

Order of the Worship Service
July 6, 2025, 10:00am
The Sacrament of Holy Communion
John Welton, preaching

Prelude

Welcome and Church Life

*Call to Worship (*based on Psalm 33*)

One: Come rejoice, all you who love and serve the Lord!
Sing songs and hymns of praise; celebrate together in God's presence!

**All: For the Word of the Lord holds true forever,
and everything he does is worthy of our trust.**

One: Let all the earth stand in awe of our God,
for he spoke, and the world came into being;
he breathed, and the heavens were born.

**All: God shatters the plans of the nations,
and frustrates all their schemes.**

One: Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord,
whose people are known by his name.

**All: Let your unfailing love surround us, O God,
for our hope is in you alone.**

*Opening Hymn 564

O BEAUTIFUL FOR SPACIOUS SKIES

Prayer of Confession

God of the ages, you gift us with your Word, written in the Bible and lived out in Jesus Christ. Yet we ignore this gift. We pretend that it doesn't make sense in our world. We read it without trusting you to open it to our understanding. We act as if your word is always the same, when it is in fact you who does not change.

Forgive us, O God. Help us to hear your eternal Word anew in our hearts and our lives, and show us how to live it out in our world, now and always, Amen...

Moments of Silence

Assurance of Pardon

One: Your care for us anticipates our need. Before we recognized we needed Your grace, in love, Jesus gave His life for our forgiveness.

All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. 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

Scripture Reading

Nehemiah 8: 1-12

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Hymn of Preparation

MINE EYES HAVE SEEN THE GLORY

Sanctuary Choir, Atlee Beam, Director

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 & the Lord's Prayer

*Closing Hymn 563

LIFT EVERY VOICE AND SING

Blessing