



PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

*CALL TO WORSHIP

We gather in the name of the living Christ to worship God.

**Surely, God is in this place
and calls us to worship in spirit and in truth.**

God's love is for you
and for all people everywhere.

**That we may share God's love and life,
may we be renewed**

in the refreshing Spirit of the living Christ.

The living Christ is with us.

Let us worship the living God.

*HYMN No. 140 *Great Is Thy Faithfulness*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God, we confess that we do not always understand Your ways.

**We are easily discouraged when life takes unexpected turns
and our carefully laid plans and dreams come to nothing.**

**We confess that we are quick to give up when things get difficult,
and quick to question Your presence and Your power.**

Forgive us.

Grant us patience to wait for Your good timing.

Open our eyes to recognize Your leading in our lives—
to listen for Your gentle whisper when we least expect it.

And then give us courage to step out in faith and obedience,
trusting in Your leading even when we cannot yet see the outcome.

We praise You for Your faithful love,
and pray that You would make us worthy to bear Your name.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

This is the good news:
God has kept the covenant.
We have been forgiven,
we have been made new people.
Thanks be to God. Amen.

ANTHEM *A Mighty Fortress*

Arr. Gordon Young

Chancel Choir

SERMON Finding What You Are Not Looking For Rev. Danny Leonard

Genesis 45:3-11, 15

Reflection

*A PRAYER OF AFFIRMATION AND COMMITMENT

**Loving God, like Joseph, we don't always understand why things
happen the way they do; why our plans and dreams fail and we find
ourselves facing challenge after challenge, and disappointment after
disappointment.**

**Yet, like Joseph, we also believe that you are at work in our lives,
and that you have a larger plan and purpose for each one of us.
Give us faith to trust in you no matter what challenges we face.
Give us courage to place our dreams and ambitions in your hands,
and then follow where you lead without hesitation, confident that
your loving presence goes with us. Amen.**

CALL TO PRAYER *Spirit of the Living God*

MORNING PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom
come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our
daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who
trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from
evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever.
Amen.**

CELEBRATION OF CHURCH MEMBERS 90 YEARS AND OLDER

INVITATION TO PRESENT GIFTS

HYMN No. 365 *Grace Greater than Our Sin*

***DOXOLOGY No. 95**

***PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

***HYMN No. 130** *God Will Take Care of You*

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

**Those who are able are invited to stand.*

Items in bold indicate congregational response.