

ENTER INTO GOD’S PRESENCE

WELCOME

Assisted listening devices are available in the sound booth.

PRELUDE

I Will Rise Music by Joel Raney Youth Ringers

† PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

† indicates the congregation should stand

God makes peace within us; let us claim it. God makes peace between us; let us share it. Let us greet one another as a sign of God’s peace.

L: The peace of Christ is here among us.
P: Thanks be to God.

† CALL TO WORSHIP

L: We come seeking Jesus, the Light of the world!
P: Shine in our hearts Lord Jesus!
L: We believe in the strength of God to illuminate dark places.
P: The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness shall not overcome it.
L: Lord, in this hour of worship, kindle in us the light of Your love.
P: Let Your light shine through us, now and forever.

† PROCESSIONAL HYMN 89

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee HYMN TO JOY

† PRAYER

Jesus, light of the world, we welcome You here today. Open our eyes to see You, that we might worship and adore You. Amen.

ANTHEM

Fly Away Home Music by Pepper Choplin

LISTEN TO GOD’S WORD

SERMON

Shaped by Community, We Are Pastor Meshach Kanyion
Choose Light, We Must Regan Smither

RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY

OFFERTORY

The Light of the World Is Jesus Arr. Joe Galyon

† DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow; praise Him, all creatures here below; praise Him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

HOLY COMMUNION

† INVITATION

Christ our Lord invites to His table all who love Him, who earnestly repent of their sin and seek to live in peace with one another. Therefore, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

† CONFESSION AND PARDON

Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved You with our whole heart. We have failed to be an obedient church. We have not done Your will, we have broken Your law, we have rebelled against Your love, we have not loved our neighbors, and we have not heard the cry of the needy. Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

All pray in silence

L: Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that proves God’s love toward us. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!
P: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven! Glory to God. Amen.

† THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

L: The Lord be with you.
P: And also with you.

L: Lift up your hearts.
P: We lift them up to the Lord.

L: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
P: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to You, Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth. ... And so, with Your people on earth and all the company of heaven we praise Your name and join their unending hymn:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might.
Hea-ven and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san-na in the high-est.
Bless-ed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high-est.

Congregation is seated

Holy are You and blessed is Your Son Jesus Christ. ... And so, in remembrance of these Your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ’s offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died, Christ is ri - sen, Christ will come a - gain!

Pour out Your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and wine. ...Through Your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in Your holy Church, all honor and glory is Yours, almighty Father, now and forever.

A - men, A - men, A - - - men!

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 trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

SHARING THE BREAD AND CUP

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Eternal God, we give You thanks for this holy mystery, in which You have given Yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of Your Spirit to give ourselves for others, in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

GO FORTH WITH GOD’S BLESSING

† RECESSIONAL HYMN 206

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light HOUSTON

† BENEDICTION

† POSTLUDE

A Time for New Beginnings Music by Lani Smith

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IN WORSHIP TODAY

ALTAR FLOWERS

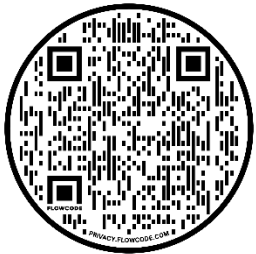
Today’s altar flowers are given by Nora Moushey in memory of Margaret Jane and Henry Eyre, my wonderful parents.

WORSHIP LEADERS

Rev. Meshach Kanyion, *Senior Pastor*
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Youth Ringers, Youth Choir, *Musicians*
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to
Worship

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