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*indicates those who are able to please stand

WE GATHER TOGETHER

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Children of God, some of us come today with songs of joy,
rejoicing at all God has done for us.

**People: We come to remember God's steadfast love and
faithfulness.**

Leader: Some of us come today with songs of mourning in our hearts,
feeling the weight of loss, isolation, and loneliness.

**People: We come to remember God's steadfast love and
faithfulness.**

Leader: Some of us come today with songs of worry and distress,
overwhelmed by the troubles and the sufferings of the world.

**People: We come to remember God's steadfast love and
faithfulness.**

Leader: In our joy, our sorrow, our isolation, and our worry, God is
faithful!

**People: We come to sing God's praises, for in all things, God's
steadfast love and faithfulness never fail. Thanks be to
God! Amen.**

*HYMN *Spirit, Open My Heart*

23(More Voices)

*PRAYER OF APPROACH (unison)

**We praise you for the many ways you come to us. In moments of
fear, you speak with words of reassurance. In moments of doubt,
you reach out your hand to hold. In moments of turmoil, you bring
calm to the storm. Liberating God, we seek your journey. With
parted waters, set us free. With cloud and fire, guide us. With**

A reminder to please arrive at church “scent free”.