

Order of the Worship Service
February 1, 2026, 10:00am
The Sacrament of Holy Communion
John Welton, preaching

Prelude

Welcome and Church Life

*Call to Worship

One: Called to be branches in Christ's body

All: we yearn to be connected to the vine.

One: Called to be mustard bushes offering shade to God's creatures,

All: we search for places to plant the seeds of faith.

One: Called to be growing with God in the midst of this world's painful questions,

All: we seek God's nurturing presence.

*Opening Hymn GTG 342

ALL THE FAITHFUL WOMEN

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

Gracious God, like unruly children we strain at your guidance, we try to break away and do it ourselves. We feel our strength and imagine to be all powerful. We rejoice in our life and imagine ourselves to be immortal. We know our talents and want to be independent rather than depend on you. Before we know it we are in the grip of other powers, leading us away from your loving ways into the slavery of selfish greed, adoring false gods of youth-fulness, materialism and power. Lord, forgive us and free us. Open our eyes how your wisdom knows true leadership to be service...

Moments of Silence

Assurance of Pardon

One: Hear the Good News: God is ready to forgive,
gracious and merciful,

slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

God has not forsaken us, God has forgiven us.

All: We are loved, we are forgiven. Alleluia! Thanks be to God Amen.

*Passing the Peace

One: The peace of Christ be with you!

All: And also with you!

Invitation to Children's Church

Giving of our Tithes & Offerings

Offertory

*Doxology

*Prayer of Dedication and Thanksgiving

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture Reading

Mark 3:20-35

Sermon

John Welton, preaching

Communion Hymn 505

BE KNOWN TO US IN BREAKING BREAD

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up to the Lord.

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise . . .

Words of Institution

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

*Closing Hymn 434

TODAY WE ALL ARE CALLED TO BE DISCIPLES

*Blessing