



**PRELUDE**

**WELCOME**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

The Lord is our light and our salvation—  
why should we be afraid?  
The Lord is the strength of our lives—  
why should we worry?  
For God is our shelter and retreat.  
It is in God's presence that we find peace  
in the midst of the storm and turmoil of our lives.  
For God lifts us above the fray  
and sets us high on a rock,  
safely out of reach of those things  
that threaten to devour us.

So come, let us enter God's presence  
with thanksgiving and praise,  
offering our worship with joy!

**HYMN #314 *Christ, Be Our Light***

**PRAYER OF PRAISE**

O Living God of past and future,  
we praise you for this present moment.  
Help us to enter into it fully.  
Fill us with your joy  
and empower us with your Spirit,  
that our strength may be renewed  
to trust you in fresh ways,  
and to sing a new song of your goodness  
in a world which longs for your justice and peace.

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

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND REFLECTION**

As the stories of our lives continue to unfold,  
we thank you for your faithfulness  
and your hand of providence which guides us.  
At the same time, we confess that we often  
take our lives into our own hands,  
creating storylines that are not true to who we are,  
out of fear, or distrust of your goodness.  
Help us to relinquish fear and false narratives,  
and listen to your voice of truth and goodness.

(silent prayer and reflection)

**WORDS OF ASSURANCE—based on Psalm 27: 13-14**

Beloved, we can be confident of this:  
we will see the goodness of the Lord  
in the land of the living.  
Wait for the Lord;  
be strong and let your heart take courage.  
Wait for the Lord.  
For God showers his people with mercy and grace.

Know the forgiving love of God, be at peace,  
And love your neighbor as yourself.

**Thanks be to God!**

**PASSING THE PEACE**

**HYMN #684 *Faith Begins by Letting Go***

**SCRIPTURE READINGS** Deuteronomy 24-17-22  
Ruth 1:1-22 & 4:13-17

**MESSAGE** Their Story, Our Story:  
God Works All Things Together for Good  
(Ruth)

**HYMN #107 *Awake! Awake, and Greet the New Morn***

**MOMENT FOR MISSION: Housing Hope**  
- Joan Penney, Sr. Director  
of Resource Development,  
Marketing, and  
Communications

## 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 #39** *Great Is Thy Faithfulness*

**BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**

