



We gather to  
*Worship*

Nation Under God | June 29, 2025 | 9:00 a.m.

## We PREPARE Our Hearts for Worship

### PRELUDE

*O Beautiful For Spacious Skies*

Emma Lou Diemer

*Fanfare for the Common Man* | Aaron Copland

### WELCOME

### MOMENT OF SILENCE

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## We APPROACH God in Praise and Prayer

### CHORAL INTROIT

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arr. Peter J. Willhousky

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### \*HYMN OF ADORATION

*God of the Ages* | arr. Mary McDonald

### CALL TO CONFESSION

### \*COMMUNITY PRAYER OF CONFESSION

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Leader | You have made us a people richly blessed—yet we have grown proud and self-sufficient.

**Congregation | Forgive us, Lord, for our national pride that forgets Your grace.**

Leader | You have called Your Church to be a light to the nations.

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mercy and humility.

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the cries of the weak.**

Leader | Have mercy on us, O Lord.  
Forgive us our sins—personal and national.

**Congregation | Renew our hearts.  
Restore our land. Let judgment begin  
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Leader | In Jesus Christ alone is our hope—  
His cross our only plea, His righteousness  
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## SILENT CONFESSION

## ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

### \*HYMN OF ASSURANCE

*Yet Not I, But Through Christ In Me*

**We RECEIVE God's Word**

## SERMON

*Nation Under God*

Isaiah 44

Rev. Steve Carter, Lead Pastor

### \*HYMN OF RESPONSE | No. 449

*Soldiers of Christ, Arise* | vs. 1, 3

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**We OFFER Ourselves to God**

## NEWS OF THE FAMILY

## INVITATION TO OFFERING

## MUSICAL OFFERING

*A Prayer for Our Time* | Joseph Martin

**PASTORAL PRAYER** | *The Lord's Prayer*

**We GO and MAKE Christ Known**

### \*HYMN OF DEDICATION

*Christ, for the World We Sing*

### \*BLESSING & SENDING

### \*CHORAL RESPONSE

## POSTLUDE

*Fuga a 5 Voci, Sonata No. 2* | W. Eugene Thayer

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Chancel Choir  
Classic Worship Orchestra  
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Matt Peterson, Classic Worship Pianist  
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Thursdays | July 17 & August 7

**Summer Choir | 9:00 & 10:45 a.m.**  
The Summer Choir will help lead worship  
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## Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

### INVITATION TO THE TABLE

### WORDS OF INSTITUTION

### DISTRIBUTION OF THE ELEMENTS

*All elements are gluten free. We will receive communion by intinction.*

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