



WELCOME TO WORSHIP

JANUARY 29, 2023

PRELUDE "Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing"
Michael Burkhardt

INTROIT "Rain Down" (#444)

LIFE OF THE CHURCH

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Jesus commanded: Love one another.

All: We come to worship the God who is love that we may learn to love one another.

Leader: Jesus said: "No longer do I call you servants; now I call you friends."

All: We come to worship the God whose friends we are through Christ.

Leader: Let us sing praise to God!

All: Let us live in love and friendship through Jesus Christ! Amen.

HYMNS OF PRAISE "It is Well with My Soul"
"Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus"
"How Can I Keep from Singing?"
"Blessed Assurance"

PRAAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord, we confess, with all the signs of new life in Christ around us, we still cling to our old ways. When we do dismiss our sisters and brothers in Christ who are different from us, forgive us. When we cling to past hurts and old grudges, forgive us. When we neglect to care for others or for ourselves the way you have taught, forgive us. In your mercy, restore us to newness of life. Through the Holy Spirit, bind together your church as one family, in the name of Christ Jesus. Amen.

RESPONSE "Doxology" (#34)

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

"Thanks Be to God"
Felix Mendelssohn

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Calm us now, O Lord, into a quietness that heals and listens. Open wounded hearts to the balm of your Word. Speak to us in clear tones so that we might hear your resurrection hope lifting our anxious spirits. Amen.

SCRIPTURE LESSON Acts 9:26-28, 32, 36-43

MESSAGE The Friendship Factor:
"Friendship After Trauma"

RESPONSE "God! When Human Bonds are Broken" (Words #416)

OFFERING

MUSICAL OFFERING "Broken Vessels"
Joel Houston/Jonas Myrin

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

CLOSING SONG "How Great Thou Art"

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE "Tocatta on Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"
M. Burkhardt

Preaching Pastor	Katherine Wiebe
Assisting Pastors	Geoff Kohler Mofid Wasef
Director of Worship	Elizabeth Virkler
Director of Media	Luke Graham
Organist/Accompanist	Ronél Wishnuff
Worship Band	Joey Carano Kyle Bayquen Nathan Hubbard
Ensemble	Chancel Choir
Scripture Reader	Elaine Johnson

TO GIVE: .

