

Order of the Worship Service
May 19, 2024, 10:00am
Graduation Sunday; Commissioning of John Newton
Beau Smith, preaching

Choral Prelude

OUR GREAT SAVIOR
Sanctuary Choir, Tom Kyser, director

Welcome and Church Life

*Call to Worship

One: We gather here in anticipation,

All: seeking an encounter with our Holy God,

One: who comes among us when we least expect it,

All: who invites us to wrestle with our questions and doubts,

One: who richly blesses us and calls us each by name.

All: Let's worship God together!

*Opening Hymn 469

MORNING HAS BROKEN

Prayer of Confession (in Unison)

Merciful God, the story of Jacob shows your willingness to enter into the messiness of our human struggles—into fractured relationships, family differences, un-reconciled situations with people we care about.

Yet we confess that too often we hold on because we do not want to loosen our grip on our possessions and our selfish desires. Often, we fear that our lives will be dislocated by your kingdom values of justice, mercy, and peace. Help us to wrestle with the conflicting values, desires and pressures that confront us daily so that we can unclench our hands and open ourselves to the transforming power of the Holy Spirit. In the name of Christ, Amen.

Moments of Silence

Assurance of Pardon

Christ has transformed us. Christ has renewed us. Through Christ's death and resurrection, we are a new creation, ready to sing God's glory and testify to God's grace. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. **Amen.**

*Passing the Peace

One: The peace of Christ be with you!

All: And also with you!

Moment for Children

Commissioning John Newton

Giving of our Tithes & Offerings

Offertory

*Doxology

*Prayer of Dedication and Thanksgiving

Hymn of Preparation 322

SPIRIT OF THE LIVING GOD

Scripture Reading

Genesis 32:22-32

Sermon

The Stuff That Has Stuck—"I'm Not Tapping You Out..."
Beau Smith, preaching

Prayers of the People & the Lord's Prayer

*Closing Hymn 360

COME, THOU FOUNT OF EVERY BLESSING

Benediction