

Welcome to worship! Activity bags for children are available on the book shelf in the lobby if your little one would like to pack a bag of items to play with during worship. Children are always welcome in sanctuary, but a staffed nursery is also available at the end of the hall for any babies, toddlers, and preschoolers who prefer more space to wiggle and play. Large print bulletins are available near the entrance and hearing assistance devices are available at the sound board for those who need them. May God meet you here in this space as we worship together today!

* indicates you are invited to stand

Bold text indicates a unison prayer or response

PRELUDE by the Bell Choir

GREETING

CALL TO PRAISE AND PRAYER

Leader: It is done. God has always been in charge—yesterday and today. Even when things seem out of control, God's reign is on its way.

People: Let us prepare the way for God.

OPENING SONGS

"His Name Is Wonderful" Hymnal # 174
"He Came Down" Faith We Sing # 2085

OPENING PRAYER

Faithful God, expand our thankful imaginations: to time beyond our time, to wisdom beyond our wisdom, to strength beyond our strength. As we pray for your coming reign, remind us that the whole earth is already

yours. Even as we pray for things not yet seen, help us celebrate your sure, eternal reign. Amen.

SPECIAL MUSIC

"Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us" by the Bell Choir

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Children in pre-K through 5th grade are dismissed to go to Sunday School if they would like after the Children's Message.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Colossians 1:11-20

Luke 1:68-79

Luke 23:33-43

MESSAGE "The Topsy-Turvy Kingdom of God"

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Pastoral Prayer

Silent Prayer

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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

PRAYER HYMN

"Cares Chorus" Faith We Sing # 2215

OFFERING OF GRATITUDE

DOXOLOGY

Hymnal # 94

CLOSING PRAYER

Your days are surely coming, Holy One, just as surely as the needs of this world are real. We offer these gifts in awe of your victory over the cross and in celebration of your present and coming reign, that life—even life abundant—might multiply for all people. Bless these gifts, that they may be used according to your will. **Amen.**

HYMN

“Lord of the Dance”

Hymnal # 261

DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

POSTLUDE

Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, For ~~He~~ *he* has visited us and accomplished redemption for His people... To give to His people the knowledge of *salvation* by the *forgiveness* of their sins, because of the *tender mercy* of our God... To guide our feet into the way of *peace*.
Luke 1:68-79

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Christ the King Sunday

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