



# WELCOME TO WORSHIP

SEPTEMBER 14, 2025

**PRELUDE** “Fanfare-Rondeau on ‘Victory’”  
(Brenda Portman)

**INTROIT** “Living Waters”  
(K. Getty)

## LIFE OF THE CHURCH

### CALL TO WORSHIP

One: As your rivers, O God, flow around us,

**People: we come to be washed by your grace.**

One: Your voice calls us to the water,

**People: and we immerse ourselves in your love.**

One: Your Word descends upon us,

**People: and you kindle in us the fire of your Spirit.**

One: You speak to us: “You are my Beloved, my own,

**People: and I am so delighted in you.”**

One: By your grace we receive your blessing,

we accept your claim upon us,

**People: and we worship you with awe and gratitude. Alleluia!**

**\*OPENING HYMN** “Gather Us In” (#649 vs. 1,2,3)

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

One: Gracious God, hear the confessions on our hearts today.

(moment for silent confession)

Together, let us pray:

**God, you are loving and merciful,  
slow to anger and quick to forgive.**

**We confess that we have not followed you with our whole hearts.**

**We have placed our faith in earthly comforts  
instead of trusting you.**

**We have coveted our neighbors’ possessions  
instead of working with them  
to help others in need.**

**Forgive our sins, Lord.**

**Open our hearts to the work of the Spirit  
so we may act with the same boldness**

as the early followers of Jesus.

**We pray this in the name of One  
who has prepared a dwelling place for us  
in the city of heaven. Amen.**

**MINISTRY OF MUSIC** “Oh, What a Beautiful City” (arr. Rollo Dilworth)

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

God, source of all light,

by your Word, you give light to the soul.

Pour out on us the Spirit of wisdom and understanding,

that our hearts and minds may be opened

to know your truth and your way.

Amen.

### SCRIPTURE LESSON

Acts 4:31-35 (Pew Bible pg. 1007)

### HYMN OF RESPONSE

“I Love to Tell the Story” (#560 vs. 1)

### MESSAGE

“An Economy of Friendship”  
Joseph Moore

**\*HYMN OF RESPONSE** “Blest Be the Tie that Binds” (#393 vs. 1,2,3)

**OFFERING & MUSICAL OFFERING** “Father, Let Your Kingdom Come”  
(Ben Cooper)

### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & LORD’S PRAYER

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...Lord, in your mercy; **Hear our prayer.**

### \*CLOSING SONG

“Because He Lives”

### \*BENEDICTION

### POSTLUDE

“Toccata no. 3: Duke Street”  
(Joel Raney)

\*Please stand if able

To Give:



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