



WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

– based on Ps. 99:1-3 and Hymn #327 (Ps. 117)

One: The LORD reigns, let the nations tremble...let the earth shake.

All: **Great is the LORD in Zion...exalted over the nations. Let them praise your great and awesome name!**

One: From all that dwells below the skies let the Creator's praise arise:

All: **Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Many: **Let the Redeemer's name be sung through every land, in every tongue.**

All: **Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

One: Eternal are thy mercies, Lord; eternal truth attends thy word:

All: **Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Many: **Thy praise shall sound from shore to shore, till suns shall rise and set no more.**

All: **Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

HYMN #12 *Immortal, Invisible, God only Wise*

PRAYER OF PRAISE

Reveal your presence to us this day,

O God of light, love, and glory.

As you did to your servants

at the foot of the mountain,

send your Spirit to show us your story.

May the brilliance of your face

illuminate this place

as we dare to proclaim your Word

and may we, your people, be never unable

to tell all of that we have heard.

RESPONSE #635 *Sing, Praise, and Bless the Lord*
(sing four times)

OPENING OUR HEARTS TO GOD

God of mountaintops and valleys, the shiny objects of the world can obscure your true light and divert our attention. We watch and listen to programs that beg for our attention - yet have trouble bearing witness to your presence in our lives. Our trust is sometimes given to those who misplace it.

Reveal yourself to us, so we might hear your call to discipleship. Whisper our names, so we might know how loved we are. Surprise us with joy so we may follow you onto the mountaintops of worship and into the valleys of sacrifice and service.

(time for silent prayers and reflection)

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

On mountaintops and in valleys, in our homes and in our hearts, God knows us better than we know ourselves, and God forgives us when we cannot forgive ourselves.

By God's mercy, we are forgiven;
by God's mercy, we are made whole;
by God's mercy, we are equipped to serve others.

Thanks be to God. Amen!

PASSING THE PEACE

HYMN #288 *Spirit of the Living God*
(remain seated; sing twice)

SCRIPTURE READINGS 2 Corinthians 3:12-4:4, and
Luke 9:28-36

MESSAGE Unveiling Light and Truth

HYMN #190 *Swiftly Pass the Clouds of Glory*

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 #327 *From All That Dwell Below the Skies*

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

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

Reflection questions and scripture suggestions for
this week

"Therefore, since through God's mercy we have this ministry, we do not lose heart...On the contrary, by setting forth the truth plainly we commend ourselves to everyone's conscience in the sight of God." 2 Corinthians 4:1, 2b

1. Which of today's hymns stirred up something within you? Was it the music? Was it a particular line of the lyrics? Incorporate this into your devotional time during this holy week ahead.
2. Read again slowly this week: Psalm 99; Luke 9:28-36; 2 Corinthians 3:12-4:4. If you notice a particular verse, word, or phrase, stop and "listen" for God's voice. What light or truth is there for you as a blessing from God?
3. Prayerfully consider how you can bear witness to Christ in your family, neighborhood, or community in the next few weeks. How might you express truth graciously and clearly?