



PRELUDE

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

God's voice speaks into our chaos,
creating life and order and peace,

**gathering us together
to remember who we are
and whose we are,
and to find meaning and purpose.**

God's voice flows like
living waters of grace,

**our new name, "Beloved"
resounding in our souls.**

God's voice stirs the waters
of baptismal hope

**calling us to be bearers of peace
to a world that is hungry for hope.**

HYMN #475 *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

PRAYER OF PRAISE

**We praise you for creating this world in all beauty,
for redeeming the world through Christ, our Lord,
and for sending us the gift of your Spirit
to encourage, instruct, and sustain us.
We long for your Spirit to work among us now,
to inspire our praise,
to challenge us with your truth,
and to equip us for service in your world. Amen.**

HYMN #366 *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*

OPENING OUR HEARTS TO GOD

**Loving God, we confess that we have allowed so
many things to come between us and the good
news of the gospel, that we cannot see the light of
Christ or hear your voice calling to us. We are
tempted to listen to false voices and follow false**

**ways. Open our ears to listen to your voice, and
open our hearts to trust you more and follow your
ways, that we may receive our true identity as your
beloved children.**

(time for silent prayers and reflection)

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

We expect the fire of judgment,

but are given the Spirit of grace.

We expect God to call us bad names,

**but we are given a new name,
and called beloved.**

We expect God to be angry,

but the dove of peace descends upon us.

This is the good news for us!

Thanks be to God!

HYMN #703 *Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me*

SCRIPTURE READINGS Acts 19:1-7, and
Luke 3:21-22

MESSAGE Beginning as Beloved

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 #296 *Go in Grace and Make Disciples*

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

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