



# WELCOME TO WORSHIP

NOVEMBER 12, 2023

## PRELUDE

“Blest Are They”  
(Charles L. Lenz)

## INTROIT

“Oh, How Good It Is”  
(Getty/Getty/Holmes/Townend)

## LIFE OF THE CHURCH

### CALL TO WORSHIP

All: How wonderful, how beautiful,  
when brothers and sisters get along!  
It’s like costly anointing oil  
flowing down head and beard,  
Flowing down Aaron’s beard,  
flowing down the collar of his priestly robes.  
It’s like the dew on Mount Hermon  
flowing down the slopes of Zion.  
Yes, that’s where God commands the blessing,  
ordains eternal life.

## OPENING SONG

“Praise to the Lord (Joyful Joyful)”

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful Lord, hear our prayers of confession today, Through Christ, God unified all people, dispelling the divisions of Jew or Gentile. Through God, we have a chosen family, yet we continually choose to divide and disperse. Separatism is trendier than unification, and common ground is far from common. Forgive our tendencies to distance ourselves from others. Remind us of our purpose, as we continue to place our hope in Jesus Christ, the great uniter. Amen.

## MINISTRY OF MUSIC

“Psalm 150”  
(Louis Lewandowski)

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

God, whom we know through the scriptures and creation, speak to us today. Show us the wisdom and joy of your ways that we may know what is good and do what is right, through Jesus Christ your Word. Amen.

## SCRIPTURE LESSON

Ephesians 1:8b-12

## MESSAGE

Why We are Christians:  
“Unity”

## HYMN OF RESPONSE

“Blest Be the Tie that Binds”  
(#393, vs. 1-4)

## OFFERING

## MUSICAL OFFERING

“Bigger Table”  
(Maher/Sooter/Fowler)

## PRAYERS OF GOD’S PEOPLE & LORD’S PRAYER

## CLOSING HYMN

“Glorious Things of Thee are Spoken”  
(#598 vs. 1,2,4)

## BENEDICTION

## POSTLUDE

“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”  
(Emma Lou Diemer)

Preaching Pastor	<b>Geoff Kohler</b>
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To Give:

