



WELCOME TO WORSHIP

SEPTEMBER 7, 2025

PRELUDE "My Hope is Built on Nothing Less"
(Gilbert M. Martin)

LIFE OF THE CHURCH

CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 146)
People's response: Praise the Lord, my soul!

***OPENING SONG** "As for Me and My House"

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious and loving God,
we acknowledge our shortcomings in faith and action.
We confess that we hold tight to our beliefs
but they do not always translate into action.
We have been quick to speak but slow to serve.
We have let opportunities to demonstrate Your love pass us by,
focusing instead on our comfort and convenience.
Forgive us.
Lord, help us to remember that true faith is both a gift and a calling.
Empower us by Your Spirit
to live out our beliefs with integrity and passion.
May our faith be alive, visible in our work and our love for others.
In the name of Jesus, who shows us the way, we pray. Amen.

MINISTRY OF MUSIC "Dona Nobis Pacem"
(arr. Hal Hopson)

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 James 2:14-26 (Pew Bible pg. 1119)

HYMN OF RESPONSE "When the Poor Ones" (#624 vs. 1, 2, 3)

SCRIPTURE Ephesians 2:1-10 (Pew Bible pg. 1079)

MESSAGE "The Two-Legged Gospel"
Guest Preacher: Rev. Dr. Bob Mentze

***COMMUNION HYMN** "For Everyone Born"

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (Adapted from the Confession of 1967)

***PASSING THE PEACE**

OFFERING & MUSICAL OFFERING "Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ"
(arr. Bradley Ellingboe)

SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

COMMUNION MUSIC "How Deep the Father's Love for Us"
(Stuart Townend)

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

God of glory, in this holy feast
you have made us one with Christ
and the communion of saints.
As you have nourished us
with the bread of life and cup of salvation,
may we go into the world
and put our faith into practice -
feeding to the hungry,
clothing to the naked,
and sheltering the poor;
all for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

***CLOSING SONG** "All My Boast is in Jesus"

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE "Festal Postlude" (Lee)

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To Give:

