



WELCOME TO WORSHIP

The Rev. Dr. Thomas Martin
Senior Minister

Music of Preparation

My Jesus, I Love Thee with Méditation from Thaïs Mr. Justin Maxey
Jules Massenet, arr. Marilynn Ham Director of Music & Organist

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 31:1-5

The Rev. Allyson Lawrence and People

Associate Minister

In you, O LORD, I seek refuge; do not let me ever be put to shame; in your righteousness deliver me.

Incline your ear to me; rescue me speedily.

Be a rock of refuge for me, a strong fortress to save me.

You are indeed my rock and my fortress; for your name's sake lead me and guide me, take me out of the net that is hidden for me, for you are my refuge.

Into your hand I commit my spirit; you have redeemed me, O LORD, faithful God.

\*Hymn 559

Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation

WESTMINSTER ABBEY

#### \*Invitation, Confession, & Pardon

Rev. Lawrence and **People** 

Christ our Lord invites to his table all who love him, who earnestly repent of their sin and seek to live in peace with one another.

Therefore, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

Let us pray together:

Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart.

We have failed to be an obedient church.

We have not done your will,

we have broken your law,

we have rebelled against your love,

we have not loved our neighbors,

and we have not heard the cry of the needy.

Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

All pray in silence.

Hear the good news:

Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that proves God's love toward us.

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven! Glory to God. Amen.

### \*Passing of the Peace

Dr. Martin and **People** 

Offer one another signs of reconciliation and love: "The peace of Christ be with you." "And also with you."

MINISTRY MOMENT Ms. Nancy Dennis

Baby Recognition United Women in Faith

Congregational Notes Rev. Lawrence

Pastoral Prayer Rev. Lawrence

OFFERTORY How Lovely Is Thy Dwelling Place from Requiem Chancel Choir

Johannes Brahms

How lovely is thy dwelling place, O Lord of hosts!

For my soul, it longeth, yea fainteth for the courts of the Lord.

My soul and body crieth out, yea for the living God.

O blest are they that dwell in thy house:

they praise thy name evermore.

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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.

CHILDREN'S MOMENT Dr. Martin

Children are invited to return to seats after Children's Moment. No Wonders of Worship today as we celebrate Communion together.

#### PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Rev. Lawrence and **People** 

Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, that, as the Scriptures are read and your Word proclaimed, we may hear with joy what you say to us today. Amen.

\*Scripture Lesson 1 Peter 2:2-10 Rev. Lawrence

<sup>2</sup>Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation— <sup>3</sup>if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

<sup>4</sup>Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and <sup>5</sup>like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. <sup>6</sup>For it stands in scripture: "See, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious; and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame." <sup>7</sup>To you then who believe, he is precious; but for those who do not believe, "The stone that the builders rejected has become the very head of the corner," <sup>8</sup>and "A stone that makes them stumble, and a rock that makes them fall." They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do. <sup>9</sup>But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may

proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. <sup>10</sup>Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

May God bless the hearing of this scripture.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon Dr. Martin

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

See insert

\*Hymn 529 How Firm a Foundation FOUNDATION

\*Benediction Dr. Martin

May the peace of Christ go with you wherever He may send you.

May He guide you through the wilderness, protect you through the storm.

May He bring you home rejoicing at the wonders He has shown you.

May He bring you home rejoicing once again into our arms.

\*Postlude

Toccata on How Firm a Foundation Claude Murphree Mr. Maxey

\*Please stand in body or spirit.

Congregational responses are in **bold type**.

### Please remember in your prayers:

Van Askew Nancy Byers Richard Clayton Karen Davis Robbie Gray Martha Hale Don Harp Tangie Hubbard Cindy Jennings Doris Kerlin Sara Reams Claudia Rhodes Brenda Tierman Helen Voyles Julie Watson

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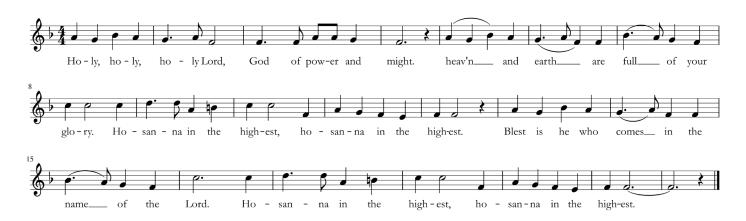
### SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them up to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

... And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ.

