

## Liturgy (Call to Worship, Prayers, Benediction)

### CALL TO WORSHIP (*Option 1*) — Psalm 100

**Leader:** Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth  
Worship the LORD with gladness;  
Come into God's presence with singing.

**People:** **Know that the LORD is God**  
**It is God who made us, and we are his;**  
**we are God's people, and the sheep of his pasture.**

**Leader:** Enter God's gates with thanksgiving,  
and God's courts with praise!  
Give thanks to God; bless God's name!

**People:** **For the LORD is good;**  
**God's steadfast love endures forever,**  
**and God's faithfulness to all generations.**

### CALL TO WORSHIP (Opening Words) (*Option 2*)

God has saved us and called us to a holy life—  
not because of anything we have done,  
but because of God's own purpose and grace.

This grace was given to us in Christ Jesus  
before the beginning of time,  
and is revealed to us through the appearing of our Savior,  
who is victorious over death  
and has brought life and immortality to light  
through the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus.

May our response in worship today, and in our daily lives,  
be an aroma pleasing to God.

Let us worship God.

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

*This prayer is intentionally set in first person so everyone hears it from an individual perspective.  
Please feel free to change it to second person.*

**Leader:** God, forgive me when I run ahead of You and fail to notice Your invitation to follow.

**People:** Forgive me, O Lord! Help me slow down and walk with You.

**Leader:** Forgive me when I don't believe I am enough to serve you in a particular way.

**People:** Forgive me, O Lord! Help me believe I am enough to serve.

**Leader:** Forgive me when the busyness of my life edges out your invitation to serve.

**People:** Forgive me, O Lord! Help me create space for serving You more intentionally.

**Leader:** Lead me in Your way, that I might more fully live into the person you created, and are calling me to be.

**People:** Lead me, Lord, in Your mercy!

**Leader:** Lord, help me to embrace Your calling for my life with equal parts passion, wisdom, and humility.

**All:** Amen.

### **Assurance of Pardon**

**Leader:** As far as the east is from the west, this far, God has removed our transgressions from us. Friends, believe the good news of the gospel, in Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

**People:** We believe in the forgiveness of sins. We are saved by grace through faith. This is God's gift through Jesus Christ.

### **Benediction (Option 1) (from 1 Peter 2:9-10)**

You are a chosen people, a royal priesthood,  
a holy nation, God's own instruments:  
so that, through your unique call and invitation,  
you may proclaim the mighty acts of the One who  
called you out of darkness into God's marvelous light.

### **Benediction (Option 2)**

**As you go, remember this:**

You are a Spark of the Divine,  
and you've been given a unique "one-of-a-kind" voice  
to use for good, in this time and for this generation.

Today, and in the days ahead,  
be on the lookout for ways to offer your voice  
as a life-giving blessing to others!

In doing so, may you discover more and more

the ways in which God is calling you to serve  
with the very gifts God has already given to you!  
Go in peace!