June 8, 2025

Order for Our Worship of God

(*those who are able are invited to stand)

WELCOME

PRELUDE "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise" arr. Hayes

CALL TO WORSHIP

The prophet declares that God's "justice shall roll down like waters,

and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream."

Gathered for worship, we find ourselves on the shore of that stream—

hesitating, torn between courage and fear.

The waters are deep and powerful, the current is swift and strong.

Come, people of God, let us wade into the water! Amen.

OPENING PRAYER

Gracious and loving God, thank you for bringing us into this place of worship today and drawing us close to you. We confess that, too often, our songs and ceremonial worship fall short when we overlook the cry of the oppressed. Open our eyes to the needs around us and awaken our spirits to the work ahead: to challenge injustice, stand with the marginalized, and transform our praise into action that reflects your love and mercy. Empower us to be voices of truth, agents of healing, and beacons of your justice in our communities. Guide us as we open this time of worship, and may our hearts respond to the call for justice and compassion. In your holy name, we pray. Amen.

*OPENING HYMN "Come, Thou Almighty King" (vs. 1–3) No. 61

PASSING THE PEACE

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Prepare our hearts, O God, to accept your Word. Silence in us any voices but your own, so that we may hear your Word and also do it; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING Amos 5:21–24

SPECIAL MUSIC "Above All" arr. Labenske

SERMON "Wade in the Waters" Rev. JongIn Lee

*HYMN OF REFLECTION "For the Healing of the Nations" (vs. 1–3) No. 428

PRAYER TIME

10:00 A.M.

THE GIVING OF OUR OFFERING

Offering Song "Wonderful, Merciful Savior" arr. Tornquist
*Presentation "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" No. 95
*Prayer of Dedication

Ever-living God, we bring before you our gifts and our commitments. Multiply our gifts and bless our commitments. Strengthen us to work with others and lift their burdens. May justice roll down like water and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream, we pray. Amen.

*CLOSING HYMN "There's a Wideness in God's Mercy" No. 121

*Blessing

POSTLUDE "The Lord Reigns" arr. Tornquist

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WE WELCOME ALL to this service of worship including newcomers and visitors among us.

PARTICIPATING IN OUR SERVICE ~ Leading us in worship this morning are Rev. JongIn Lee, Pastor; Dr. Russell Wagoner, Director of Music/Organist; and Michele Newman, Liturgist. We appreciate them sharing their gifts with us as we gather to worship and praise God today!

FLOWERS on the altar this morning are given by the Doka Family in loving memory of their nephew Craig's birthday.

BOOK CLUB ~ The Book Club selection for June is the bet-selling novel *The God of the Woods* by Liz Moore. The Book Club will meet on Thursday, June 19, at 10:30 a.m., for discussion and all who read the book are welcome to attend.

BLESSED BARGAINS THRIFT SHOP ~ Sign-up sheet for volunteers is posted in the sorting room where you can sign up to help on Thursdays and Saturdays (9am–2pm). There is always something that that needs to be done as new items are arriving regularly! Please share posts and stop by with friends to support our beautiful shop!! Any questions, contact Barbara, Joan, or Diane.

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DIRECTOR OF MUSIC/ORGANIST: Dr. Russell Wagoner **CHURCH SECRETARY:** Donna E. Mulder / **SEXTON:** Bonnie Mann

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AN INVITATION

To all who would know God and do God's will;
To all who would live and work to make
To all who seek comfort and would find rest;
To old and young, rich and poor, saint and sinner,
This church opens wide its doors
And—in the name of Jesus the Christ—
Bids you welcome to this house of the Lord!