESSAGE** What God Wants to Know: Where Are You?

**HYMN #475** *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

**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 #543** *O Christ, Surround Me*

**BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**