

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: If you come knowing that you are flawed and in need,
then you are in the right place.

All: **We all have a place in God's grace**
If you come feeling small in the presence of God,
then you are in the right place.

In God, the small find welcome and a place to belong
If you have come full of gratitude for all that God has done,
then you are in the right place.
We come to give our wholehearted thanks and praise.

HYMN: **122** What shall I do vs. 1,2,5,6

WELCOME

PRAYER

PSALM 22 *-we remain seated* tune: Passion Chorale **339**

O God, why are you silent?
I cannot hear your voice;
the proud and strong and violent
all claim you and rejoice;
you promised you would hold me
with tenderness and care.
Draw near, O Love, enfold me,
and ease this pain I bear.

My hope lies bruised and battered,
my wounded heart is torn;
my spirit spent and shattered
by life's relentless storm;
will you not bend to hear me,
my cries from deep within?
Have you no word to cheer me
when night is closing in?

Through endless nights of weeping,
through weary days of grief,

my heart is in your keeping,
my comfort, my relief.
Come, share my tears and sadness,
come, suffer in my pain,
oh, bring me home to gladness,
restore my hope again.

May pain draw forth compassion,
let wisdom rise from loss;
oh, take my heart and fashion
the image of your cross;
then may I know your healing,
through healing that I share,
your grace and love revealing,
your tenderness and care

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PRAYERS

Response: ... to you we pray with thirsty souls:

HYMN **703** As the deer pants for the water

... In Christ, we are restored as God's children.
Our sins are forgiven.

Amen. Thanks be to God.

Readings: **Hebrews 4: 12 - 16**
Mark10: 17 - 31

In this is the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

REFLECTION:

Rev Fee Morrison

HYMN: **624** Christ be my leader

SHARING & NOTICES

OFFERING

as the offering is brought forward we sing: (as our dedication)
774 For the life that you have given

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

HYMN 676 A spendthrift lover is the Lord [tune: 262]

BLESSING

May the peace of God bless us with discomfort
at easy answers, half-truths, shallow prayers and cheap grace;

so that we will live deeply in ourselves and with others.

May the peace of God bless us with anger at injustice, oppression
and exploitation;

**of people and the earth, so that we will work for justice,
equity and peace.**

May the peace of God bless us with tears to shed for those who suffer,

**so that we will reach out our hand to comfort them
and change their pain to joy.**

And may God bless us with the foolishness to think that
we can make a difference in our world,

so that we will do the things others say cannot be done.

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord
in the name of Christ. Amen

SUNG BLESSING: 778 Shalom to you now

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