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### Preparation for Worship

Instrumental Music

### Welcome

Communication Cards

Announcements

### Call to Worship

Psalms 47:6

"Praise The King"

Isaiah 40:28-31

"Indescribable"

### Confession of Need

Hosea 5:13-15

Quiet Confession & Prayer

Hosea 6:1-3

"Lord I Need You"

### Assurance of Pardon

Lamentations 3:19-24

"Great Is Thy Faithfulness (Beginning To End)"

"Yet Not I But Through Christ In Me"

### Confession of Faith

2 Timothy 2:11-13

### Pastoral Prayer

Intercession and Petition

### Worship in Giving

Offering

### Message

by Pastor Kelly Larsen

### Missional Response

Benediction

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