



Welcome to Worship



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Creatively sharing Christ's love; we welcome, we serve, we grow.

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PRELUDE

Ariana Recher

WELCOME

Pastor Kelly

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Nancy MacMorris-Adix, Worship Assistant

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Jackie Hilfiker, Table of Plenty

SONG

While We Are Waiting, Come

LIGHTING OF THE WREATH

Linda Miller, Susan Ray, Mary Snethen

*SONG

My Soul Magnifies

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

*SONG

Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus

Hymnal #82

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, we are weary.

For weary bodies that ache and cry out, we pray:

Forgive us for pushing ourselves too hard.

Remind us that we deserve Sabbath rest.

For weary minds that feel overwhelmed and saturated with news, we pray:

Forgive us for creating so many distractions.

Remind us that in the quiet, we can hear you.

For weary hearts that long to feel the joy of this season, we pray:

Forgive us for being impatient with ourselves.

Remind us that healing takes time, and that joy and grief can coexist.

For the weary edges of our faith that struggle to hold onto hope,

Forgive us. Remind us of Zechariah and Elizabeth.

Remind us that your good news knows no bounds. Amen.

TIME OF SILENCE

ASSURANCE (SUNG)

Grace of God Be With Us

SPECIAL MUSIC

Chancel Choir

SCRIPTURE

Jeremiah 33:10-11, 14-18

Worship Assistant

SERMON

Pastor Kelly

SONG

Emmanuel

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

COMMUNAL PRAYER

**We believe in a God who hears our prayers,
Who knows the shape and form of our weariness.
We believe in a God who wants joy and delight for us,
Not just survival and existence.
We believe in a God who looks ahead,
Who is not done dreaming for the world—
A God who sends hope in the form of people and change,
Movement and Spirit.
And so we return to this space.
We bring our joy and our weariness
Like two sides of the same coin,
And we trust that God is already at work.
Yes, we believe in a God who hears our prayers.
Thanks be to God for a love like that.
Amen.**

OFFERING

*DOXOLOGY

Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me

Worship Assistant

Hymnal #582

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Worship Assistant

*SONG

Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates

Hymnal #93

*BENEDICTION

Pastor Kelly

*BLESSING

Christ, Be Our Light

POSTLUDE

Ariana Recher

*Stand as you are able

Prayers by Rev. Sarah (Are) Speed | A Sanctified Art LLC | sanctifiedart.org

Staffed nursery is available for children under three years of age. Ask an usher or greeter for directions.

Today's sanctuary flowers are provided by Susan Tanabe in honor of her daughter Rie's birthday. Happy birthday, Rie!

Teal colored attendance pads are at the center aisle of your row. Please fill it out and pass it down the row, returning it to the center when done. Leave completed sheets on your seat as you leave.