



PRELUDE Break Bread Together/Here is Bread
David Little, piano

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP—from Psalm 118:1, 14

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;

God's steadfast love endures forever!

The Lord is our strength and our song;

God is our hope and our salvation!

This is the day the Lord has made;

let us rejoice and be glad in it!

HYMN #619 *Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven*

PRAYER OF PRAISE—based on Psalm 145: 1-8

Creator God,
who is there like you in heaven or on the earth?
There is no one that even comes close.
You alone are worthy of our praise.

And so we have come to worship—
to praise your name,
to proclaim your power and glory,
to tell the stories of our goodness,
to sing of your faithfulness,
to remember your mercy and compassionate love—
to once again affirm that you are our God,
and that we are your people.

Through the power of your Spirit
and the intercession of our Lord Jesus Christ,
open our eyes to your presence among us.
open our hearts and minds to hear your voice,
to recognize your call,
and to faithfully follow where you lead.

RESPONSE #39 *Great is Thy Faithfulness*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND REFLECTION

Gracious God, we confess that we are
quick to notice the faults of others
while overlooking our own.
We are quick to accuse
but slow to extend grace.
Have mercy on us. Teach us to live out
the grace you have poured into our lives,
shaping us into people who show love and mercy.

(silent prayer and reflection)

WORDS OF ASSURANCE—from Psalm 145:8-9

*The Lord is gracious and merciful, slow to anger
and abounding in steadfast love.
The Lord is good to all,
and his mercy is over all that he has made.*

God the Creator brings you new life,
forgives and redeems you.
Take hold of God's mercy and love,
and live your life in the Way and Spirit of Jesus.

Thanks be to God!

PASSING THE PEACE

HYMN #703 *Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me*

SCRIPTURE READINGS Micah 6:6-8
Luke 6:27-42

MESSAGE The Upside-Down Kingdom:
Blessed Are the Merciful

HYMN #475 *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

CELEBRATION OF COMMUNION

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 #435 *There is a Wideness in God's Mercy*

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE