



WELCOME TO WORSHIP

MARCH 12, 2023

PRELUDE

"Old Rugged Cross"
arr. Christopher Schwinger

OPENING SONG

"God So Loved"
Bergthold/Cash

LIFE OF THE CHURCH

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Lift praises to the name of our God; bless God's name forever!

All: How great is our God!

Leader: From generation to generation we will sing your praises and speak of your goodness!

All: Great is our God and worthy of praise!

Leader: God, you are just and kind in all your doings!

All: Great is our God and worthy of praise!

Leader: God, you watch over us in love and hear the desperate cries of those who call to you!

All: How great is our God! How great is our God! Bless God's name forever!

OPENING HYMN

"Great is the Lord"
(#50, vs. 1-2)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God, you are a mighty stronghold, a shelter from the storms of life. We confess our need for saving grace as we struggle against temptation. We place our hope in earthly powers, in boastful people and deceitful institutions. Our pride blinds us to the falsehoods of pretend prophets who speak in harmful rhetoric that distracts us from Gospel truths. Forgive us and free us, Lord. Help us place our trust in You, Creator, Incarnate Word and Spirit, so we may flourish and share your fruitfulness with the world. Amen.

RESPONSE

"Doxology"

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

"Beneath the Cross of Jesus"
Getty, arr. Sterling

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Unfailing One, your scripture is a lamp unto our feet and light unto our path. As we listen to the psalmist's words, help us connect these ancient texts with our daily living, trusting in their steadfast nature as Spirit-breathed authority. In Christ's name we pray; Amen.

SCRIPTURE

Psalm 52

MESSAGE

Songs that Jesus Sang:
"Like a Flourishing Olive Tree"

OFFERING & MUSICAL OFFERING

"Firm Foundation (He Won't)"
Carnes, arr. Galbraith

PRAYERS OF GOD'S PEOPLE

LORD'S PRAYER (SUNG)

#740

CLOSING HYMN

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

UNISON PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Thank you, Lord, for drawing your people together in worship today. May the songs we sang, the scripture we read, and the message we heard continue to resound in our hearts as we depart. Guide us as we go into the world like flourishing olive trees, trusting in your unfailing love and praising you in all we accomplish. Amen.

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

"I Have Decided to Follow Jesus"
Emma Lou Diemer

Preaching Pastor	Geoff Kohler
Assisting Pastor	Mofid Wasef
Director of Worship	Elizabeth Virkler
Director of Media	Luke Graham
Organist/Accompanist	Ronél Wishnuff
Sound technician	Riley McKenna
Vocalists	Gary Williams
	Scott Wood
Ensembles	Chancel Choir
	Sanctuary Orchestra
Scripture Reader	Matt Brooks

TO GIVE:

