



WELCOME TO WORSHIP

FEBRUARY 12, 2023

PRELUDE "Sonata in C Minor"
G. Pescetti

INTROIT "Jesus We Are Here"

LIFE OF THE CHURCH

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: We hear the voice of God calling,

All: "Love your neighbor as yourself."

Leader: We feel the Spirit moving among us,

All: moving us to acts of compassion and justice.

Leader: We know the love of Jesus.

All: We love because Christ first loved us.

Leader: Come, worship God together.

All: Come, let us serve our God, who calls us by name.

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

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God, in you lies all knowledge and wisdom. We long to learn from you, but confess that our heads interfere with our hearts. We view humility as weakness and pride as strength. We ignore voices of the oppressed and amplify soundbites of the privileged. We forget how to love and allow fear to win. You, O God, are mightier than any earthly power, wiser than the greatest scholars, and merciful beyond human understanding. You claim us as children while we struggle to call one another neighbor. Forgive us and restore us. Show us the meaning of love and sacrifice as we strive to turn your tenets into action, in the name of Jesus. Amen.

MINISTRY OF MUSIC "Canticle of Hope"
Joseph Martin

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Holy One, who breathed life into our bones and love into our hearts, reveal your truths to us. Wipe away prejudice and pride so we may hear and heed the call to action disclosed in your sacred word. Amen.

SCRIPTURE LESSON Matthew 22:37-40; Romans 13:8-10

MESSAGE The Friendship Factor:
"Neighboring"

HYMN OF RESPONSE "The Church of Christ Cannot be Bound"

OFFERING

MUSICAL OFFERING "God Turn It Around"
Skinner/Cates/Reddick

LITANY OF NEIGHBORING

THE LORD'S PRAYER

CLOSING SONG "O God, You Give Us Neighbors"

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE "Toccata on Amazing Grace"
C. Pardini

Preaching Pastor **Geoff Kohler**
Assisting Pastor **Mofid Wasef**
Director of Worship **Elizabeth Virkler**
Director of Media **Luke Graham**
Organist/Accompanist **Ronél Wishnuff**
Worship Band **Joey Carano**
Pete Harrison
Nathan Hubbard
Luke Graham
Ensembles **Chancel Choir**
Sanctuary Orchestra

TO GIVE: .

