



WELCOME TO WORSHIP

OCTOBER 22, 2023

PRELUDE "This is the Spirit's Entry Now"
(Barbara Harbach)

INTROIT "Sweet Rivers of Mercy"
(Sheldon Curry)

LIFE OF THE CHURCH

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: In this place, at this table,

All: we seek peace.

Leader: We seek serenity within ourselves.

All: We seek harmony within our families.

Leader: We seek goodwill among our neighbors.

All: We seek a ceasefire among all nations.

Leader: We seek not just the absence of conflict,

All: But the presence of shalom-

Leader: the abiding peace

All: the healing life

Leader: the unrelenting justice that God calls us to in Christ.

All: Let us worship with Divine hope.

(Joanna Harader)

OPENING SONGS "10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)"
"Christ Our Hope in Life and Death"

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious One, we confess as a church body that we do not always live as a community of forgiveness. We give in to cancel culture and dismiss Christians and seekers who we believe do not fit with us. Or we prefer to "be nice" instead of engaging in uncomfortable corrective conversations with our family in Christ. We humbly pray for your mercy, Lord. Help us build a community of forgiveness, one that does not overlook sin but is a place of accountability and acceptance. With Christ's guidance as our creed, we pray; Amen.

RESPONSE "Goodness of God"

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Dear Lord, as we read this passage of scripture, show us your truth and what you want us to learn. Pinpoint the things in our thinking that aren't right. Help us remember that Your word is life and always true, whereas our ideas are often fleeting. Use the truth of your Word to transform our limited thinking so faith may guide our actions. Amen.

SCRIPTURE LESSON Galatians 6:7-10

MINISTRY OF MUSIC "You Do Not Walk Alone"
(Elaine Hagenberg)

MESSAGE Living in Forgiveness:
"Don't Give Up"

RESPONSE "Don't Give Up"
(Peter Gabriel)

OFFERING

MUSICAL OFFERING "Light of Your Love"
(Farnsworth/Madeira)

PRAYERS OF GOD'S PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER

CLOSING HYMN "Where Charity and Love Prevail"

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE "O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing"
(Emma Lou Diemer)

Preaching Pastor
Assisting Pastor
Director of Worship
Director of Media
Organist/Accompanist
Audio
Slides
Ensemble
Vocalists

Geoff Kohler
Mofid Wasef
Elizabeth Virkler
Luke Graham
Ronél Wishnuff
Riley McKenna
Richard Lin
Chancel Choir
Carol Wood
Scott Wood

To Give:

