



PRELUDE

Canon

Flor Peeters

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHORAL INTROIT

Savior, Redeemer of My Soul

Whitney/Jolley

CALL TO WORSHIP

We come seeking a glimpse of God's kingdom of kindness,

A world where love rules over all, a world where enemies embrace,

a world where the distinctions between friend and foe evaporate in the light of God's love.

**Knowing that God has the power to transform us, we give our lives over to God,
body, soul, mind, spirit as we worship God together.**

***HYMN NO. 298**

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

In Babilone

There's a wideness in God's mercy, like the wideness of the sea;

There's a kindness in God's justice, which is more than liberty.

There is no place where earth's sorrows are more felt than up in heaven;

There is no place where earth's failings have such kindly judgment given.

For the love of God is broader than the measures of the mind;

And the hear of the Eternal is most wonderfully kind.

If our love were but more faithful, we would gladly trust God's Word;

And our lives reflect thanksgiving for the goodness of our Lord.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, Jesus has told us that our lives are enriched by loving you and loving our neighbors. We confess that love is hard for us. We are too selfish or too pessimistic, too hollow or too hardened, or just too tired to give ourselves to love's demands. So we make excuses, take shortcuts, and seek our own pleasure. Now we find ourselves far away from abundant life.

Help us make our way back to you. Forgive our sins and direct our hearts that we may find the strength to meet love's demands and the grace to receive love's gifts. May we reflect your kindness and gentleness in all our encounters. We pray in the name of Jesus, whose love has no boundary.

SPECIAL MUSIC

Peace in Christ

Nik Day

PASSING THE PEACE

SCRIPTURE Ephesians 4:1-3, 32

SERMON

Always in Season: Against the Tide

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Based on the Message Translation of Gal 5:22-23, 25

We believe that when we live God's way, God brings gifts into our lives, much the same way that fruit appears in an orchard—things like affection for others, exuberance about life, serenity. We develop a willingness to stick with things, a sense of compassion in the heart, and a conviction that a basic holiness permeates things and people. We find ourselves involved in loyal commitments, not needing to force our way in life, able to marshal and direct our energies wisely.

The life of the Spirit is more than just holding an idea in our heads or a sentiment in our hearts, it is allowing the Spirit to be at work transforming every detail of our lives in service to the world and to the glory of God.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND LORD'S PRAYER (Traditional, Hymnal p. 16)

***HYMN NO 343** (v. 1, 2, &4) *Called as Partners in Christ's Service*

Beecher

Called as partners in Christ's service, called to ministries of grace,
We respond with deep commitment fresh new lines of faith to trace.
May we learn the art of sharing, side by side and friend to friend,
Equal partners in our caring to fulfill God's chosen end.

Christ's example, Christ's inspiring, Christ's clear call to work and worth,
Let us follow, never faltering, reconciling folk on earth.

Men and women, richer, poorer, all God's people, young and old,
Blending human skills together gracious gifts from God unfold.

So God grant us for tomorrow ways to order human life
That surround each person's sorrow with a calm that conquers strife.
Make us partners in our living, our compassion to increase,
Messengers of faith, thus giving hope and confidence and peace.

BENEDICTION

CHORAL BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Allegro moderato*

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Today's Worship Leaders:

Kim Skilling, Pastor

David Hughes, Director of Music, Carol Hughes, Accompanist, Soloist, Maren Hamilton

Abbott Hatch & Richard Ramich, Video and Sound



Announcements