Opening Prayers

Let us pray:

Gracious and loving God,
we come into Your presence this morning with humble and grateful hearts.

We thank You for the gift of life, for this community of faith, and for the privilege of gathering together in Your house. We worship You because You are our Creator, our Sustainer and our Hope.

You have called us to be Your people — to love You, to love one another, and to serve the world in which You have placed us.

Lord Jesus, we ask that You fill this place with Your Holy Spirit.

Open our hearts to Your presence.
Open our minds to Your wisdom.
Open our ears to hear Your voice.
And open our hearts to one another.

As we worship, may we put aside our distractions, our worries and our differences, and focus upon You. For Your glory alone, Amen!