

Order of Worship

August 23, 2026 10:00 AM

Welcome to this time of worship, as we gather in the name of Jesus Christ.

Prelude

Welcome

Rev. Rodrigo Dacri Lima

Greeting

Leader: If it had not been for God, where would we be?
If it were not for God in our lives, what kind of people would we be now?

People: We are not alone.

**Our help is in the name of the Lord who made heaven and earth—
our Redeemer, our Creator, and Friend!**

Hymn

I'll Praise My Maker While I've Breath

Prayer of Confession

Leader: Jesus, Lord and Friend,
You have chosen us for a purpose—
that we might bear lasting fruit for your Kingdom.
You call us to walk humbly before you
and to share in the struggle with the least of these,
yet we have failed to live up to this call.

silence for self-examination..

When the church becomes the center of our world
and we fail to see beyond its walls,

People: forgive us.

Leader: When our eyes become so fixed on priorities of our own making,
that we fail to look for Jesus in the hungry, the thirsty, the stranger,
the naked, the sick and the imprisoned,

People: forgive us.

Leader: When we praise you with our lips yet fail to reach out to others
with acts of loving and caring, justice and mercy,

People: forgive us.

Words of Forgiveness

Rev. Scott Duncan Hopkins

Leader: Beloved, come now and lean into the embrace of forgiveness

and the empowerment of a graced community.
Drink deeply from the cup of forgiveness
and be held in new lives that are opening to us this day.
We are all forgiven to walk in light.
You are forgiven. I am forgiven.
We are all forgiven, and no one is forgotten, unseen, or alone.
Thanks be to God.

Children's Message

Leader: The word of God for the people of God.

Sermon **A Long Night's Journey Into Day** Rev. Hopkins

Offering

Holy Communion Rev. Hopkins

The Lord be with you.

Lift up your hearts.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

The pastor continues with the Great Thanksgiving prayer, concluding with:

Amen.

**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.

Sending Forth

Hymn

All My Boast Is in Jesus

Benediction

Rev. Hopkins
