



**PRELUDE**

**WELCOME**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

—based on Psalm 89:1-2, 14-15

I will sing of the tender mercies  
of the Lord forever!  
Young and old will hear of your  
faithfulness, O God.

**Your unfailing love will last forever.  
Your faithfulness is as enduring as the  
heavens.**

Righteousness and justice  
are the foundation of your throne;  
Steadfast love and faithfulness go before  
you.

**Happy are those  
who hear the joyful call to worship,  
who walk in the light of your presence  
and exult in your strength.**

**HYMN #41 O Worship the King**

**PRAYER OF PRAISE**

**Feed us, O God, in this time together with  
the food that is eternal. Open us now to  
hear and experience, deep within, the  
word you intend for us to hear.**

**And unite us in faithful response to your  
gracious activity—in each of our lives, and  
through our community. We offer our  
offering of praise, as we offer our lives to  
you and seek to do your will.**

**RESPONSE #175 Seek Ye First**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND REFLECTION**

**Loving God, you have created us for  
yourself and our hearts are restless until  
they find their rest in you. In our hunger  
for meaning and for right relationship, we  
have attempted to fill our hunger with  
that which does not truly satisfy. Spread  
your feast of love before us, gracious God,  
and show us again what is best for us—  
and then help us to choose it!**

(time for silent prayers and reflection)

**WORDS OF ASSURANCE—**from Psalm 32:7-8

The psalmist declares,

*“You are a hiding place for me;  
you preserve me from trouble;  
you surround me with glad cries  
of deliverance.”*

And God replies,

*“I will instruct you and teach you  
the way you should go;  
I will counsel you with my eye  
upon you.”*

Beloved: God guides us, God watches over  
us, God fills us. Receive the good that God  
wants to give you and go forth  
strengthened in the lovingkindness of the  
One who provides for and sustains you.

**Thanks be to God!**

**PASSING THE PEACE**

**HYMN (insert) *He Leadeth Me***

**SCRIPTURE READINGS** Isaiah 25:6-10a  
Matthew 5:6 and 17-20

**MESSAGE** Learning to See as God Sees:  
Blessed are Those Who Hunger and  
Thirst for Righteousness

**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.*

**SENDING SONG #42 *Your Faithfulness, O  
Lord, is Sure***

**BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**

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

- John 20:21

