



WELCOME TO WORSHIP

AUGUST 17, 2025

PRELUDE

“O Worship The King”
(Phil Lehenbauer)

LIFE OF THE CHURCH

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: What a beautiful thing, God, to give thanks,
to sing an anthem to you, the High God!

**People: To announce your love each daybreak,
sing your faithful presence all through the night,**

One: Accompanied by dulcimer and harp,
the full-bodied music of strings.

**People: You made me so happy, God.
I saw your work and I shouted for joy.**

One: How magnificent your work, God!

People: How profound your thoughts!

From Psalm 92

*OPENING HYMN

“For the Beauty of the Earth” (#40 vs. 1-4)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God,
we confess that we have wandered
from your way of truth and life.
You call us to share all that we have
and work together for the common good,
but we hoard up treasures for ourselves
and deny others their daily bread.
You call us to set the captives free
and seek justice for the oppressed,
but we live in fear of our neighbors
and hide ourselves from our own kin.
You call us to walk in newness of life
and to be witnesses to the resurrection,
but we dwell in the valley of dry bones
and keep silent about your saving love.

Forgive us, God of grace.
Through the Spirit,
set us free from sin, death and fear
so that we may serve you with gladness;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SONG OF RESPONSE

“Lord, I Need You”

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Faithful God, how blessed are those
who hunger and thirst for righteousness.
Sanctify us by your Word and Spirit
so that we may glorify you
in the company of the faithful;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Matthew 25:31-46 (Pew Bible pg. 916)

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

“Boots and Gloves” (David Lamotte)

MESSAGE

“Who Are the Least of Us?”

Welcome Raul Palomino, Director of New Day Urban Ministries

*HYMN OF RESPONSE

“When the Poor Ones” (#624)

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Adapted from Confession of 1967

*PASSING THE PEACE

OFFERING

MUSICAL OFFERING

“He Is Among Us (The Least of These)”
(Potter’s Gate)

PRAYER OF GOD’S PEOPLE & THE LORD’S PRAYER

Lord, in your mercy... **hear our prayer**

*CLOSING SONG

“Facing A Task Unfinished”

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

“Trumpet Tune” (Jeff Perks)