



SUNDAY WORSHIP

October 23, 2022 9:00 am

*“Following Jesus cannot be done at a sprint.
If we want to follow someone, we can’t go faster than the one who is leading.”
—John Ortberg*

The ringing of the chimes ushers us into a time of worshipful silence.

Prelude “Transformation” Kevin McChesney
Chancel Ringers

Please rise, in body or spirit

Call to Worship

One: Power and might and majesty belong to the God of our salvation. Ps 65

All: Thanks be to God for the wonders of creation.

One: Who are we, that the one who birthed the mountains cares for us?

All: We are God’s beloved children, stewards invited to care for the world.

One: Let us celebrate our God with our voices in praise, the witness of our lives.

All: Let us worship our God.

Hymn 367 “Come, Ye Thankful People, Come”

Prayer of Confession

Holy Lord,

**No words can express the depth of our need,
or reveal the extent of our sin.**

We are all too easily trapped by indifference or destruction.

Yet you know us completely.

**When we are overwhelmed by brokenness,
you forgive our transgressions.**

**You rescue us from evil
and clothe us with love.**

**We thank you for the gift of your salvation,
and the never-ending invitation to live anew.**

Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

God does not hold our sin against us, but pours out abundant grace.

Give thanks to God for the Spirit's power and share the gospel far and near:

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Amen.

Response

“Glory be to the Father”

Meineke



Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther and to the son and to the Ho - ly Ghost. As it was in the be -
gin - ning, is now and e - ver shall be, world with - out end. A - men. A - men.

Passing of the Peace

Please be seated after peace has been shared

Welcoming Ministry Partner

Carol Fujii

Children's Message and Presentation of Bibles

During the singing of the following response, children may join their teachers for Sunday School.

Parents can pick their children up after service in their classrooms on the 2nd floor.

Response

“Jesus Loves Me!”

Hymn 188

Jesus loves me! This I know, for the Bible tells me so.

Little ones to Him belong. They are weak, but He is strong.

Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!

Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.

Welcome & Ministry Updates

Moment for Ministry: Annual Fund

Deacon Charlie Myhre

First Scripture Reading

Psalm 84:1–12

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Choir Anthem

“Walk Together Children”

arr. Moses Hogan

Prayers of the People and 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors;

and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

Offering music

“Grand Chorus”

Joel Raney

Please rise, in body or spirit

Prayer of Dedication and Doxology

Old 100th (Hymn 606)

**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.**

Hymn 697

“Take My Life”

Please be seated

Prayer for Illumination

**Lord, you have the words of eternal life.
By your Spirit make yourself known to us,
that we might be faithful witnesses in this life
and joyful companions in the next. Amen.**

Second Scripture Reading

Luke 18:9–14

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Sermon

“The Sermon on the Amount”

Bill Hess

Please rise, in body or spirit

Hymn 711

“Lord of All Good”

Blessing and Response

***You may be seated for the postlude,
or move quietly to Fellowship Hall.***

Postlude

Improvisation on “Lord of All Good”



Leading us in worship today

Rev. Dr. Bill Hess, Pastor Emeritus
Rev. Caroline Cupp, Executive Pastor
David Stone, Liturgist
Sándor Kádár, Director of Music
Peyton Cole, Assistant Organist
The Chancel Ringers
The Chancel Choir

Worship notes:

Moses Hogan (1957–2003) is well-known for his arrangements of Negro Spirituals. This arrangement of a slave-era work song fits an uplifting verse (with a thrilling ending) to a shuffling beat, evoking workers in the fields or even a chain gang.

Walk together, children, don't you get weary,
there's a great camp meeting in the promised land.

Gonna walk and never tire...

Gonna sing and never tire...

Gonna shout and never tire...

Column Classics Presents

Candlelight
Christmas Concert

Sunday
Dec. 4
4:00 & 6:00pm

*The Chancel Choir, Miner Street Brass, Children's Choir,
and the Brandywine String Quartet will perform traditional
Christmas music including beloved Christmas carols.*

A freewill offering will be collected.

*Come and celebrate Christ's birth with us
through the magic of music!*

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