



WELCOME TO WORSHIP

SEPTEMBER 15, 2024

PRELUDE

“Rigaudon”
(Andre Campral)

LIFE OF THE CHURCH

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance,

All: that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.

Leader: Though the strong wind of judgment blows, all is not ended. God will renew stubborn hearts and soften stiff necks,

All: for Jesus welcomed sinners and ate with them,

Leader: so we boldly come to make an offering of worship to the God of mercy, who seeks and saves the lost.

All: Let us rejoice in the grace of our Lord!

*OPENING SONGS

“Praise”
“Only A Holy God”

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Create in us clean hearts, O God, cast out any transgression you find there— ransack, renovate, redecorate! Remove fearful features and restore your original design in us. The old lamps are dim; bring new light into the darkness. Make your dwelling place deep in our hearts, and teach us wisdom, so we may rejoice with our whole being. Amen.

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

“Grant Us Thy Peace”
(Felix Mendelssohn)

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

Titus 3:3-8 (Pew Bible pg. 1105)

MESSAGE

How Come I’m Stuck with This?
“Why Am I Stuck Being Good When It’s so Hard?”

*HYMN OF RESPONSE

“Grace Greater than Our Sin” (#353 vs. 1-3)

OFFERING & MUSICAL OFFERING

“Jesus Your Mercy”
(Kauflin, Kauflin, Stiff)

PRAYERS OF GOD’S PEOPLE

(On Screens)

Leader: God weeps

at love withheld,
at strengths misused,
at children's innocence abused,

**All: and till we change the way we love,
God weeps.**

Leader: God bleeds

at anger's fist,
at trust betrayed,
at women battered and afraid,

**All: and till we change the way we win,
God bleeds.**

Leader: God cries

at hungry mouths.
at running sores,
at creatures dying without cause,

**All: and till we change the way we care,
God cries,**

Leader: God waits

for stones to melt,
for peace to seed,
for hearts to hold each other's need,

**All: and till we understand the Christ,
God waits.**

(Shirley Erena Murray)

THE LORD’S PRAYER

*CLOSING SONG

“God of Freedom, God of Justice”

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

“Regent’s Square”
(Robert A. Hobby)