

Order of Worship

We are caring believers who grow, share, and live out our faith in Christ.

November 26, 2023

10:00 A.M.

PRELUDE "Worthy Is the Lamb" Darlene Zscech
Amy Duran, piano

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Our Approach to God

CHORAL INTROIT

OPENING PSALM "I'm Home" arr. Grant Wall
Nate Giordano, guitar Psalm 84

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: O come, let us sing to the Lord; let us make a joyful noise to the Rock of our salvation!

People: Let us come into His presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to Him with songs of praise!

Leader: For the Lord is a great God, and a great King above all gods.

People: In His hand are the depths of the earth; the heights of the mountains are His also.

Leader: The sea is His, for He made it, and the dry land, which His hands have formed.

People: O come, let us worship and bow down, let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker! For He is our God, and we are the people of His pasture, and the sheep of His hand.

*HYMN "Alleluia! Sing to Jesus" #377

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God, we hold ourselves in a bit higher esteem than we ought. Yes, we're made in Your image. And yes, we humans have stunning qualities, each in our own way. And sometimes those facts blind us to the idea that, still, we aren't wise enough to govern our own lives. We want to control who we are and what we do. But it's only You that has the capacity to do that. And so, we pray for enough wisdom to at least place our lives under Your control, O Jesus our Great King. Amen.

HEARING OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

LIVING THANKFULLY AS FORGIVEN PEOPLE

CHANCEL CHOIR "Songs of Thanksgiving" Chuck Bridwell

The Word of God

GREETING EACH OTHER IN THE NAME OF CHRIST

*HYMN "Jesus Shall Reign" #375

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE Ephesians 1:15-23 p. 192 (NT)

SERMON "Giving Thanks to the King" Pastor Sayer

PRAYER FOR BLESSING ON THE WORD

Our Response to God

OFFERING

*DOXOLOGY #815

JOYS, THANKS AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION

THE GENERAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

*HYMN "Rejoice, the Lord Is King" #370

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE "Lord of the Dance" arr. Joel Raney
Amy Duran, piano

***Please stand if you are able.**

PRAYER CONCERNS: Anonymous; Lynn Baker; DeAnna and Roger Carman; Ernie Hepperle; Janet Kosack; Nancy Lanzalotto; Marge Louis; Ed Serrano; Craig Terjanian.

THE UNITY PRAYER: God, may we be stunned and overwhelmed by Your amazing grace and mercy and give thanks for the abundant blessings You provide us.

THE FLOWERS are given by the Lupfer Family in loving memory of Lois Robinson, and by Joan, Jennifer, and Shant in honor of what would have been Eric Hoerauf's 38th birthday.

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Thursday 7:30 Chancel Choir

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9:00 AM Chancel Choir
10:00 AM Worship, Puppets & Sunday School
11:15 Alleluia Choir

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TIME FOR A FREE TURKEY BREAST for anyone who qualifies at ShopRite. If you have no use for it, Feed Our Souls would love to have it for their December meal. Please leave them in the church freezer. Thank you!

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