Prelude  “Ceremonial Procession”  
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Welcome

Opening Words
One:  We have come to this place filled with uncertainty about who we are called to be in the world though we know we are created in God’s image and placed on this earth with purpose.

Many: We hear God’s call.

One:  We know God has called us just as we are – US

Many: We hear God’s call.

One:  The call begins like a whisper and soon it roars in our ears.

Many: We hear the call.

One:  Listen. God’s call lives in our very beings. The call resides within. Listen.

Many: We hear God’s call.

Opening Response  “This Little Light of Mine”  
Traditional

Prayer of Invocation  Maren C. Tirabassi
Gracious Redeemer, we come in our times of indecision. We do not know where to turn; we do not know how to stand; we do not know what to choose. Set our feet now upon your paths, incline our hearts to your call, give us new opportunity to decide for your ways. Be with us, faithful God, in this hour of worship and commitment and in all our hours. Amen.
**Word in Song**  Sue Clauss

“Sweet Hour of Prayer” William Bradbury

An Eclectic Harmony, published in 1999

**Sacred Text**

**Jeremiah 20:9**

If I say, ‘I will not mention the Holy One
or speak any more in God’s name’,
then within me there is something like a burning fire

shut up in my bones;
I am weary with holding it in,

and I cannot.

**Luke 17:20-21**

Once Jesus was asked by the Pharisees when the kin-dom of God was coming, and he answered, ‘The kin-
dom of God is not coming with things that can be observed; nor will they say, “Look, here it is!” or “There
it is!” For, in fact, the kin-dom of God is among you.’

**Gospel of Thomas 3**

(3) Jesus said, "If those who lead you say to you, 'See, the kingdom is in the sky,' then the birds of the sky
will precede you. If they say to you, 'It is in the sea,' then the fish will precede you. Rather, the kingdom is
inside of you, and it is outside of you. When you come to know yourselves, then you will become known,
and you will realize that it is you who are the children of the living Abba. But if you will not know your-
selves, you dwell in poverty and it is you who are that poverty."

For the wisdom contained in these holy words we give thanks. Amen.

**Sermon** Rev. Wendy Bruner
Hymn “There’s a Church within us, O God”
Words and Music Kent Schneider

Joys and Concerns
Prayer
Creator, who art in heaven,
hallowed be your name.
Your kin-dom come, your will be done
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread,
and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors,
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For yours is the kin-dom, and the power,
and the glory for ever and ever. Amen.
How Shall We Join God’s Work in the World
Gracious God, we give thanks.
We ask your blessings on these gifts of time, talent, and treasure as we use them to join Your work in the world. Amen

Closing

Postlude Postlude on “Darwall’s 148th”
Brenda Portman
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