



# WELCOME TO WORSHIP

SEPTEMBER 17, 2023

## PRELUDE

“Two Glimpses of God”  
(B. Olstad)

## INTROIT

“Sweet Rivers of Mercy”  
(Sheldon Curry)

## LIFE OF THE CHURCH

### CALL TO WORSHIP

(look around at each other)

**All: We are God's family.**

## OPENING HYMN

“Welcome to Christ’s Family”

## INVITATION TO CONFESSION

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Father in heaven, we are your children; yet, we often fail to treat each other as loving family. We separate, isolate, and discriminate, sorting ourselves and others into factions. Whether we do this knowingly or unconsciously, we realize it is against your will. Forgive us. You invite us into one universal family under our Lord, Jesus Christ. Help us shed our conceptions of who we are, and who we want other people to be, so we might build community in your earthly kingdom. Amen.

## WORDS OF ASSURANCE

### SONG OF RESPONSE

“His Mercy is More”  
(Boswell/Papa arr. Wall)

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Holy Spirit, prepare our hearts to hear these words of scripture. Whether it be for the first time or fiftieth, unveil your truths in the way we each need to hear it today, so we might be forever changed, through Christ our Lord. Amen

## SCRIPTURE LESSON

Galatians 3:26-29

## MINISTRY OF MUSIC

“This is My Father’s World”  
(Arr. Elaine Hagenberg)

## MESSAGE

Living in Forgiveness:  
“Children of God”

## OFFERING

## MUSICAL OFFERING

“Child of Love”  
(Cash/Bergthold)

## PRAYERS OF GOD’S PEOPLE

## THE LORD’S PRAYER

## CLOSING MEDLEY

“And Can It Be”/“Amazing Love”

## PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

## BENEDICTION

## POSTLUDE

“Festive Postlude”  
(Denis Bedard)

Preaching Pastor  
Assisting Pastor  
Director of Worship  
Director of Media  
Director Emeritus  
Audio  
Slides and Lights  
Streaming  
Praise Team

**Geoff Kohler**  
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**Lee & Berdi Meehan**  
**Joey Carano**  
**Pete Harrison**  
**Nathan Hubbard**  
**Dorian Sailer**  
**Gary Williams**  
**Jennifer Williams**  
**Chancel Choir**  
**Vickie Bakki**

Ensemble  
Scripture Reader

TO GIVE:

