



WELCOME TO WORSHIP

NOVEMBER 5, 2023

PRELUDE

“My Lord! What a Morning”
(Emma Lou Diemer)

LIFE OF THE CHURCH

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: The earth and all that is in it belongs to the Holy One.

All: Look, here is our God, for whom we have waited.

Leader: This is the Holy One, for whom we have waited.

All: Let us be glad and rejoice in our salvation.

Leader: Who shall ascend the hill of the Holy One? And who shall stand in this holy place?

All: We come, seeking the face of God.

OPENING SONGS

“The Solid Rock”
“Only a Holy God”

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Gracious God, give us humble and teachable hearts, so that we may receive what you have revealed, and do what you have instructed. Amen.

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Ephesians 1:7-8a

YOUTH DRAMA

“Parents Just Don’t Understand”
(Scene One)

MESSAGE

Why We are Christians:
“Forgiveness”

OFFERING

MUSICAL OFFERING

“How Lovely is Thy Dwelling Place”
(Johannes Brahms)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Patient, Forgiving Spirit, we come seeking your face. We hold on to ancient angers and hurts, and refuse to believe that you alone can make all things new. Like Mary and Martha, we have forgotten your promises of

eternal life. Like the crowd that mourned for Lazarus, we have not believed that we would see your glory. Forgive our unbelief, O God. Bring us back, and restore our trust in you. Amen.

HOLY COMMUNION

PASTORAL PRAYER & THE LORD’S PRAYER

COMMUNION SONG

“Forgiven”
(Johnson/Riddle/Taylor/Moore)

PRAYER FOR ALL SAINTS’ SUNDAY

After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude which no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and tongues, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, crying out with a loud voice: “Salvation belongs to our God who sits upon the throne, and to the Lamb!” And all the angels stood round the throne and round the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, saying, “Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God for ever and ever! Amen!”

CLOSING HYMN

“For All the Saints”
(#529 vs. 1,3,4,6)

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

“A Festal Procession”
(Gilbert Martin)

Preaching Pastor	Geoff Kohler
Assisting Pastor	Mofid Wasef
Director of Worship	Elizabeth Virkler
Director of Media	Luke Graham
Organist/Accompanist	Ronél Wishnuff
Audio	Riley McKenna
Slides	Jim Prutow
Streaming	Lee & Berdi Meehan
Ensemble	Chancel Choir
Worship Band	Joey Carano
	Pete Harrison
	Nathan Hubbard

To Give:

