



# WELCOME TO WORSHIP

AUGUST 3, 2025

## PRELUDE

“Strong Deliverer”  
(Phil Lehenbauer)

## CHORAL INTROIT

“From the Rising of the Sun” (Iona Community)

## LIFE OF THE CHURCH

### CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Gathered in from many lands,

**People: we come from east and west,  
from north and south.**

One: Some of us have wandered through deserts.

Some of us are hungry and thirsty.

**People: But the Holy One heard our pleas  
and has delivered us from our distress.**

One: So we come with prayers of thanksgiving,

**People: for God’s steadfast love endures forever.**

### \*SONG OF PRAISE

“As For Me and My House”

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy and merciful God,  
in your presence we confess  
our failure to be what you created us to be.  
You alone know how often we have sinned  
in wandering from your ways,  
in wasting your gifts,  
in forgetting your love.

Forgive us.

By the Spirit's loving mercy,

help us to live in your light

and abide in your ways,

for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior.

Amen.

### \*RESPONSE

“Gloria Patri” (#734)

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Faithful God, how blessed are those  
who hunger and thirst for righteousness.  
Sanctify us by your Word and Spirit  
so that we may glorify you  
in the company of the faithful;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### SCRIPTURE LESSON

Exodus 13:17–22 (Pew Bible pg. 64)

### SONG OF RESPONSE

“Firm Foundation (He Won’t)”

### MESSAGE

“When Waiting Feels Like Wandering”

### \*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Apostle’s Creed

### \*PASSING THE PEACE

### OFFERING & MUSICAL OFFERING

“The King of Love My Shepherd Is”  
(arr. Dan Forrest)

### SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

### PRAYER OF DEDICATION & THE LORD’S PRAYER

### COMMUNION MUSIC

“For Everyone Born”

### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Holy Spirit our Guide, you have filled us with your life.  
Christ our Savior, you have embraced us in your love.  
God our Parent, you have fed us with your grace.  
Now send us out into your beloved world  
to share your life, your love, and your grace with all.  
Blessing and honor and glory to you,  
holy, holy, holy Lord. Amen.

### \*CLOSING HYMN

“Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah” (#501 vs. 1-3)

### \*BENEDICTION

### POSTLUDE

“Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah”  
(Marilyn Thompson)