



WELCOME TO WORSHIP

SEPTEMBER 8, 2024

PRELUDE "A Gospel Prelude" (Charles Callahan)

INTROIT "Praise Ye the Lord" (Psalm 150)

LIFE OF THE CHURCH

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Come, all you who are thirsty. Come to the living waters.

All: We come to drink freely and be refreshed.

Leader: Come, all who are hungry. Come be fed by the words of life.

All: We come to feast on the wisdom of God.

Leader: Come, all who are downtrodden. Be comforted in the presence of Spirit.

All: We come to find solace from our day to day struggles.

Leader: Come, all who are anxious. Put your trust in the Lord to guide you.

All: We come to unload our burdens and discover hope.

Leader: Come, all who seek. The Lord is here.

All: We come to build our relationship with you, the one who was, and is, and is to come.

***OPENING HYMN** "God is Here" (#1 vs. 1,3,4)

RESPONSIVE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Leader: Out of the depths we cry to God, in our sin and in our pain.

Therefore, we pray together;

For the mending of our hearts, torn apart by our unkindness;

All: Lord, help us and heal us

Leader: For the healing of our souls, wasting away from the despair around us;

All: Lord, help us and heal us

Leader: For the forgiveness we seek for the sin we have allowed to persist;

All: Lord, help us and heal us

Leader: For the reconciliation of the world, whose division condemns us;

All: Lord, help us and heal us.

Leader: For our personal confessions. (Moment of silence) We pray...

All: ..for the courage to admit our fault, the strength to amend our actions, and the hope that your grace awaits us. In the name of Jesus; Amen.

***SONG OF RESPONSE** "Gloria Patri" (#733)

MINISTRY OF MUSIC "Sing to the Lord" (Alice Parker)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Wisdom of the Ages, we come wanting to hear your voice of truth which is too often drowned out by worldly noise. We are listening, speak to us now. Fill our hearts with a love of your word so that our lives may model your ways and will. Amen.

SCRIPTURE LESSON Titus 2:11-15 (Pew Bible pg. 1105)

MESSAGE How Come I'm Stuck with This?
"Why Am I Stuck Navigating All This Tension?"

***HYMN OF RESPONSE** "I Surrender All" (#474 vs. 1-3)

OFFERING & MUSICAL OFFERING "Amazing Love! How Can it Be"
(Mary McDonald)

***DOXOLOGY** (#34)

PRAYERS OF GOD'S PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER

1. I am experiencing these tensions in my life:
2. I feel stuck in these areas, Lord:
3. Ways I will release this tension and anxiety to you, Lord:

***CLOSING HYMN** "God of Grace and God of Glory" (#569 vs. 1-4)

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE "God of Grace and God of Glory" (Joel Raney)

Transitional Pastor	Geoff Kohler	*Please stand if able
Associate Pastor	Mofid Wasef	
Director of Worship	Elizabeth Virkler	
Director of Media	Luke Graham	
Organist/Accompanist	Ronél Wishnuff	
Director Emeritus	Chris Cook	
Tech	Riley McKenna	
	Greg Kritzer	
	Keith Sherwood	
	Jerry Carlton	
Scripture Reader	Irene Dunny	To Give:
Ensemble	Chancel Choir	

