We welcome you to worship today and trust that God will meet us here and send us out to be his servants in the world.

PRELUDE

WELCOME/GREETINGS

*CONFESSIOAN AND FORGIVENESS  
P: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.  
C: Amen.
P: God of all mercy and consolation...of Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord.  
C: Amen.
P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and one another. (silence for reflection) 
C: Gracious God, have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.
P: God who is rich in mercy, loved us...that Christ may live in your hearts through faith. 
C: Amen.

*SONG

*POSTLUDE

(* = Please stand, as you are able.)
2 Corinthians 4:1-15
Treasure in Clay Jars

4Therefore, since it is by God’s mercy that we are engaged in this ministry, we do not lose heart. 5We have renounced the shameful things that one hides; we refuse to practice cunning or to falsify God’s word; but by the open statement of the truth we commend ourselves to the conscience of everyone in the sight of God. 6And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. 7In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. 8For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus’ sake. 9For it is the God who said, ‘Let light shine out of darkness’, who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. 10But we have this treasure in clay jars, so that it may be made clear that this extraordinary power belongs to God and does not come from us. 11We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; 12persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed; always carrying in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be made visible in our bodies. 13For while we live, we are always being given up to death for Jesus’ sake, so that the life of Jesus may be made visible in our mortal flesh. 14So death is at work in us, but life in you. 15But just as we have the same spirit of faith that is in accordance with scripture—‘I believed, and so I spoke’—we also believe, and so we speak, because we know that the one who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus, and will bring us with you into his presence. 16Yes, everything is for your sake, so that grace, as it extends to more and more people, may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God.