



**PRELUDE**

**WELCOME**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

God rejoices at our presence here today  
and welcomes us home with a celebration.

We come from different places bringing different needs  
and God's love accepts and provides for us all.

God, help us extend your extravagant welcome  
and share the gift of true Christian hospitality.

We need your wisdom and grace,  
to enlighten and equip us as your servants.

**HYMN #314 Christ, Be Our Light**

**PRAYER OF PRAISE**

Lord Jesus, you welcomed all  
who came into your presence.  
May we reflect that same spirit  
through our worship and ministry.  
As you have welcomed us,  
help us to welcome all, in your name.  
May your light shine in our hearts this day.  
Remove from us anything that would  
stand in the way of radiating your presence.

**RESPONSE #839 Blessed Assurance, Jesus is Mine**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND REFLECTION**

Loving God, we know that you walk with us  
in our confusion and our doubts,  
our failings and our struggles;  
so we now come humbly to ask for mercy.

For the times we fail to offer hospitality  
to those who struggle, or are strange to us,  
we pray: Lord, have mercy.

For the times we lack courage to address the causes  
of injustice, inequality and poverty,  
we pray: Lord, have mercy on us.

For the times we give in to despair and resignation  
when confronted with the injustice of our world,  
we pray: Lord, have mercy on us.

For the times we allow our fears to triumph  
over the call to welcome the stranger,  
we pray: Lord, have mercy on us.

Merciful God, heal the brokenness  
in our hearts and in our world  
caused by indifference, selfishness and fear.  
Open our hearts to hear the cries  
of your suffering people.  
Support us as we seek to respond in faith,  
and with hospitality of heart.

(silent prayer and reflection)

**WORDS OF ASSURANCE — from 2Corinthians 5:16-20,  
the Message translation**

*Because of Christ, we don't evaluate people by what they have or how they look. Now we look inside, and what we see is that anyone united with the Messiah gets a fresh start, is created new. The old life is gone; a new life burgeons! Look at it! All this comes from the God who settled the relationship between us and him, and then called us to settle our relationships with each other. God put the world square with himself through the Messiah, giving the world a fresh start by offering forgiveness of sins. God has given us the task of telling everyone what he is doing.*

**Thanks be to God!**

**PASSING THE PEACE**

**HYMN #774 There Is Now a New Creation**

**SCRIPTURE READINGS**    Leviticus 19:33-34  
   Romans 12:9-21

**MESSAGE**    5 Practices of Fruitful Congregations:  
                         Radical Hospitality

**HYMN #301 All Are Welcome**

**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.

**SONG #745** *Now Go in Joy*

**BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**