

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

One voice: We come now to this time of worship;
hungry for the truth, thirsty for love.

**Many voices: We are different people,
with different lives and different histories.**

One voice: We come now, children of the same Creator;
Fashioned lovingly by the Source of all life.

**Many voices: We are different people,
with different lives and different histories.**

One voice: We come now to join our hearts and voices.
Though we are all different people,
with different lives, different histories;

Many voices: We are united in faith, love and purpose.

All: Let us worship the God who unites us!

OPENING HYMN

For the Beauty of the Earth

1 For the beauty of the earth,
for the glory of the skies,
for the love which from our birth
over and around us lies:

Refrain:
Lord of all, to thee we raise
this our hymn of grateful praise.

2 For the wonder of each hour
of the day and of the night,
hill and vale, and tree and flower,
sun and moon, and stars of light: (Refrain)

3 For the joy of ear and eye,
for the heart and mind's delight,
for the mystic harmony
linking sense to sound and sight: (Refrain)

4 For the joy of human love,
brother, sister, parent, child,
friends on earth, and friends above,
for all gentle thoughts and mild: (Refrain)

THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Creator God, we long for a return to our normal days, our normal lives. In that longing, we confess that we sometimes become people of impatient hungers. Our impatience gives way to frustration, frustration to despair. Forgive us when our lesser impulses get the better of us. Redirect us when our hope or devotion drifts. Renew our trust in you. Restore us when we wander from the path that leads to you, the source of lives, and of our deepest joy. Through Christ we pray (*silent prayer....*)

A READING FROM THE HEBREW SCRIPTURES

Exodus 16 (selected verses)

SERMON *What Are You Hungry For?*

THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We affirm our belief in the triune God:^[SEP]

The Creator, who brought forth everything that is,
The Christ, who revealed to us the way to abundant life
The Spirit, who lives in us and through us.

We search for new ways to understand God and our own lives,
through sacred stories that have been revealed and passed down to us.^[SEP]
We tell them again and again.

Through these stories we understand that we are called
to love our neighbors as ourselves;
to treat others as we would have them treat us;
to strive for justice and peace;
to have respect and compassion for every person
and for the whole of creation;
to forgive those who do us harm;
to love one another as Christ has loved us.

We journey together on this Way^[SEP] we have been called to follow.

This is our community.

This is our faith.

This we believe.

PASTORAL PRAYER

CLOSING HYMN

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

1 Guide me, O thou great Jehovah,
pilgrim through this barren land.
I am weak, but thou art mighty.
Hold me with thy powerful hand.
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven,
feed me till I want no more;
feed me till I want no more.

2 Open now the crystal fountain,
whence the healing stream doth flow.
Let the fire and cloudy pillar
lead me all my journey through.
Strong deliverer, strong deliverer,
be thou still my strength and shield;
be thou still my strength and shield.

3 When I tread the verge of Jordan,
bid my anxious fears subside.
Death of death, and hell's destruction,
land me safe on Canaan's side.
Songs of praises, songs of praises
I will ever give to thee;
I will ever give to thee.

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION