



**PRELUDE**

**WELCOME**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

—from Psalm 95, the Message translation  
Come, let's shout praises to God;  
raise the roof for the Rock who saves us!

**Let's march into his presence  
singing praises,  
lifting the rafters with our hymns.**

And why? Because God is the best,  
High King over all.

**In one hand he holds deep caves and  
caverns,  
in the other hand grasps the high  
mountains.  
He made the ocean;  
his hands sculpted the earth!**

So come, let us worship the Creator of all.

**Yes! He is our God,  
and we're the people he pastures,  
the flock he tends.**

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

**PRAYER OF PRAISE**

**Ever present God, we thank you for  
calling us to gather  
in your presence today.  
We praise you for coming to us  
long before we first came to you,  
for knowing what we need  
even before we arrived here this morning.  
By your Spirit lead and guide us  
during this service,  
to help us hear you when you speak  
and to guide our responses  
with hearts and voices  
that rejoice in your presence. Amen**

**RESPONSE #630 *Fairest Lord Jesus***

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND REFLECTION**

Eternal Light,  
**shine into our hearts;**  
eternal Goodness,  
**deliver us from evil;**  
eternal Power,  
**be our support;**  
eternal Wisdom,  
**scatter the darkness of our ignorance;**  
eternal Love,  
**have mercy upon us,  
that with all our heart and mind  
and strength  
we may love you and be brought by  
your mercy  
into a spacious place of healing and  
hope, justice, and peace.**

(time for silent reflection)

**WORDS OF ASSURANCE**—based on  
2Corinthians 5:17

*Jesus said, “You shall know the truth, and  
the truth shall set you free.”*

Friends, hear the truth: in Jesus Christ we  
are loved unconditionally.

Leave the past behind; it is forgiven.

Embrace the new future Christ offers.

Live freely and lightly and lovingly, in Jesus’  
name.

**Thanks be to God!**

**PASS THE PEACE**

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

**SCRIPTURE READINGS** 2 Corinthians 4:5-7  
Philippians 2:1-15

**MESSAGE** Shining Like Stars

**HYMN #749** *Come, Live in the Light*

**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 #767** *Together We Serve*

**BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**

*“As the Father has sent me, so I send you.”*

John 20:21