



PRELUDE

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP—based on Psalm 24

Come, let us worship and lift up our hearts,
**not because everything in the world is good
and last week was perfect,
but because the earth is the Lord's
and everything in it,
the God of the whole earth.**

Come, let us worship and raise our voices,
**not because our lives are all
sweetness and light,
but because even those who walk in darkness
can see a great light,
the light of the risen Christ shining on us.**

Come, let us worship and rejoice,
**not because God gives us what we want,
but because God gives us what we need:
grace, mercy, and joy for our journey.**

HYMN #12 *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise*

PRAYER OF PRAISE—Psalm 36:5-9

*Your steadfast love, O Lord,
extends to the heavens,
your faithfulness to the clouds.
Your righteousness is like
the mighty mountains;
your judgments are like the great deep;
you save humans and animals alike, O Lord.*

*How precious is your steadfast love, O God!
All people may take refuge
in the shadow of your wings.
They feast on the abundance of your house,
and you give them drink from the river
of your delights.
For with you is the fountain of life;
in your light we see light.*

RESPONSE #625 *How Great Thou Art*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND REFLECTION

**Purify and strengthen us, loving God—
cleanse our hearts and minds
of all that prevents us from loving you
and loving our neighbor.
May our lives be marked by faith active in love
as we watch and wait
for your breaking into our lives
and into our world once more.**

(time for silent prayers and reflection)

WORDS OF ASSURANCE—based on 2Corinthians 5:17

Beloved of God, hear the good news!
Christ died for us,
Christ rose for us,
Christ reigns in power for us,
Christ prays for us.
Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation.
The old life has gone; a new life has begun.

Thanks be to God!

PASSING THE PEACE

HYMN #515 *I Come with Joy*

SCRIPTURE READINGS Proverbs 4:20-27
John 15:1-5

MESSAGE Learning to See as God Sees:
Blessed Are the Pure in Heart

HYMN #286 *Breathe on Me, Breath of God*

CELEBRATION OF COMMUNION

Come, all you who are loved by God! Christ invites all to trust in him and to dine at his table. Come to receive all the benefits and blessings of his atoning death, his life-giving resurrection, and his ascended lordship.

We come to the table not just as individuals but as a community. By sharing the bread and the cup, Christ makes us one with him and with each other.

Just as we are nourished by the food we eat, Christ nourishes us spiritually at this table with the bread of heaven and the cup of salvation.

At the Lord's Supper we look *back*, remembering the story of our salvation; we look *around*, seeing that we are together members of the body of Christ; we look *forward* to the great banquet in God's coming kingdom; and we look *within* to find our indwelling Lord, who promises to feed us by the Holy Spirit.

This is the joyful feast of the people of God!
Let us give thanks:

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

With joy we praise you, gracious Father, for you have created heaven and earth, made us in your image, and kept covenant with us—even when we wandered away from you.

We give you thanks for Jesus Christ, our Lord, who by his life, death, and resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.

Therefore we join our voices with all the saints and angels and the whole creation to proclaim the glory of your name. Amen.

At his last supper, the Lord Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, "This is my body, which is for you; do this in remembrance of me." In the same way, he took the cup after supper and said, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood; do this in remembrance of me." For whenever we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes (1 Corinthians 11:23-26). Take, eat! Remember and believe that the body of Christ is the bread of heaven for us. Take, drink! Remember and believe that the blood of Christ is the cup of our salvation.

[Closing Prayer:]

Loving God, we thank you that you have fed us in this sacrament, united us with Christ, and given us a foretaste of the heavenly banquet in your eternal kingdom. Send us out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Redeemer. Amen.

REPORT FROM SESSION

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 #697 *Take My Life and Let it Be Consecrated*

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

"As the Father has sent me, so I send you." John 20:21

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