



## PRELUDE

## WELCOME

## CALL TO WORSHIP

In the beginning God created all things,  
and God saw that they were good.

At our beginning, God created us  
unique and irreplaceable,  
loved and wanted by God,  
known and treasured by God.

In all our new beginnings,  
God creates something new  
so we will seek God  
in the freshness of this morning,  
in the laughter of friends,  
in the colors of creation,  
and in this beautiful place.

Loving God, King of Creation,  
open our eyes to see your presence,  
our souls to sense your presence,  
and our hearts to love your presence.

## HYMN #14 *For the Beauty of the Earth*

## PRAYER OF PRAISE

Gracious God,  
your faithful love toward us never ends!  
It is as sure and dependable  
as the sky over our heads.  
We've gathered together in this place  
to offer you our worship  
and our thanksgiving;  
to declare that you are our God,  
and we are your people.  
May your Spirit be at work among us  
as we worship,  
opening our eyes to the light  
of your presence among us. Amen.

## RESPONSE #682 *It Is Good to Sing Your Praises*

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND REFLECTION

Merciful God, you call us love, to put the  
needs and interests of those around us  
above our own; to love others as deeply  
as we have been loved by you. We  
confess the times when we have  
failed, allowing our own desires and  
interests to take precedence over the  
needs of others. Forgive us, and teach us  
how to love as we have been loved.

(time for silent prayers and reflection)

## WORDS OF ASSURANCE – from 2 Timothy 1:6-7

*"I encourage you to rekindle the gift of God  
that is within you.  
For God has not given us a spirit of fear,  
but rather a spirit of power, of love,  
and of self-discipline."*

Friends, receive the strength and love  
of God's Spirit,  
through the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ,  
who, by his resurrection life,  
gives us life abundant.  
Be at peace, serve the Lord,  
and love your neighbor.

**Thanks be to God!**

## **PASSING THE PEACE**

**HYMN #316** *Where Charity and Love Prevail*

**SCRIPTURE READINGS** 1Corinthians 13:1-13  
and  
Romans 13:8-10

**MESSAGE** And the Greatest of These Is...

**HYMN #767** *Together We Serve*

**MOMENT FOR MISSION** Homage Senior  
Services -  
Cathy Draper

## **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 #750** *Goodness Is Stronger than Evil*

**Love is stronger than hate;  
Light is stronger than darkness;  
Life is stronger than death.**

**Victory is ours, victory is ours,  
through God who loves us.  
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## **BENEDICTION**

## **POSTLUDE**

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

