

“You have made us for yourself,
and our hearts are restless,
O Lord, until they find rest in you.”
– ST. AUGUSTINE

May 18, 2025

WE GATHER IN HIS PRESENCE

GATHERING MUSIC Allison Thorp

“We Have Come Into His House”

Bruce Ballinger

We have come into his house,
And gathered in his name to worship him.
We have come into his house,
And gathered in this name to worship him.
We have come into his house,
And gathered in his name to worship Christ the Lord.
Worship him, Christ the Lord.

So forget about yourself,
And concentrate on him, and worship him.
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And concentrate on him, and worship him.
So forget about yourself,
And concentrate on him, and worship Christ the Lord.
Worship him, Christ the Lord.

“Step by Step”

David Strasser

O God, you are my God,
And I will ever praise you.
O God, you are my God,
And I will ever praise you.
I will seek you in the morning,
And I will learn to walk in your ways.
And step by step you'll lead me,
And I will follow you all of my days.
(x2)

“Lead Me, Guide Me”

Doris Akers

Lead me, guide me, along the way,
For if you lead me, I cannot stray.
Lord, let me walk each day with thee.
Lead me, O Lord, lead me.
(x3)

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome New Member—Janet Kownacki

CHIMING THE TRINITY

PRELUDE “Prelude in Classic Style” Gordon Young
Diane Combs

***CALL TO WORSHIP, responsive from Psalm 113**
Praise the Lord, you his servants, praise the Lord!
We praise the name of the Lord, both now and forever.
From the rising of the sun to the place where it sets,
the name of the Lord is to be praised.
The Lord is exalted over all the nations.
Who is like the Lord enthroned on high,
who stoops down to look on the heavens and earth?


- Ten Cents A Meal - Daily Change Offering -

***OPENING HYMN “When Morning Gilds the Skies” #667**

1. When morning gilds the skies, my heart awaking cries:
may Jesus Christ be praised!
Alike at work and prayer to Jesus I repair:
may Jesus Christ be praised!

2. Does sadness fill my mind? A solace here I find:
may Jesus Christ be praised!
Or fades my earthly bliss? My comfort still is this:
may Jesus Christ be praised!

3. Let earth’s wide circle round in joyful notes resound:
may Jesus Christ be praised!
Let air and sea and sky from depth to height reply:
may Jesus Christ be praised!

4. Be this, while life is mine, my canticle divine:
may Jesus Christ be praised!
Let this the eternal song through all the ages long:
may Jesus Christ be praised!

***PRAYER OF ADORATION**

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION
Merciful God, forgive us for trying to satisfy our longings
through everything under the sun. We fail to grasp that true con-
tentment and a meaningful purpose in life is only found in you.
Forgive us, O Lord, and teach us anew through the power of the
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.

:: A MOMENT OF SILENT CONFESSION ::

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

***GLORIA PATRI**
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,
And to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,
World without end. Amen.

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH, Westminster Catechism Q.18**

What are God’s works of providence?

God’s works of providence are his most holy, wise, and
powerful preserving, and governing all his creatures;
ordering them, and all their actions, to his own glory.

:: PASSING THE PEACE ::

And now, as people who are loved and forgiven by the grace of God,
we pass the peace of Christ, remembering God’s command to love
and forgive one another.

WE LISTEN TO GOD’S WORD

ANTHEM “Set Me As A Seal” Rene Clausen
Sanctuary Choir

FIRST SCRIPTURE Romans 1:18-23 Sarah Cifani
SECOND SCRIPTURE Ecclesiastes 3

SERMON “A Meaningful Life”
Rev. Holly K. Davis

:: PRAYERS of the PEOPLE ::

THE LORD’S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy name. Thy
kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts,
as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil: For Thine is the kingdom, and the
power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

HYMN OF RESPONSE (seated)
“Take My Life” #697 vs. 1-4,6

1. Take my life and let it be
consecrated, Lord, to thee;
take my moments and my days;
let them flow in ceaseless praise;
let them flow in ceaseless praise.



2. Take my hands and let them move
at the impulse of thy love;
take my feet and let them be
swift and beautiful for thee,
swift and beautiful for thee.

3. Take my voice and let me sing
always, only, for my King;
take my lips and let them be
filled with messages from thee,
filled with messages from thee.

4. Take my silver and my gold;
not a mite would I withhold;
take my intellect and use
every power as thou shalt choose,
every power as thou shalt choose.

6. Take my love; my Lord, I pour
at thy feet its treasure store;
take myself I will be
ever, only, all for thee,
ever, only, all for thee.

GOD'S TITHES & OUR OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY "All the Way My Savior Leads Me"
Diane Combs arr. Edwin Childs

***DOXOLOGY**
Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Amen.


***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

***CLOSING HYMN**
"Our God, Our Help in Ages Past" #687 vs. 1-4,6

1. Our God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,
our shelter from the stormy blast,
and our eternal home:

2. Beneath the shadow of thy throne
thy saints have dwelt secure;
sufficient is thine arm alone,
and our defense is sure.

3. Before the hills in order stood,
or earth received its frame,
from everlasting thou art God,
to endless years the same.



4. A thousand ages in thy sight
are like an evening gone,
short as the watch that ends the night
before the rising sun.

6. Our God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,
be thou our guard while life shall last,
and our eternal home.

***BENEDICTION**

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**


"O Christ, Surround Me" #543 Richard Colligan
God, be the love to search and keep me;
God, be the prayer to move my voice;
God, be the strength to now uphold me;
O Christ, surround me. O Christ, surround me.

Christ in the eyes of all who see me;
Christ in the ears that hear my voice;
Christ in the hearts of all who know me:
O Christ, surround me. O Christ, surround me.

***POSTLUDE** "You Shall Go Out With Joy" Douglas Wagner
Diane Combs
* Please stand as you are able for these portions of the service.

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FAITHFULNESS





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