



PRELUDE

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

Praise the Lord, all people!

Let the sound of God's praise be heard!

Great is God's power!

**Creator of the universe,
whose breath gives life,
whose hands create beauty,
whose love brings freedom,
whose mercy brings peace.**

Savior of the world,

**whose touch brings healing
whose words offer forgiveness
whose suffering brings life
whose death is victory.**

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HYMN #35 *Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty*

PRAYER OF PRAISE

**Creator God, when you made the world
your voice brought light into the darkness.
Your hands shaped dry land.
Your creativity exploded in colors and shapes and
smells.
And your breath breathed life into all creatures.**

**In our worship this morning may we
experience the light of your presence,
hear your life-giving voice of love,
and be inspired by your creativity.
Fill us with the breath of your Spirit
who brings true peace, guidance, and strength.
Amen.**

RESPONSE (insert) *This Is My Father's World*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND REFLECTION

**Be merciful to us, O God, for we easily wander from
your ways and pursue the gods of this world. We
are more concerned with personal comfort than
with service and faithfulness. We are frightened by
the storms of life and begin to lose heart, as if we
had no one but ourselves on whom to rely. We
struggle with our inconsistencies and contradictions.
So grant us a willing spirit to turn to you again and
find direction, a renewed faith, and strength for our
journey.**

(silent prayer and reflection)

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

As Jesus reached out in healing love to those who
sought relief from their suffering, God comes now to
all who earnestly seek a new life. Our Creator fills
these earthen vessels with God's own Spirit. The
Spirit lifts us up and restores us to wholeness.

Thanks be to God!

PASSING THE PEACE

HYMN #32 *I Sing the Mighty Power of God*

SCRIPTURE READINGS Jeremiah 29:4-14
 Philippians 2:1-8

MESSAGE The Bible Doesn't Say That: God Is in
Control

(aka, God Has A Wonderful Plan for Your
Life)

HYMN (insert) *Eternal Father, Strong to Save*

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 #542 *God Be with You Till We Meet Again*

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

