Sunday Morning Worship

November 08, 2026 9:00 a.m.

Welcome friends in Christ! We are glad you have come to worship today and to celebrate the love of God in Jesus Christ. If you are visiting with us, please introduce yourself to the pastor following the service.

*Congregation standing for those who are able

The Words of Welcome and Announcements

Our Approach to God

Prelude Improvisation on "Ar hyd nos" Hancock

The Call to Worship

We are saved by God's grace
We must have faith.
This salvation is God's gift.
We did not have it, nor did we earn it.
We are God's accomplishment.
Jesus wants to do good things through us!
These good things are God's plan for the way that we live our lives

*The Hymn of Praise "Sleepers, Wake!" A Voice Astounds Us 17

*The Call to Confession

We were once strangers to each other and strangers to God, kept apart by rules and fear, suspicious of anyone who didn't look like us. We were once short on hope and mean with our love. But Christ broke down the walls between us. He made us a new people, in one Spirit, children of God, citizens of the Kingdom. We belong in Christ, forever at home in God.

*The Prayer of Confession

Spirit of God, we confess that we put on airs more often than we put on the armor of God. We are guilty of girding ourselves with lies instead of the truth. We try to protect ourselves with arrogance, superstition, and self-reliance instead of righteousness, faith, and your gift of salvation. Our footsteps do not follow your path of

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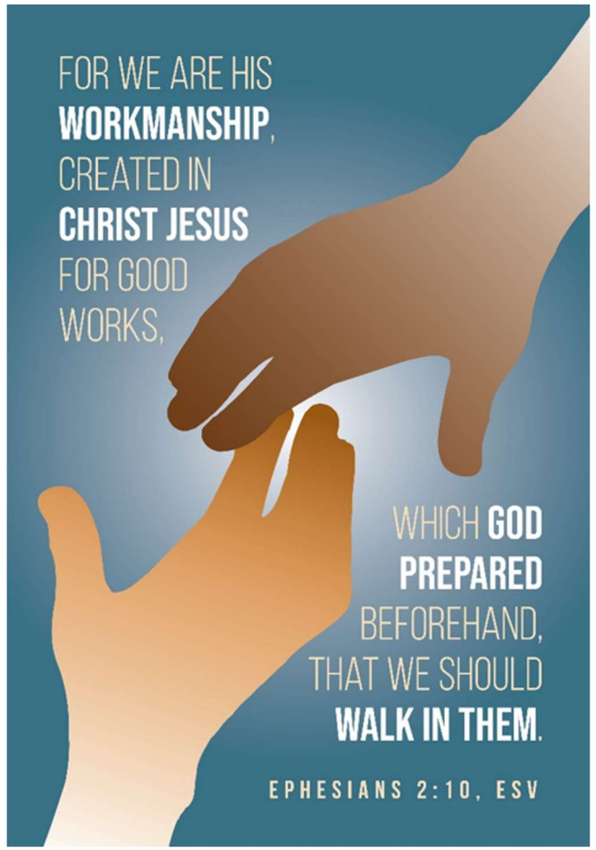
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Our Response to Serve

*The Affirmation of Faith — The Heidelberg Catechism

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Believers belong body and soul to Jesus Christ, who has paid for their sins, freed them from the devil, and preserves them according to the Father's will. Through the Holy Spirit, Christ assures them of eternal life and readiness to live for him.

*The Hymn — Precious Lord, Take My Hand — 404

The Morning Prayers and the Lord's Prayer (using sins)

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 sins as we forgive those who sin 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.

The Offering of our Tithes and Gifts

The Offertory — Because You Are God's Chosen Ones — Smith

First and Second Chancel Choirs

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

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Holy God, you love us so deeply that you pursue us relentlessly. You sent your son Jesus into the world that we who were far off would be brought near to you by his blood. We offer our gifts to you, knowing we can never outgive you, never balance the equation. You don't desire balance, no quid-pro-quo, only that we find the peace you desire for us, whose foundation is in your word and whose cornerstone is Christ alone. In that holy name, we pray. Amen.

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The Anthem For the Autumn Sky Schram
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