Order of Worship

November 8, 2026 10:00 AM

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

Prelude **Morning Has Broken** Chapman/Lucente
Steve McBride, organ

Welcome CJ Redden-Liotta

Greeting

One: Welcome! Welcome to the baggage we carry,
the joys we share, the griefs we bear, and the worries we hold.

All: Come! Let us worship!

One: The voice of God is calling us to come with all that we are
and all that we carry to worship.

All: Come! Let us worship!

One: God calls us to gather, to receive grace in our gathering,
and to reorient us again to the ways of Spirit and Community—
a place where we all belong and everyone has a place at the table.

All: Come! Let us worship!

One: So, come, members of the family of God!
Bring all that you are to be molded by grace, refocused toward Love,
and woven together as a community in Christ.

All: Come! Let us worship! Thanks be to God. Amen.

Hymn **Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above**

Prayer of Confession

One: We are so aware of our shortcomings and failures.
Why don't we let go, and come clean—
to one another and to God in these very moments
so that we may experience authentic wholeness,
reconciliation, and forgiveness.
Lord, you said, "If you love me, you will obey what I command."

All: Forgive us our lukewarm love and our disobedience.
Forgive us our short sightedness and narrow vision.

One: Lord, you said, "You may ask for anything in my name."

All: Forgive us when we think we need to solve all our own problems.

One: Lord, you said, "Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid."

All: We confess that our lives are often consumed by worry, anxiety and self preservation.

One: Lord, you said, "If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit."

All: Forgive us our barren lives, Lord.

One: Lord, you said, "You must testify, for you have been with me."

All: We confess, Lord, that we have been too often silent.

One: Lord, you said, "Love each other as I have loved you."
In this, and in so many other ways,
we confess our failures and shortcomings.

Words of Forgiveness Rev. Scott Duncan Hopkins

Leader: Thanks be to God, Christ came to release us from our burden of guilt.
Jesus' words free us from the darkness of shame:
"For You so loved the world, and You gave Your one and only Son
that whoever believes in him shall never die but have eternal life.
For You did not send Your Son into the world to condemn the world,
but to save the world.
For this we breathe in gratitude and live into thanksgiving.

All: Amen.

Scripture **Joshua 3:7-17 (CEB)** CJ Redden-Liotta

Anthem **Lumen** Abbie Benitis
Chancel Choir

Children's Message

Scripture **Psalm 43 (CEB)**

Leader: The word of God for the people of God

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon **Finding Our Way** Rev. Hopkins

Morning Prayer CJ Redden-Liotta

Offering

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Holy Communion Rev. Hopkins

In the United Methodist tradition, all who seek to lead a Christian life, together with their children, are invited to receive communion.

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them up to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The pastor continues…

And so,
with your people on earth
and all the company of heaven
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:
Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

The pastor continues…

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 risen; Christ will come again.

The pastor continues…

All honor and glory is yours, almighty Father, now and forever. **Amen.**
And now with the confidence of children of God,
let us pray as our Lord taught us:
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 **Goodness of God**

Benediction

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