**CALL TO WORSHIP** ~ by Nancy Townley

There is joy in this place!

**God's steadfast love extends to everyone.**

God reaches out to us all in forgiveness and compassion.

**Thanks to God for all the wonderful blessings we have received.**

Let us celebrate God's joyful love for and with us! Amen.

**HYMN** *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty #139*

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of Creation.

O my soul, praise Him,

for He is thy Health and Salvation.

All ye who hear, now to His temple draw near.

Join me in glad adoration.

[Verse 2]

Praise to the Lord,

who o’er all things so wondrously reigneth,

Shelters thee under His wings, yea so gently sustaineth.

Hast thou not seen how thy desires e’er have been

Granted in what He ordaineth?

[Verse 3]

Praise to the Lord,

who doth prosper thy work and defend thee.

Surely His goodness and mercy here daily attend thee.

Ponder anew what the Almighty can do

If with His love He befriend thee.

[Verse 4]

Praise to the Lord, O let all that is in me adore Him.

All that hath life and breath

come now with praises before Him.

Let the Amen sound from His people again,

Gladly, forever, adore Him.

Text: Joachim Neander (1680)

Music: William Sterndale Bennett (1864)

**SCRIPTURE** Psalm 36:7-10 (NRSV)

7 How precious is your steadfast love, O God!

All people may take refuge in the shadow of your wings.

8 They feast on the abundance of your house,

and you give them drink from the river of your delights.

9 For with you is the fountain of life;

in your light we see light.

10 O continue your steadfast love to those who know you, and your salvation to the upright of heart!

The Word of God for the People of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

**HYMN** *To God Be the Glory #98*

1. To God be the glory, great things he hath done!

So loved he the world that he gave us his Son,

who yielded his life an atonement for sin,

and opened the life-gate that all may go in.

Refrain:

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,

let the earth hear his voice!

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,

let the people rejoice!

O come to the Father thru Jesus the Son,

and give him the glory, great things he hath done!

Words: Fanny J. Crosby, 1875

Music: William H. Doane, 1875

**C****ONGREGATIONAL PRAYER**

~ from resources by the Pontifical Council for Promoting Christian Unity

Eternal God,

we thank you for calling us by name.

In you we live and move and grow.

We pray for Christians throughout the world.

Remind us of our common foundation in Christ.

May we grow together in faith and in love,

until we attain that unity which is your will.

**Build us together in Christ,**

**Make us your dwelling place.**

Send down your Spirit

so that we may know Jesus and bear witness

to our life and unity in Him.

May we know the mind of Christ

in order to speak God’s wisdom everywhere.

Strengthen us to work towards peace and reconciliation

in church and society.

**Build us together in Christ,**

**Make us your dwelling place.**

We pray for all churches which are experiencing change – growth or struggle, reconciliation or conflict.

Inspire and strengthen us in works of witness and service.

**Build us together in Christ,**

**Make us your dwelling place.**

We pray for those who have no home, no land,

no food, no work, no medicine, no peace.

May we recognize and serve Christ in the suffering and those with need.

**Build us together in Christ,**

**Make us your dwelling place.**

We thank you for all your gifts of creation.

Teach us to share with others our time, our energy,

our resources and our love.

Make us sensitive and responsive

to the wounds in the human family and creation.

May we be faithful to our calling

and live a long life on earth.

May we give our whole life to Christ,

for we belong to him

and in him are uniting all things on earth and in heaven.

Now, let us pray the prayer He taught us saying:

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.**

**HYMN** *To God Be the Glory #98*

3. Great things he hath taught us, great things he hath done,

and great our rejoicing thru Jesus the Son;

but purer, and higher, and greater will be

our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see.

Refrain:

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,

let the earth hear his voice!

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,

let the people rejoice!

O come to the Father thru Jesus the Son,

and give him the glory, great things he hath done!

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**OFFERING**

**SCRIPTURE** 1 Corinthians 12:4-7 (NRSV)

4 Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; 5 and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; 6 and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. 7 To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good.

The Word of God for the People of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

**MESSAGE***Spiritual Gifts*

Rev. David W. Brown

**HYMN** *O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee #430*

1. O Master, let me walk with thee

in lowly paths of service free;

tell me thy secret; help me bear

the strain of toil, the fret of care.

2. Help me the slow of heart to move

by some clear, winning word of love;

teach me the wayward feet to stay,

and guide them in the homeward way.

3. Teach me thy patience; still with thee

in closer, dearer company,

in work that keeps faith sweet and strong,

in trust that triumphs over wrong;

4. In hope that sends a shining ray

far down the future's broadening way,

in peace that only thou canst give,

with thee, O Master, let me live.

Text: Washington Gladden (1879)

Music: H. Percy Smith (1874)

**BENEDICTION -Rev. Gord**

We go from this space of worship

to share the gifts we have been given.

We go from this time of worship

to build up the Body of Christ.

We go from this holy moment

to carry the Holy to the world around us.

Go in love, go in peace, go with God.

In the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Amen.