



Prelude

Song of Praise                      *"Open Up the Heavens"*

Welcome & Call to Worship

Leader: We all come here this morning wanting to experience God.

**All: But we also come with worries, fears, struggles, and doubts that push God away.**

Leader: My blessing to you is that despite them you would feel nothing but God's love.

**All: And our blessing is to be people who God wants to fill with love overflowing.**

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Unison Prayer of Confession

**All: Holy Christ, you want us to be one in your Spirit, to be one in faith and love so that together we change the world. Yet we're so easily divided by issues and beliefs that take on a life of their own—that drain us of the life of the Spirit.**

**We get so consumed with political beliefs, spiritual doubts, life struggles, and divisive opinions. These cause us to pursue our own courses rather than your life, and so we pull away from you. Help us to be grounded souls who are rooted in sharing your love and peace with the world.** (silent confession)

Assurance of Forgiveness

Leader: God doesn't focus on how we haven't shared God's grace, peace, and love. God focuses on an eternal hope that today we can and will be different—today and tomorrow we can be better. We can be more loving, peaceful, and grace-filled. This is always the hope Christ offered from the cross: no matter how difficult life is today, God will make it better tomorrow, and the next day, and the next.

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Closing Prayer & Lord's Prayer

Song of Praise "Wonderful Words of Life" #270

### Benediction and Postlude

-Join us for refreshments after worship.

- Our lay leader today is Lynlee Caliguiri.

- Flowers are given today by Gail Davis in loving memory of George Ebbert; and by J. Frank Zacour and Camille Zacour-Stewart in loving memory their parents, James & Lada Zacour.

-Nursery care will be available. Infants – 2 years will be provided by Kim Yocum in Room 203; and ages 3-5 will be provided by Nicole Underwood in Room 202.

### Recent Prayer Requests

Join the Prayer Chain – if you'd like to pray for the needs of our church and community, join our email prayer chain. Message Stephanie swoodin@canonsburgup.org to get connected.

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