



PRELUDE "The Old Rugged Cross in the Garden"
- David Little, piano

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP—Psalm 100

Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth!

***Worship the Lord with gladness;
come before him with joyful songs!***

Know that the Lord is God.

***It is he who made us, and we are his;
we are God's people, the sheep of his pasture.***

*Enter his gates with thanksgiving
and his courts with praise;
give thanks to the Lord and praise his name.*

***For the Lord is good and his love endures forever;
his faithfulness continues through all
generations.***

HYMN #611 *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee*

PRAYER OF PRAISE—Psalm 34:1-6, 8

***I will bless the Lord at all times;
God's praise shall continually be in my mouth.
My soul makes its boast in the Lord;
let the humble hear and be glad.
O magnify the Lord with me,
and let us exalt his name together.
I sought the Lord, and he answered me
and delivered me from all my fears.
Look to God, and be radiant,
so our faces shall never be ashamed.
O taste and see that the Lord is good;
happy are those who take refuge in him.***

RESPONSE #710 *We Are an Offering*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND REFLECTION

**Faithful and loving God,
you call us to worship you in spirit and in truth.
But we confess that we often worship
not your true self, but who we wish you to be.
We too often ask you to bless what we do
rather than seeking to do what you bless.
Forgive us for seeking concessions
when we should be seeking guidance.
Forgive us when our worship
shapes you into what we want
instead of shaping us into what you want.
Help us to know you as you truly are,
that we might become who we truly are,
without fear,
willing to follow,
strengthened in faith.**

(silent prayer and reflection)

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

God the Creator brings you new life.
God the Redeemer forgives you
and makes you whole.
God the Spirit guides you and gives you peace.

Thanks be to God!

PASSING THE PEACE

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

SCRIPTURE READINGS Psalm 96 and Romans 12:1-2

MESSAGE 5 Practices of Fruitful Congregations:
Wholehearted Worship

HYMN #63 *The Lord is God*

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 #745 *Now Go in Joy*

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE