



PRELUDE *Let There Be Peace on Earth*
- David Little, piano

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP—based on Psalm 19

The heavens are declaring the glory of God.

May our worship reflect God's glory.

The firmament proclaims God's handiwork.

**May we also see each other
as the handiwork of God.**

May our prayer and praise, our singing
and proclamation declare the love of God.

**We join in praise with God's people
here and around the world,
across geography and across time.
Let us worship God together!**

HYMN #32 *I Sing the Mighty Power of God*

PRAYER OF PRAISE—inspired by Psalm 8

Sovereign God,
we look at everything you have made,
the works of your hands,
and we stop to consider them with awe.
From the immensity of the universe,
to the singularity of a flower,
your works astonish us.
Who are we mortals that you pay attention to us?
We wonder at your love for us
and rejoice in your presence,
praying in the name of the Creator,
of Christ, and the Holy Spirit.

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

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND REFLECTION

Healing God, we long to be free
of burdens that hold us captive.
We long to be bearers of good news
to our neighbor.
We long to have the light of your love shine on us.
Forgive us our transgressions;
loosen the chains of doubt and fear that bind us.
Hear our prayers...

(silent prayer and reflection)

WORDS OF ASSURANCE—from Psalm 147:2-6

*The Lord builds up his people;
God gathers the outcasts...
he heals the brokenhearted,
and binds up their wounds.
He determines the number of the stars
And calls them each by name.
The Lord lifts up the downtrodden.*

Friends, hear this good news:
God sees you, calls you by name,
lifts you up, and heals you.
Be at peace, and bear witness to the good news
of God's love

Thanks be to God!

PASSING THE PEACE

HYMN #744 *Arise, Your Light Has Come!*

SCRIPTURE READINGS Isaiah 61:1-4
2Corinthians 1:3-7

MESSAGE The Upside-Down Kingdom:
Blessed Are Those Who Mourn

HYMN #840 *It Is Well with My Soul*

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 #772 *Live into Hope*

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE