



WELCOME TO WORSHIP

NOVEMBER 19, 2023

PRELUDE "A Festival Prelude" (Alfred Reed)

INTROIT "A Jubilant Song" (Mary Lynn Lightfoot)

LIFE OF THE CHURCH

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: All that have life and breath, praise the Lord! Shout to the Lord, Hallelujah!

All: Hallelujah!

Leader: Come before Him with thanksgiving, and extol Him with music and song.

All: Shout to the Lord, Hallelujah!

Leader: For our Lord is great, worthy of all honor and glory.

All: Shout to the Lord, Hallelujah!

Leader: Thanks be to the God, the giver and sustainer of all things.

All: Shout to the Lord, Hallelujah!

OPENING HYMN "Let All Things Now Living" (#22, vs. 1,2)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Perfectly Wise God, we confess our fascination with "being good;" however, being good is merely scratching the surface of what it means to be a Christian. This misjudgment causes us to classify people into "us and them," "the right and the wrong," instead of engaging with others and striving to make your kingdom come here and now on earth. Forgive us and help us understand what true Christian fellowship entails. May we continue to seek your will through the guidance of the Holy Spirit as we continually uncover your will for our lives and for this Christian community. We pray in the name of Jesus. Amen.

HYMN OF RESPONSE "Now Thank We All Our God" (#14, vs. 1,2,3)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Eternal God, your Spirit inspired those who wrote the Bible and enlightens us to hear your Word fresh each day. Help us to rely always on your promises in Scripture. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Ephesians 1:13-14

MESSAGE

Why We Are Christians: "Inclusive"

HYMN OF RESPONSE

"God of All Time" (words: #394 vs. 1-4)

OFFERING

MUSICAL OFFERING

"Bless This House" (Joseph Martin)

THANKSGIVING PRAYER

In Unison

We take joy, great God, lover of our souls, because you provide care for us. We take joy in your Word. We take joy that we learn, we grow, we discover and we explore. We take joy in the responses of our hearts to the strength and goodness of your Word. We take joy in your Son, the Word made flesh, who came and took the time to learn. We take joy that he learned the world, he learned the people, he learned the nature of life and he learned the Book. We take joy that you taught him stories about you and us, so that we could better understand you, and learn to care for each other. We take joy that the responses of our hearts to your Word, shape us, restore us, and transform us to become better co-laborers alongside you. We praise your name, O God, who delights in us. Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

CLOSING HYMN

"Come, Ye Thankful People, Come" (#721 vs. 1-4)

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

"Toccata for a Joyful Day"
(Emma Lou Diemer)

Preaching Pastor
Assisting Pastor
Director of Worship
Director of Media
Organist/Accompanist
Audio
Scripture Reader
Ensembles

Geoff Kohler
Mofid Wasef
Elizabeth Virkler
Luke Graham
Ronél Wishnuff
Riley McKenna
Kristine Martin
Chancel Choir
Grace Notes
Sanctuary Orchestra

To Give:

