came won ACTS 2:42.47



SOUNDING OF THE BELLS

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dr. Brandi Casto-Waters

Please sign and pass the friendship pad to your neighbor.

PRELUDE Solemn Prelude John Marsh

(b. 1939)

INTROIT Welcome to this Place of Hope Mark Burrows

(b. 1971)

Welcome to this place of hope. Welcome to this place of hope. All of us together held in God's embrace. Welcome to this place of hope.

\*CALL TO WORSHIP<sup>1</sup> Martha Taite Sasnett

This is God's house.

Here we come to worship.

God has given us his story and it's our story too.

Here we come to learn from him.

God has gathered us into his family.

Here we come together to share our lives.

God has so much love to share with us.

Here we come to celebrate with our God!

\*HYMN 275 A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

**EIN FESTE BURG** 

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION2

Hart Markwalter

God, we aren't always willing to share our things. We hold on to them and hide them and keep the best things for ourselves. But you never do. God, you give us everything we need and then you give us even more. You gave us a reason to be strong and to hope. You gave us love and dreams and two families—the one we are born into and yours. Our family is all around us now. Your gifts are all around us too. Remind us to share and be kind and give our best away.

\*SILENCE

\*DECLARATION OF PARDON

Jack Mills

God is the Good News. He is love and forgiveness. In Jesus, we receive God's best. **Thanks be to God!** 

\*GLORIA PATRI

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Miss Riley Taylor

(K-2nd graders are now invited to participate in Young Musicians Choir and Children's Church)

\*HYMN 187 Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us BRADBURY

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION Dr. Casto-Waters

SCRIPTURE READING Acts 2:42-47

**SERMON** 

Arise, arise, O church of God! Arise, arise O church of God! We are called to be God's people, going forth in love and grace. We are called to shine in the darkness as we journey from this place.

We are called to serve each other, called to be God's hands and feet. We are called to show compassion, sharing Christ with all we meet.

We are called to love our neighbor, called to help a world in need. We are called to be disciples, sharing Christ in word and deed.

Arise, O church of God, proclaim in one accord the story of redeeming love, the message of our Lord!

# OFFERING OF OUR LIVES AND LABORS

Milly Johnson

OFFERTORY Opus 6, No. 8

Fernando Sor (1778—1839)

OLD HUNDREDTH

\*OFFERTORY RESPONSE Doxology

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION Letty Revell

#### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Mac Carlton

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.

# \*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

# APOSTLES' CREED

**Lewis Sanders** 

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

\*HYMN 837

Leaning on the Everlasting Arms

**SHOWALTER** 

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\*CHORAL BENEDICTION

Teach Us, Good Lord

Carl Schalk (1929—2021)

Teach us, good Lord, to serve thee as thou deservest: To give and not to count the cost; To fight and not to heed the wounds; To toil and not to seek for rest; To labor and to seek for no reward save that of knowing that we do thy will. Through Jesus Christ. Amen.

\*POSTLUDE

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

David Cherwien (b. 1957)

\*All who are able please stand

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> based on Acts 2:42-47

# Sunday, October 26, 2025

# Participating in Worship

Worship Leaders

Dr. Brandi Casto-Waters

Miss Riley Taylor M Martha Taite Sasnett Hart Markwalter

Mac Carlton er Jack Mills Letty Revell

Musicians

Milly Johnson

Dr. Wayne Lord Mrs. Jenny Davison Pam McCorkle, Pianist Ethan Curry, Guitarist Chancel Choir

Kirkin' Choir and The Young Musicians

Friendship Pad Max Vallotton

Acolyte and Chimer
Lewis Sanders and Anna Claire Wells

Ushers

Elliott Woodward Ben Kay, IV Glen Owen Jennifer Per

**Lewis Sanders** 

Ben Kay, IV Tennant Houston Jennifer Pennington John Robbins

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Tyler Cashin Blake Chambers Max Vallotton Jeff Futrelle

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