

**Order of the Worship Service
November 9, 2025, 10:00am
John Welton, preaching**

Prelude

Welcome and Church Life

*Call to Worship

One: O Holy One, on mountaintops and valley floors
you reveal to us the light of your love.

**All: Our hearts desire is to bask in the amazing glory
of the divine presence.**

One: With each encounter we are changed and transformed.

All: Draw us nearer that we might receive a double portion of your Holy Spirit.

One: Help us, O Holy One, to live our lives as a reflection of divine glory.

May we walk among our brothers and sister as a blessing,
bearing light into dark places, hope to displace despair.

**All: Our world is hurting, and we need the followers of Jesus to follow more
closely. Maybe then we will hear your voice speaking to us.**

*Opening Hymn 485

TO GOD BE THE GLORY

Prayer of Confession

**Almighty God, you are everywhere present, and yet so often we try to confine you
within our walls. We confess that we have believed some spaces, and some people,
and some objects, to be holier than others. We confess that we have obscured your
presence, ignored your Spirit, and focused our attention on ourselves. We confess
that we have often worshipped our buildings rather than you.**

**Forgive our misplaced passion, and flood this place with your glory once again —
and not only this place, but us, your people. Fill us with your Spirit that we may be
your living Temple, offering sanctuary to your world.**

Moments of Silence

Assurance of Pardon

One: Jesus reminds us that we are to be resolute in our lives of faithfulness
and service. The good news is that God is steadfast in filling us with love
and grace.

**All: We are forgiven people. May we live as sisters and brothers in Christ,
God's children in word and deed, in hope and joy.
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

Hymn of Preparation 422

GOD, WHOSE GIVING KNOWS NO ENDING

Scripture Reading

2 Kings 2:1-2, 6-14

Sermon

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Affirmation of Faith (Read in Unison)

2nd Helvetic Confession

THE METHOD TO BE EMPLOYED IN PUBLIC PRAYERS: As in everything, so also in public prayers there is to be a standard lest they be excessively long and irksome. The greater part of meetings for worship is therefore to be given to evangelical teaching, and care is to be taken lest the congregation is wearied by too lengthy prayers and when they are to hear the preaching of the Gospel they either leave the meeting or, having been exhausted, want to do away with it altogether. To such people the sermon seems to be overlong, which otherwise is brief enough. And therefore it is appropriate for preachers to keep to a standard.

Prayers of the People & the Lord's Prayer

*Closing Hymn

SWING LOW, SWEET CHARIOT

Blessing