

PRELUDE

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

Gather us in, the joyful and the sorrowful.

Gather us in, the weak and the strong.

Gather us in, the fearful and the brave.

Gather us in, the children and the grown-ups.

Gather us in, to sing of God's works.

Gather us in, to praise the living God. Gather us in, to worship and wonder.

Gather us in, to know of God's love.

HYMN #401 Here in This Place

PRAYER OF PRAISE

We gather to worship the One who crafted creation out of chaos,

our songs of joy join the anthems of the universe.

We gather to lift our praise to the God who gives us voice,

we bring the songs which have echoed in our hearts all week long.

We gather as children of God, our joy unbroken in God's love,

younger and older, tone deaf and perfect-pitched, we lift our songs of praise to our Redeemer.

RESPONSE #612 We Praise You, O God

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND REFLECTION

We confess, gracious God, that we are accustomed to having our own way. Our abundance has tricked us into believing that we are independent, self-sustaining creatures. Yet, when our ingenuity solves one problem, a dozen more seem to take its place. We need help to understand, to be reconnected and reconciled, and become truly fruitful.

We need your grace to free us from the bondage of self, that we may better do your will.

(silent prayer and reflection)

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

The Lord spoke to Joshua, saying,
"I hereby command you: Be strong and courageous;
do not be frightened or dismayed,
for the Lord your God is with you
wherever you go." Joshua 1:9

Beloved, these words are spoken to each of you as well.

The Lord is with you to bless and to forgive, to strengthen and equip you for service in the world. Be at peace, and seek the Lord's presence and his strength day by day.

Thanks be to God!

PASSING THE PEACE

HYMN #317 In Christ There Is No East or West

SCRIPTURE READINGS 1:15-25
John 20:11-16

MESSAGE Resurrection Happens in Graveyards

Rev. Barbara Anderson

HYMN #248 Christ is Risen! Shout Hosanna!

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 #296 Go in Grace and Make Disciples

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE