



PRELUDE Mary of the Morning (Catholic hymn)
- Ian Alvarez, brass solo

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP—from Psalm 112

Praise the Lord!
Happy are those who delight in the Lord!

**We come to this place,
where generations before us have gathered.**

Here we remember the light of God
that shines in our lives.

Here we allow God's light to shine through us.

Let us worship our radiant God.

**Praise the Lord!
Happy are we who delight in the Lord!**

HYMN #645 *Sing Praise to God, Who Reigns Above*

PRAYER OF PRAISE

We come to God this day with what we have:

**for we who grieve this day
know that we are invited to bring
the broken pieces of our heart
into God's healing presence;**

**for we who come with gladness
know that in our rejoicing
our melody will find harmony;**

**for we who are weighed down
by the burdens we are carrying
know that here we may lay down
those burdens;**

**for we who have answers,
know that new questions await us,
and we who come seeking
know that our questions are safe
and that Jesus will meet us
in places of wondering and wandering.**

RESPONSE #684 *Faith Begins by Letting Go*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND REFLECTION

—based on Isaiah 58 and Matthew 5

There are times in our lives when we mess up, and when we ignore God's presence in our lives, whether intentionally or unintentionally. It is because of these moments that we need to come before God to confess and receive forgiveness, knowing that God's grace is abundant. So, let us pray:

**Merciful God, forgive us when we ignore you
or your lessons for our lives.
Forgive us for allowing oppression and
discord to flourish.
Forgive us for not feeding those who are hungry.
Forgive us for not providing shelter
to those who have no place to lay down at night.
Forgive us for not repairing the broken places
in our community.
O Lord, forgive us and then help us
do your work of bringing about justice and healing.
Shine your light through us,
so that all may come to know your abundant love.**

(silent prayer and reflection)

WORDS OF ASSURANCE—based on Isaiah 58

When we call out to God, God is there to hear us.
Know that your prayers have been heard.
Now, receive the grace of God
and live in God's abundant mercy.

Thanks be to God!

PASSING THE PEACE

HYMN #308 *O God in Whom All Life Begins*

SCRIPTURE READINGS Matthew 27:55-61
John 20:1-18

MESSAGE Women of the Bible: Mary Magdalene
Rev. Heidi Greider

HYMN #761 *Called as Partners in Christ's Service*

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 #749 *Come, Live in the Light*

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE Jesus, Lover of My Soul
(Martyn, second tune),
by Simeon B. Marsh
- *Ian Alvarez, chimes variation*

