



WELCOME TO WORSHIP

OCTOBER 15, 2023

PRELUDE "I've got Peace like a River"
(Mark Hayes)

INTROIT "Sweet Rivers of Mercy"
(Sheldon Curry)

LIFE OF THE CHURCH

CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 108)

Leader: I'm ready, God, so ready, ready from head to toe. Ready to sing, ready to raise a God-song:

All: "Wake, soul! Wake, lute! Wake up, you sleepyhead sun!"

Leader: I'm thanking you, God, out in the streets, singing your praises in town and country.

All: The deeper your love, the higher it goes; every cloud's a flag to your faithfulness.

Leader: Soar high in the skies, O God!

All: Cover the whole earth with your glory!

OPENING HYMN "Come, Let Us Praise the Lord"
(#9 vs. 1-4)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Attentive Lord, every week in worship we pray for you to forgive our sins as we forgive those who have sinned against us. We confess that if your mercy relied on our aptitude for forgiveness, we would never experience redemption. We are slow to forgive. We hold grudges that strain our relationships and darken our souls. We hold others to harsher standards than we hold ourselves. We expect people to bend to our wills instead of understanding their points of view. Help us be more like you, Lord. We are thankful that your mercy is not earned but freely given to those who believe in Jesus Christ, our Lord, in whose name we pray. Amen.

MUSICAL RESPONSE "Gloria Patri"

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Holy Spirit, ready our hearts to understand the words of truth we hear today. Help your message sink deep into our souls so we might understand your will and live it out as we go into the world. Amen.

SCRIPTURE LESSON Galatians 5:19-26

MINISTRY OF MUSIC "Set Me as a Seal"
(Rene Clausen)

MESSAGE "Living in Forgiveness"

HYMN OF RESPONSE "O God in Whom All Life Begins"
(words: #388 vs. 1-3)

OFFERING & MUSICAL OFFERING "Gather at the River"
(Susan LaBarr)

PRAYERS OF GOD'S PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER Music by Albert Malotte
(#740)

CLOSING HYMN "Help Us Accept Each Other"
(words: #594 vs. 1-4)

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE "Toccata" from "Suite on Aurelia"
(Robert A. Hobby)

Preaching Pastor **Geoff Kohler**
 Assisting Pastor **Mofid Wasef**
 Director of Worship **Elizabeth Virkler**
 Director of Media **Luke Graham**
 Organist/Accompanist **Ronél Wishnuff**
 Audio **Riley McKenna**
 Lights/Slides **Elmer & Paul Vires**
 Ensembles **Chancel Choir**
 Grace Notes **Grace Notes**
 Scripture Reader **Deborah Kelly**

To Give:

