



# WELCOME TO WORSHIP

JANUARY 14, 2024

**PRELUDE** "More Love to Thee, O Christ"  
(Hayes, arr. Wagner)

**INTROIT** "Sweet Refreshment"  
(Bob Moore)

## LIFE OF THE CHURCH

### CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: By God's Spirit we were baptized into one body,  
**All: and chosen by God for loving service to the world.**

Leader: Let us sing praises to God for making us partners in mission.  
**All: Let us worship God in wonder and joy!**

**OPENING SONG** "Only A Holy God"

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord, you call us into authentic relationship with you. Yet, we confess we prioritize other things that are not you. We choose possessions and appearances over meekness. We choose politics and being right over listening. We choose self-preservation and individualism over community engagement. We choose good works and actions over deepened faith. Have mercy on us and forgive us, O God. Help us stop searching for substitutes for you, but instead experience a life lead by you through humble service using our unique spiritual gifts. Amen.

**RESPONSE** "Yet Not I But Through Christ in Me"

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Spirit, open our hearts to the messages of hope you bring; open our ears to hear of your goodness; open our minds to the wisdom revealed in your holy word; open our hands to act as you instruct. In Jesus' name. Amen.

**SCRIPTURE LESSON** Galatians 5:22-23

**MESSAGE** From Change to Transformation:  
"Substitutes for Real"

**HYMN OF RESPONSE** "O God, Whose Spirit's Searching Call"

**OFFERING & MUSICAL OFFERING** "Every Time I Feel the Spirit"  
(William L. Dawson)

### PASTORAL PRAYER & THE LORD'S PRAYER

People of God, Jesus comes to bring God's mercy to all people. Therefore we are bold to sing our prayers To the one whose reign is justice, peace, and joy:  
(Choral Response)

We pray for those who are captive to violence, oppression, and sin. We pray for all who are hungry, sick, sorrowing, or afraid.  
(Choral Response)

We pray for everyone who longs for new beginnings. We pray for those who are seeking to find you and be restored in spiritual and earthly relationships.  
(Choral Response)

We pray for those in positions of power, for those who have more wealth and power than they realize, and for those whom we are called to serve.  
(Choral Response)

Restore us, O God. Let your kingdom come in this world, as we pray together the words Jesus taught his disciples:

**CLOSING HYMN** "Take My Life and Let It Be"

### BENEDICTION

**POSTLUDE** "Festive Trumpet Tune"  
(David German)

Preaching Pastor	<b>Geoff Kohler</b>
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Director of Media	<b>Luke Graham</b>
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Worship Band	<b>Joey Carano</b>
	<b>Pete Harrison</b>
	<b>Nathan Hubbard</b>
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To Give:

