

### **PRELUDE**

## WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP—based on Psalm 103:1-5

Come, bless the Lord together!

For the Lord is compassionate and merciful, filled with endless love.

God forgives our sins, and heals our sickness.

God surrounds us with love and mercy and fills our lives with good things!

Let's worship God together!

HYMN #619 Praise, My Soul, The God of Heaven

**PRAYER OF PRAISE**—from Psalm 145:1-3, 13-14, 17-19

I will extol you, my God and King, and bless your name forever and ever. Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised; God's greatness is unsearchable.

The Lord is faithful in all his words and gracious in all his deeds.

The Lord upholds all who are falling and raises up all who are bowed down.

The Lord is just in all his ways and kind in all his doings.

The Lord is near to all who call on him, to all who call on him in truth.

He fulfills the desire of all who fear him; he hears their cry and saves them.

RESPONSE #42 Your Faithfulness, O Lord, Is Sure

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND REFLECTION

God of love and justice,
we long for peace within and peace without.
We long for harmony in our families,
for serenity in the midst of struggle.
We long for the day when all homes
will be a dwelling place for your love.
Yet we confess that we are often anxious,
we do not trust each other,
and we harbor ill will toward others.
We are not willing to take the risks
and make the sacrifices that love requires.
Look upon us with kindness and grace.
Rule in our homes and in all the world;
show us how to walk in your paths,
through the mercy of our Savior.

(silent prayer and reflection)

### WORDS OF ASSURANCE

-from Psalm 103:8, 10-11 and 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 compassion is over all that he has made.
God does not deal with us according to our sins
nor repay us according to our iniquities.
For as the heavens are high above the earth,
so great is God's steadfast love toward us;
as far as the east is from the west,
so far he removes our transgressions from us.

Thanks be to God!

PASSING THE PEACE

HYMN #308 O God in Whom All Life Begins

**SCRIPTURE READINGS** 2 Cor.1:3-11

Psalm 69:1-3; 13-17

**MESSAGE** The Bible Doesn't Say That:

"God Won't Give You More Than You Can Handle"

HYMN #39 Great Is Thy Faithfulness

# 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 #65 Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

**BENEDICTION** 

**POSTLUDE**