



WELCOME TO WORSHIP

FEBRUARY 25, 2024

PRELUDE "The Lord's My Shepherd"
(David Cherwien)

CHANT

PRELUDE "If You But Trust in God to Guide You"
(David Cherwien)

OPENING SONG "10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)"

LIFE OF THE CHURCH

CALL TO WORSHIP

All: Lord our God, blessed is the one who comes in your name! Gather us in your gentle presence as a hen shelters her brood beneath her wings. Finish the work you have begun in us so that we may show your glory; through Jesus Christ our peace. Amen

SONG OF PREPARATION "Lord Have Mercy (For What We Have Done)"

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Forgiving Lord, we have fallen short time and time again. You have given us your word, both in scripture and in flesh, you have promised us your presence, both in Spirit and in community, and you have graced us with your kingdom, both in teaching and in service. Even so, we neglect, ignore, and reject your purposes for us. We do not love what you love. We do not embrace what you embrace. We do not defend what you have called us to defend. Have mercy on us, O God. Forgive us for what we do and what we fail to do. And with your gifts, promises, and grace, continue working in our lives that we might receive full life in Jesus Christ, now and forevermore. Amen.

MINISTRY OF MUSIC "Agnus Dei" from "Requiem"
(Maurice Duruflé)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Holy God, one thing we ask and one thing we seek: to live in your presence and to be transformed by your Word. You have sent your Spirit to this place so that we might behold the beauty of your grace and your goodness. As we wait on this journey to the cross, bless this our proclamation of your Word so that it may be pleasing in your sight and that we may not go forth unchanged. Amen.

SCRIPTURE LESSON Matthew 5:43-48

HYMN OF RESPONSE "Christ, Your Words of Love Confound Us"

SCRIPTURE LESSON Colossians 1:9-10

MESSAGE The Trellis: "Be Mature"

OFFERING & MUSICAL OFFERING "We Are Held"
(Susan LaBarr)

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

CLOSING SONG "My Jesus I Love Thee"

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE "The Touch of Love"
(Michael Burkhardt)

Pastor **Geoff Kohler**
Assisting Pastor **Mofid Wasef**
Director of Worship **Elizabeth Virkler**
Director of Media **Luke Graham**
Organist/Accompanist **Ronel Wishnuff**
Audio **Riley McKenna**
Streaming **Lee & Berdi Meehan**
Worship Band **Joey Carano**
Pete Harrison
Nathan Hubbard
Ensembles **Chancel Choir**
Grace Notes
Scripture reader **Karla Hays**
Slides **Richard Lin**

To Give:

