



## WORSHIP SERVICE

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### PRELUDE

WELCOME & MAKING SPACE FOR SPIRIT

### GROUNDING SONG:

*"This Pretty Planet"*, by Tom Chapin and John Forster

### CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Beloved of God, we gather in the presence of the One who births new things into being.

People: **We come carrying hope, grief, joy, and expectation.**

Leader: Before labor begins, God is already moving.

People: **Before we see it, God is already creating.**

Leader: Like Zion bringing forth life, God labors for justice,

healing, and liberation.

**People: We trust the holy work unfolding among us.**

Leader: God opens the womb of possibility and does not abandon the birth.

**People: We rejoice in the promise of new life.**

Leader: Come, let us worship the God who comforts like a mother  
and sustains like a river.

**People: We gather to be renewed, restored, and reborn.**

SHARED SINGING: "If Every Woman in the World", by Karen McKay and Nancy L. Nordlie

#### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Leader: God of love, hear the prayers of your people.

**People: God in Your Mercy, Hear our prayer.**

#### LORD'S PRAYER

Prayer Response, "Sanctuary", by Thompson & Scruggs

#### ANTHEM

*"Plenty of Room",* arr. by John Horman

The Admiral Choir

**SCRIPTURE:** ISAIAH 66:7-13

Before she was in labor

she gave birth;

before her pain came upon her

she delivered a son.

Who has heard of such a thing?

Who has seen such things?

Shall a land be born in one day?

Shall a nation be delivered in one moment?

Yet as soon as Zion was in labor

she delivered her children.

Shall I open the womb and not deliver?

says the LORD;

shall I, the one who delivers, shut the womb?

says your God.

Rejoice with Jerusalem, and be glad for her,

all you who love her;

rejoice with her in joy,

all you who mourn over her—

that you may nurse and be satisfied

from her consoling breast,

that you may drink deeply with delight

from her glorious bosom.

For thus says the LORD:

I will extend prosperity to her like a river

and the wealth of the nations like an overflowing stream,

and you shall nurse and be carried on her arm

and bounced on her knees.

As a mother comforts her child,

so I will comfort you;

you shall be comforted in Jerusalem.

**SERMON: "GOD'S LABOR"**

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#### CONVERSATION

SHARED SINGING: "Imago Dei", by Jill Kirsten Warner

#### INVITATION TO SHARE

#### POSTLUDE

#### BENEDICTION

Go now in the comfort of God, held like children in the arms of divine love.

Go knowing that what God has begun in you will be brought to life.

Go through the labor of transformation with courage, through the pain of becoming with faith, and into the joy of new birth with hope. For the God who births nations, heals wounds, and comforts like a mother goes with you now and always.