



**PRELUDE**

**WELCOME**

**CALL TO WORSHIP—based on Genesis 1**

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 the beauty of this place.

Mighty God, King of Creation,  
open our eyes to see your presence,  
our souls to sense your presence,  
and our hearts to love your presence,  
ever here in your creation,  
and ever beyond it in eternity.

**HYMN #664** *Morning Has Broken*

**PRAYER OF PRAISE**

We give you thanks, gracious God,  
for the hope we have in Jesus,  
who died but is risen and among us.  
We praise you for his presence with us.  
Because he lives,  
we look for abundant life,  
knowing that nothing past, present, or yet to come  
can separate us from your great love  
made known in Jesus Christ. Amen.

**RESPONSE #634** *To God Be the Glory*

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND REFLECTION**

Loving Lord, bring new life where we are worn and  
tired. Bring new love where we have turned  
indifferent or hard-hearted. Bring forgiveness  
where we feel hurt and where we have hurt  
others. Bring faith and trust where we have given  
in to fear. Bring the joy and freedom of your Holy  
Spirit where we have become captive to self-doubt  
and the constraints of worry.

(silent prayer and reflection)

**WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

In the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus,  
we are assured that there are no mistakes so  
terrible  
that God cannot forgive,  
no hurt so terrible that God cannot heal.  
God accepts, God forgives, and God sets free.  
Receive the forgiving love of God,  
be at peace, and love your neighbor.

**Thanks be to God!**

**PASSING THE PEACE**

**HYMN #630** *Fairest Lord Jesus*

**SCRIPTURE READINGS** Ephesians 2:4-10 and  
2Corinthians 5:16-19

**MESSAGE** God's Works of Art

**HYMN #23** *God, You Spin the Whirling Planets*

## 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 #774** *There is Now a New Creation*

**BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**

