

WE GATHER IN CHRIST’S NAME

GATHERING MUSIC *Andante* Felix Mendelssohn

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, CENTERING SILENCE The Rev. Dr. James Butler

* UNISON INTROIT (Hymn 645, v. 1)
*Sing praise to God who reigns above, the God of all creation.
The God of power, the God of love, the God of our salvation.
With healing balm my soul is filled and every faithless murmur stilled.
To God all praise and glory!*

* OPENING RESPONSES (Psalm 103) The Rev. Dr. Steve Gorman
May the peace of God that transcends all human understanding be with you.
And also with you.
Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all this with me,
Bless God’s holy name.
Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not the blessings of God,
Who crowns our lives with steadfast love and mercy.
Bless the Lord, O my soul.
For God satisfies us with goodness as long as we live.

* HYMN 373 “O Day of Peace” JERUSALEM

* ACCLAMATION AND PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION
Beloved in Christ: God is with us!
We are not alone!

CALL TO CONFESSION AND SILENT REFLECTION

UNISON CONFESSION
Gracious God, we live in a world filled with strife, torn by violence, separated by prejudice and bigotry. Yet you call us to walk the way of shalom—seeking the well-being of the entire world and all people and nations. Forgive us when we do not walk this path because the cost seems too high, the way is confusing, and the conditions become harsh. Help us to not give up or give in as we walk the pathway of Jesus, in

the power of your Spirit. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

SUNG RESPONSE (Hymn 701)
*Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary, pure and holy, tried and true.
With thanksgiving, I’ll be a living sanctuary for you.* (repeat twice)

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

FIRST LESSON Psalm 137:1-9 (Pew Bible, O.T. p.576)

ANTHEM *Lord, in thy mercy* F. Mendelssohn
Chancel Choir
Lucie Freeman, solo
Lord, in thy mercy grant us peace. Throughout all generations. Thou art alone our sword and shield. Lord who dost guide the nations. Defend us, O God, we pray thee.

* GOSPEL LESSON Luke 1:76-79 (Pew Bible, N.T. p.58)

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

SUNG BLESSING (Hymn 63, vv. 1, 3)
*The Lord is God, the Lord alone! Give honor, thanks, and praise,
To God the maker of all things and giver of our days.*

*At night or day, at school or play, together and apart,
O children, take these holy words and keep them in your heart.*

SERMON “When We ‘Hear it Said’ Again” Dr. Butler
“You have heard that it was said...but I say to you...”

* HYMN 378 “We Wait the Peaceful Kingdom” MERLE’S TUNE

WE PRAY AND GIVE THANKS AT CHRIST’S TABLE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

OFFERTORY

Come Now Savior

Johann Sebastian Bach

* DOXOLOGY (Hymn 606)

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise God all creatures here below.
Praise God above, ye heavenly host. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION AND INVITATION TO THE TABLE

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION (see insert)

* HYMN 757

“Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples”

KINGSFOLD

* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

* DEPARTING MUSIC

Allegro maestoso e vivace (from Sonata II)

F. Mendelssohn

The people are welcome to depart or remain seated while the Departing Music is played.

Our Mission

To extend the gracious welcome of God in Jesus Christ through worship, service and spiritual growth in a supportive community of faith.

Staff

The Rev. Dr. James Butler, Pastor

The Revs. Dr. Steve and Dr. Cinda Gorman, Parish Associates

Dr. Kaori Hongo, Minister of Music

Aliyah Kennedy, Director of Faith Formation and Youth Ministry



SERVICE FOR THE LORD’S DAY

World Communion and
Peacemaking Sunday

October 5, 2025

10 a.m.
