



**PRELUDE**

**WELCOME**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

We gather today to worship the One who created us,  
**the One who calls us,**  
 the One who equips us,  
**the One who loves us without end.**  
 A love that never ceases,  
**a creativity that designed the universe,**  
 a hope that cannot be quenched,  
**a faithfulness to us no matter who we are  
 or where we have come from.**

**HYMN #14 For the Beauty of the Earth**

**PRAYER OF PRAISE**

**Loving, Creating, Creative God:  
 we sing from our hearts throughout our days,  
 and through the seasons of our lives,  
 and all of the changes that life brings.  
 We sing from the depths of our sorrow.  
 We sing from the abundance of our joy.  
 We sing in voices separate and unique.  
 We sing with one voice as your community of faith.  
 May the words of our mouths,  
 and the meditations of our hearts  
 be pleasing in your sight. Amen.**

**RESPONSE #683 Lord of All Hopefulness**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND REFLECTION**

We confess how difficult it is  
 to truly love the people around us;  
 to care as deeply for their well-being as for our own,  
 to delight in their good fortune without feeling  
 envious.  
**Teach us to whole-heartedly love one another.**

We confess how often we act out of self-interest;  
 putting our needs and desires  
 ahead of the needs of others,  
 hoarding our resources rather than sharing them  
 freely.

**Teach us to live with generosity and compassion.**

We confess how easy it is to do what we know is  
 wrong:  
 to rationalize our bad decisions and behaviors,  
 to make excuses for our hurtful words and actions.

**Teach us to turn away from what is wrong  
 and pursue what is right.**

We confess that we find it difficult to love those  
 who are difficult to love:  
 to pray for their well-being,  
 to act in their best interest.

**Teach us to love even those who hurt or offend us.**

**Through your Holy Spirit,  
 continue the work that you have begun in us,  
 so that our words and deeds may bless others  
 and bring honor and glory to you.**

(silent prayer and reflection)

**WORDS OF ASSURANCE—based on Romans 8:31-32,  
 The Message**

Hear these words of assurance from Romans 8:

*If God didn't hesitate  
 to put everything on the line for us,  
 embracing our condition  
 and exposing himself to the worst  
 by sending his own Son,  
 is there anything else  
 God wouldn't gladly and freely do for us?*

So be at peace!  
 Because of God's extravagant love, you are forgiven.

**Thanks be to God!**

**RECOGNITION OF 2024 GRADUATES**

**PASSING THE PEACE**

**HYMN #37 Let All Things Now Living**

**SCRIPTURE READINGS** 1Timothy 4:11-16  
 Jeremiah 1:4-10

**MESSAGE** Their Story, Our Story:  
Courage Amidst Crisis (Jeremiah)

**HYMN #691** *Lord, When I Came into This Life*

**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 #80** *You Shall Go out with Joy* (sung through twice)

**BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**

