

# WELCOME TO WORSHIP



## OUR VISION

We are called together  
to embrace God's transformation  
of our lives and our world  
by becoming and serving as Christ's disciples.

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***WELCOME TO WORSHIP THIS MORNING!***

Please help foster an atmosphere of  
quiet, prayer and meditation.  
As a community striving to be inclusive of all,  
we encourage each of you to sing and pray  
using language which is most comfortable to you.

**OUR MISSION**

Our mission is to form disciples of Christ  
and transform our lives, and the lives of others, through Christ.  
We do this by nurturing our relationship with God  
through the spiritual practices of  
daily prayer, weekly worship, daily bible reading,  
serving within and beyond our church,  
developing spiritual relationships, and giving generously.

*We invite you to take a moment of silence and pray:*

Holy God, I come to honor you in worship today.

I ask that all the things of this week that can crowd you out of my  
heart be set aside by the power of your Holy Spirit.

Open my heart and mind to meet you and receive you today. Amen.

**WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE**

**PRELUDE, CHIMES, THE LIGHT COMES TO US**

**WORDS OF WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**THE CALL TO WORSHIP**

*Let us now join our hearts, minds and voices in worshipping God.*

**INTROIT**

**PRAYER OF INVOCATION/LORD'S PRAYER**

*(please use the wording with which you are most comfortable)*

*Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom  
come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day  
our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those*

*who trespass against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.*

❖ **HYMN OF PRAISE** (*standing*)

**INVITATION TO CONFESSION**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**SILENT CONFESSION**

**WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

**SUNG RESPONSE** (*seated*)

#111

*"Holy, Holy, Holy"*

*Holy, holy, holy. My heart, my heart adores you!  
My heart knows how to say to you: Holy are you, Lord!*

❖ **THE PASSING OF THE PEACE**

One: The Peace of Christ be with you.

**All: *And also with you.***

**A TIME FOR ALL**

**WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD**

**PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION**

**SCRIPTURE LESSON(S)**

❖ **THE GLORIA PATRI** (*standing*)

#35

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,  
World without end. Amen. Amen.*

**SERMON**

**MUSICAL RESPONSE**

**WE RESPOND TO THE GOOD NEWS**

**LIFTING UP OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS**

**QUIET PRAYER/LIGHTING OF VOTIVES**

*During this time of quiet prayer and meditation, you are invited forward to light a votive candle as a tangible prayer for the people and concerns you are holding in your heart this morning.*

**SILENT PRAYER** (*We will spent one full minute in silence.*)

**PASTORAL PRAYER**

**SUNG RESPONSE** (*seated*) #263

*"Surely the Presence of the Lord"*

*Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place;*

*I can feel his mighty power and his grace.*

*I can hear the brush of angels' wings, I see glory on each face;*

*Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place.*

**THE JOYFUL GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

**OFFERTORY MUSIC**

❖ **DOXOLOGY** (*standing*) (Tune: *Old Hundredth*)

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow;*

*Praise Christ all creatures here below;*

*Praise Holy Spirit, evermore; One God, triune, whom we adore.*

❖ **PRAYER OF DEDICATION** (*standing*)

**WE GO FORTH AS GOD'S PEOPLE**

❖ **CLOSING HYMN** (*standing*)

❖ **COMMISSIONING AND BLESSING** (*standing*)

❖ **THE LIGHT GOES INTO THE WORLD** (*standing*)

❖ **CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE** (*standing*) #445

*"Go in Peace"*

*Go in peace and the peace of God be with you this day.*

*Go in peace and the peace of God be with you always.*

*Celebrate and share the joy! Celebrate new life!*

*Go in peace and the peace of God be with you always.*

**POSTLUDE**

❖ *Standing, as you are able.*

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please place it in one of the recycling boxes at the back of the  
sanctuary so it can be used again. Thank you!*