



WELCOME TO WORSHIP

OCTOBER 5, 2025

PRELUDE

“Variations on Kum Ba Ya”
(John A. Benke)

CHORAL INTROIT

“Amen Siakudumisa”
(S.C. Molefe, arr. LaBarr)

LIFE OF THE CHURCH

*CALL TO WORSHIP

All: People will come from east and west,
from north and south,
and will eat in the kingdom of God.
Thanks be to God for welcoming us to the table.

*OPENING SONG

“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy and Gracious God,
you are our heavenly parent,
perfectly wise and wholly loving.
Even though we are prone to wander,
you call us, "Children,"
and welcome us back with open arms.
Forgive us when we turn away
and bring us back to your side.
Through the Spirit,
help us make a place for all who have wandered
to be welcomed, served, and celebrated.
In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

*RESPONSE

“Gloria Patri” (#734)

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

“I’m So Blessed” (Cain/Johnson/Matz/Smith/West)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Holy Spirit,
open our hearts and minds
to the lessons taught by our Savior, Jesus Christ.
Give us fresh ears to hear these parables
so we may gain understanding
and act in your way, not our own.

We pray in the name of our Triune God,
Creator, Savior and Advocate. Amen.

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Luke 15:11-32 (Pew Bible pg. 965)

MESSAGE

Parables of Jesus:
“The Prodigal Son”

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

From “A Brief Statement of Faith” (On Screens)

*PASSING THE PEACE

OFFERING & MUSICAL OFFERING

“Come Let Us Return to the Lord”

HOLY COMMUNION

PRAYER OF DEDICATION & LORD’S PRAYER

COMMUNION HYMN

“For Everyone Born”

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

God of every nation,
every tribe and tongue,
thank you for receiving us at your table.
As we have been welcomed and fed,
let us now go
and invite others to your banquet.
With the Spirit's guidance,
help us make space in our hearts
and in our church
for all who seek to know Jesus.
We pray in Christ's name. Amen.

*CLOSING HYMN

“For the Healing of the Nations”

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

“Someone’s Singing Lord” (John A. Benke)

*Please stand if able

To Give:

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camera view is available—ask usher for assistance.

