



#### PRELUDE

#### 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

With you, gracious God,  
we move into this time of worship,  
grateful that you are never farther  
than the reach of our need and our prayer.  
You who tower over the universe  
are yet intimately present,  
always renewing the face of the earth,  
always renewing the faith of your children.  
Now, in your goodness, make your way past  
all that worries and distracts us  
to speak to us anew and to center  
our simple worship on your goodness.

**RESPONSE #710** *We Are an Offering* (sung through twice)

#### 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 who you truly are, 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 #839 *Blessed Assurance, Jesus is Mine*

#### SCRIPTURE READINGS Exodus 1:5—2:10 and Luke 8:1-3

**MESSAGE** The Women of the Bible

**HYMN #493** *Now There is No Male or Female*

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

**BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**