

Texts: Isaiah 43:1-7; Galatians 3:23-29

Theme: Welcome

### Welcome and Announcements

#### Call to Worship From Psalm 84

Leader: How lovely is your dwelling place,

**People: O LORD of hosts!**

Leader: Even the sparrow finds a home,

**People: And the swallow a nest for herself, where she may lay her young,**

Leader: Happy are those who live in your house,

**People: Ever singing your praise.**

Hymn (see below for options)

#### Call to Confession

Friends, we gather to worship and to pray. We gather to welcome each other in the presence of the Lord. Yet, we confess that we do not do this perfectly. In humility and expecting God's grace, let us together turn to the Lord in confession.

#### Prayer of Confession

Loving God, you have welcomed us even when we seek distance from you. You have wrapped your arms around us in good times and bad. Forgive us for the times that we have failed to see your welcome. Forgive us for the times that we have failed to give your welcome to others. Have mercy on us.

#### Declaration of Forgiveness

Friends, the God that we gather to worship is a loving and forgiving God. Know that you are forgiven. Know that you are loved. Go in peace and serve the Lord. Amen.

#### Gloria Patri

Scripture: Isaiah 43:1-7; Galatians 3:23-29 – Video Recording

Sermon – Video Recording

Hymn (see below for options)

#### Affirmation of Faith

Apostles' Creed

#### Prayers of the People

Majestic God, you have welcomed us into your family as your children. We have been brought into your family through the gift of Jesus Christ. We have been reconciled to you

through the mightiest welcoming event the world has ever seen. We thank you that through Jesus Christ we belong to you. We are blessed. As your children, we bow before you, seeking your love and peace.

Hear the prayers that we give you for your children...

Offering

Doxology

Prayer of dedication

Lord, we ask your blessing on all of the offerings we give to you. Bless our actions, our ideas, our statements, as well as the money that we return to you. Make our lives an offering worthy of your love. Amen.

Hymn (see below for options)

Challenge and Benediction – Video Recording

### **Hymn Options**

God of Great and God of Small

In Christ There Is No East or West

Called As Partners in Christ's Service

Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love

Here in this Place

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy