

Finding God

Congregational responses are in **bold**.

Call to worship: Say "please join me in the call to worship"

Leader: The work of the Creator is visible

All: **Let us respond with praise.**

Leader: The example of Jesus is apparent

All: **Let us respond with obedience.**

Leader: The wind of the Spirit is blowing

All: **Let us respond with joy.**

Leader: The word of God is calling.

All: **Let us respond in spirit and in truth.**

Opening prayer:

Oh God who is greater than the most powerful forces in this world, enable us to be still and know that you are God.

O Lord who answers out of the whirlwind of everyday life, breathe in us your Holy Spirit to strengthen, comfort, and guide us in the midst of the storm.

O still, small voice, speak to us this hour, that we might become makers of your peace in our homes, in our communities, in our world.

We pray all this in the name of the One who calmed the raging sea. Amen.

Hymn: For The Beauty of the Earth

Call to Confession:

The proof of God's amazing love is this: that Christ died for us that we might live.

Because we have faith in Christ, we dare to approach God with the truth of our lives.

Prayer of Confession:

Creator God, we admit that we do not always see you in our day to day lives. We look for you but often times do not know exactly what we are looking for. Help us God to hear you in the song of a bird, to experience your touch through another person, to smell you in the scent of a flower, to feel you in the warmth of the sun and to know you are there simply by opening our eyes to the beauty of your creation. Amen.

Prayer of Assurance:

Even though we stumble, even when we fail, God is there to steady us. In the name of Jesus Christ, God's beloved Son, we are always forgiven.

Praise the Lord!

The Lord Be Praised!

Song Response

Glory be to the Father; and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be; world without end, Amen. Amen.

Anthem: Youth and adult choir sings the song Legacy by Nichole Nordeman

Bringing of our gifts:

We share the gifts of ourselves with God, not to try and earn points or make ourselves look good and important. But we share the gifts of ourselves with God out of the love and grace that we receive from God. Let us now give in response to that love and grace.

Prayer of dedication:

Gracious God, take these gifts and bless them so that they might bless the world. We pray in the name of Jesus the Christ and through the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Pastoral Prayer:

Hymn: The Power of Your Love

Scripture reading: Ephesians 4:25-32, 5:1-2

Dialogue: (the words to the song You Love Me Anyway by Sidewalk Prophets- read between 2 people)

Message w/ scripture: Finding God (reflection alternating with scripture)

Benediction