

*Responding to God's love and grace, we WORSHIP with joy, NURTURE with faith, and SERVE others with love.*

OPENING VOLUNTARY

“Arioso”

J. S. Bach

Edwin Walker, Pianist

LIFE OF THE CHURCH

CALL TO WORSHIP | *Responsively*

God who gathers us together across miles and distance,

**weave us into holy community as we sing, pray, and give thanks.**

God who enlivens the stories of scripture,

**bring the words of our ancestors to life and help us hear them anew.**

God who emboldened the daughters of Zelophehad,

**give us the courage to envision and work toward your kingdom on earth.**

HYMN OF ASSURANCE | “Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above”

*Glory to God 645*

1. Sing praise to God who reigns above,  
the God of all creation,  
the God of power, the God of love,  
the God of our salvation.  
With healing balm my soul is filled,  
and every faithless murmur stilled:  
to God all praise and glory!

2. What God's almighty power has made  
God's gracious mercy keepeth;  
By morning glow or evening shade  
God's watchful eye ne'er sleepeth.  
Within the kingdom of God's might,  
lo! all is just and all is right:  
to God all praise and glory!

3. The Lord is never far away.  
but, through all grief distressing,  
An ever-present help and stay,  
our peace and joy and blessing,  
as with a mother's tender hand  
God gently leads the chosen band:  
to God all praise and glory!

4. Thus all my toilsome way along  
I sing aloud thy praises,  
that all may hear the grateful song  
my voice unwearied raises.  
Be joyful in the Lord, my heart;  
both soul and body, take your part:  
to God all praise and glory!

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION | *Unison*

*Written by Sudie Niesen Thompson*

**Holy God,**

**you send us to proclaim the good news of your kingdom**

**to all who are lost, all who are afflicted,**

**all who are captive, all who have been cast out.**

**But we are content to proclaim the in-breaking of your kingdom**

**within familiar communities where we know others will receive**

**this news with nods of agreement.**

**Push us beyond what is comfortable and safe,**

**and strengthen us for lives of compassionate service,**

**that we might be the laborers you call us to be.**

**Amen.**

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS | *Responsively*

The God who challenges us is also the God who encourages us.

The God who confronts us is also the God who accepts us.

Be assured that God is with us even now, accepting, guiding, and forgiving.

**Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Amen.**

PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

TIME FOR CHILDREN

Pastor Rosy

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Romans 5: 1-8

(NRSV N. T. Pg. 155)

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Numbers 27: 1-11

(NRSV O.T. Pgs. 146-147)

SERMON

Pastor Rosy Robson

HYMN OF RECONCILIATION | “Together We Serve”

*Glory to God 767*

1. Together we serve, united by love,  
inviting God’s world to the glorious feast.  
We work and we pray through sorrow and joy,  
extending God’s love to the last and the least.

3. We welcome the scarred, the wealthy, the poor,  
the busy, the lonely, and all who need care.  
We offer a home to those who will come,  
our hands quick to help, our hearts ready to dare.

2. We seek to become a beacon of hope,  
a lamp for the heart and a light for the feet.  
We learn, year by year, to let love shine through  
until we see Christ in each person we meet.

4. Together, by grace, we witness and work,  
remembering Jesus, in whom we grow strong.  
Together we serve in Spirit and truth,  
remembering love is the strength of our song.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH | *Unison*

From *The Confession* 1967

**God has endowed people with capacities to make the world  
serve God’s needs and to enjoy its good things.**

**Life is a gift to be received with gratitude  
and a task to be pursued with courage.**

**People are free to seek their lives within the purpose of God:**

**to develop and protect the resources of nature for the common welfare,  
to work for justice and peace in society, and in other ways  
to use their creative powers for the fulfillment of human life.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD’S PRAYER | *Glory to God Pg. 35*

CALL FOR OFFERING

OFFERTORY

“How Beautiful”  
Lauren Carter, Soprano

Twila Paris

BENEDICTION

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”  
Edwin Walker, Pianist

Ann Krentz Organ