... And so,

in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.



Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and wine.

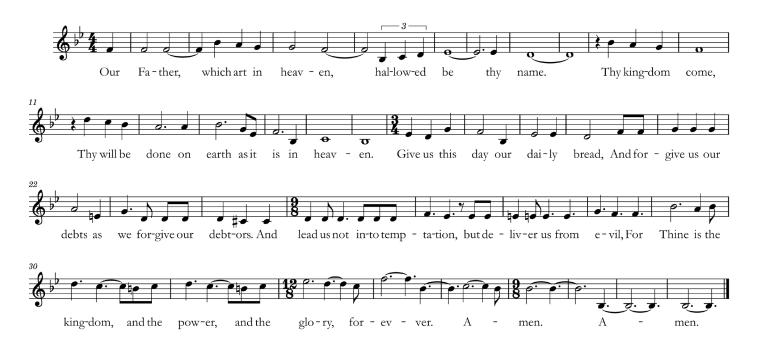
Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ, that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood.

... By your Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world, until Christ comes in final victory and we feast at his heavenly banquet.

Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church, all honor and glory is yours, almighty Father, now and for ever.



And now, with the confidence of children of God, let us pray:



#### HOLY COMMUNION

Gluten-free elements are available upon request at the chancel.

You are invited to contribute to the Benevolence Fund by leaving an offering on the chancel rail. These funds are used to assist those in need.















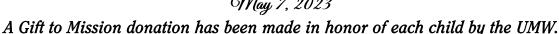




# United Women of Faith

# Baby Recognition Sunday

May 7, 2023





# , Julianne Harper Carey

February 15, 2022

Parents: Alex & Molly Carey Grandparents: Rick & Nan Carey Great Grandparent: Kay Walters



May 19, 2022

Parents: P.J. & Brandi Otwell

Grandparents: Lawrence & Teresa Otwell

and Marcia Morrow



May 20, 2022

Parents: Richard & Rachel Schott Grandparents: Larry & Becky Voyles



### , Jace Caballero

May 29, 2022

Parents: José & Caitlin Caballero Grandparents: Jon & Leslie Wade



## Lukas Stagg Evans

June 30, 2022

Parents: Alex & LuAnna Evans Grandparents: Tedd & Tami Kemberling



July 3, 2022

Parents: Ryan & Kalie Price Grandparents: Dan & Karen Aiken



# Caroline Kale Buis

July 12, 2022

Parents: Trippe & Kathryn Buis Grandparents: Pam & Eric Trube



July 16, 2022

Parents: Nolan & Laura Alexander Grandparents: Pam & Eric Trube



September 22, 2022

Parents: Matt & Melissa Bottoms Grandparents: Jim & Diane McCarten

# Kahlan Elzie Bass

October 24, 2022

Parents: Ronny & Stephanie McGrew Bass

Grandparents: Bill & Carol Webb

## Gwendolyn Lucille Deason

December 5, 2022

Parents: Alex & Torri Deason Grandparents: David & Lynn Deason

# Franklin Alejandro Whealley

January 1, 2023

Parents: Nick & Aleja Wheatley Grandparents: Mike & Tina Wheatley Great Grandparent: Trudy Whittington

## , Jude William Boardman

January 3, 2023

Parents: Dan & Caroline Boardman Great Grandparent: Kay Walters

# Elizabeth Joy Pack

February 19, 2023

Parents: Molly Montgomery & Tyler Pack Grandparents: David & Lynn Deason

## Elisa Beltrame

February 20, 2023

Great Grandparent: Pat Dunn

## Harper Louise Moore

March 11, 2023

Parents: Mike & Brandi Moore Grandparents: Cindy Beale Great Grandparent: Trudy Whittington

## Sophia Lucille Brooks

March 22, 2023

Parents: Kyle & Elizabeth Brooks Grandparents: Bobby & Laurie Brooks

## River Wylder Francissen

April 12, 2023

Parents: Chris & Amanda Francissen Grandparents: John & Julie Francissen

































