

ENTER INTO GOD’S PRESENCE

WELCOME

Assisted listening devices are available in the sound booth.

PRELUDE

Embrace the Day

Music by Jason Krug

† PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

† *Indicates the congregation should stand.*

God makes peace within us; let us claim it. God makes peace between us; let us share it. Let us greet one another as a sign of God’s peace.

L: The peace of Christ is here among us.

P: **Thanks be to God.**

† CALL TO WORSHIP

L: The kingdoms of the world value large structures imposed from above, benefiting the elite.

P: **The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that grows into a bush where all kinds of birds can build their nests.**

L: The kingdoms of the world push for fast, obvious growth.

P: **The kingdom of heaven is like the leaven that a woman mixes into the flour, slowly, subtly causing the whole loaf to rise.**

L: The kingdoms of this world want to hold on to all of their wealth even as they accumulate more and more and more.

P: **The kingdom of heaven is like a buried treasure, a precious pearl—something of such great value that we would gladly sell all that we have to gain it.**

L: Holy God, we are so easily caught up in the kingdoms of this world. But we come this morning seeking you.

P: **Hear our earnest prayer: Your kingdom come!**

† PROCESSIONAL HYMN 694

Come, Ye Thankful People, Come

ST. GEORGE’S WINDSOR

† PRAYER

Lord, You have made us for Yourself, and our hearts are restless until we rest in You. We want to encounter You more deeply today so that You can be our treasure. Thank You for the gift of this new day. We know You love us. We want to discover Your love more deeply and give it to others. Amen.

ANTHEM

Ain'-a That Good News!

Music by William Dawson

I got a crown up in-a the Kingdom, ain'-a that good news! I'm a-goin' to lay down this worl', goin'-a shoulder up-uh my cross, goin'-a take it home-a to my Jesus, ain'-a that good news! I got a harp up in-a the Kingdom, ain'-a that good news! I'm a-goin' to lay down this worl', goin'-a shoulder up-uh my cross, goin'-a take it home-a to my Jesus, ain'-a that good news! I got a robe up in-a the Kingdom, ain'-a that good news! I'm a-goin' to lay down this worl', goin'-a shoulder up-uh my cross, goin'-a take it home-a to my Jesus ain'-a that good news! I got a Saviour in-a the Kingdom, ain'-a that good news! I'm a-goin' to lay down this worl', goin'-a shoulder up-uh my cross, goin'-a take it home-a to my Jesus, ain'-a that good news, my Lawd! A-ain'-a that good news

LISTEN TO GOD’S WORD

CALL TO THE WORD

In today’s Gospel, Jesus tells us about the joyful experience of finding the kingdom of heaven. Frequently, Jesus directs us to seek so that we can find. If you think about it, finding the kingdom is not a once-in-a-lifetime experience. It is something that can happen daily. It is in finding treasures in our daily lives that we discover the joy of the kingdom of heaven. We can find it in contemplative prayer. We can find it in something as simple as a flower, a sunset, or even the smile of another person. When searching gets difficult, remember that Jesus even tells His followers, “the kingdom of God is at hand.”

† GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 13:44-46

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ!

SERMON

The Treasure and the Pearl

Pastor Meshach Kanyion

RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

A KINGDOM SEASON LITANY

L: All Your works praise You, O Lord,

P: **And Your faithful servants bless You.**

L: They make known the glory of Your kingdom

P: **And speak of Your power;**

L: That the peoples may know of Your power

P: **And the glorious splendor of Your kingdom.**

L: Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom;

P: **Your dominion endures throughout all ages.**

L: Lord, remember us in Your kingdom,

P: **And teach us to pray.**

L: As we grow to be a people who know, love, and follow Jesus in serving Your mission: Your will be done,

P: **Your kingdom come.**

L: As we proclaim the Good News of the Kingdom of God revealed in our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ: Your will be done,

P: **Your kingdom come.**

L: As we invite, teach, baptize and nurture new believers: Your will be done,

P: **Your kingdom come.**

L: As we respond to human need by loving service: Your will be done,

P: **Your kingdom come.**

L: As we seek to transform unjust structures of society—challenging violence of every kind, pursuing peace and reconciliation: Your will be done,

P: **Your kingdom come.**

L: As we safeguard the integrity of Your creation: Your will be done,

P: **Your kingdom come.**

L: Lead us in the way of service,

P: **That Your kingdom may be known on earth.**

L: For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are Yours,

P: **Now and forever. Amen.**

THE LORD’S PRAYER

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 trespasses as we forgive those who trespass 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.

LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY

OFFERTORY

Allemande in D Minor

Music by George Frideric Handel

† DOXOLOGY

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.

† PRAYER OF DEDICATION

God, we give thanks for Your presence in our lives. Bless these offerings, that they may be used to advance Your kingdom and glorify Your name. May our faith continue to grow stronger each day, bringing us closer to You. Amen.

GO FORTH WITH GOD'S BLESSING

† RECESSIONAL HYMN 451

Be Thou My Vision

SLANE

† BENEDICTION

† POSTLUDE

I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord

Music by David Lowe

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IN WORSHIP TODAY

ALTAR FLOWERS

Today's altar flowers are given by Jackie Nelson in memory of family.

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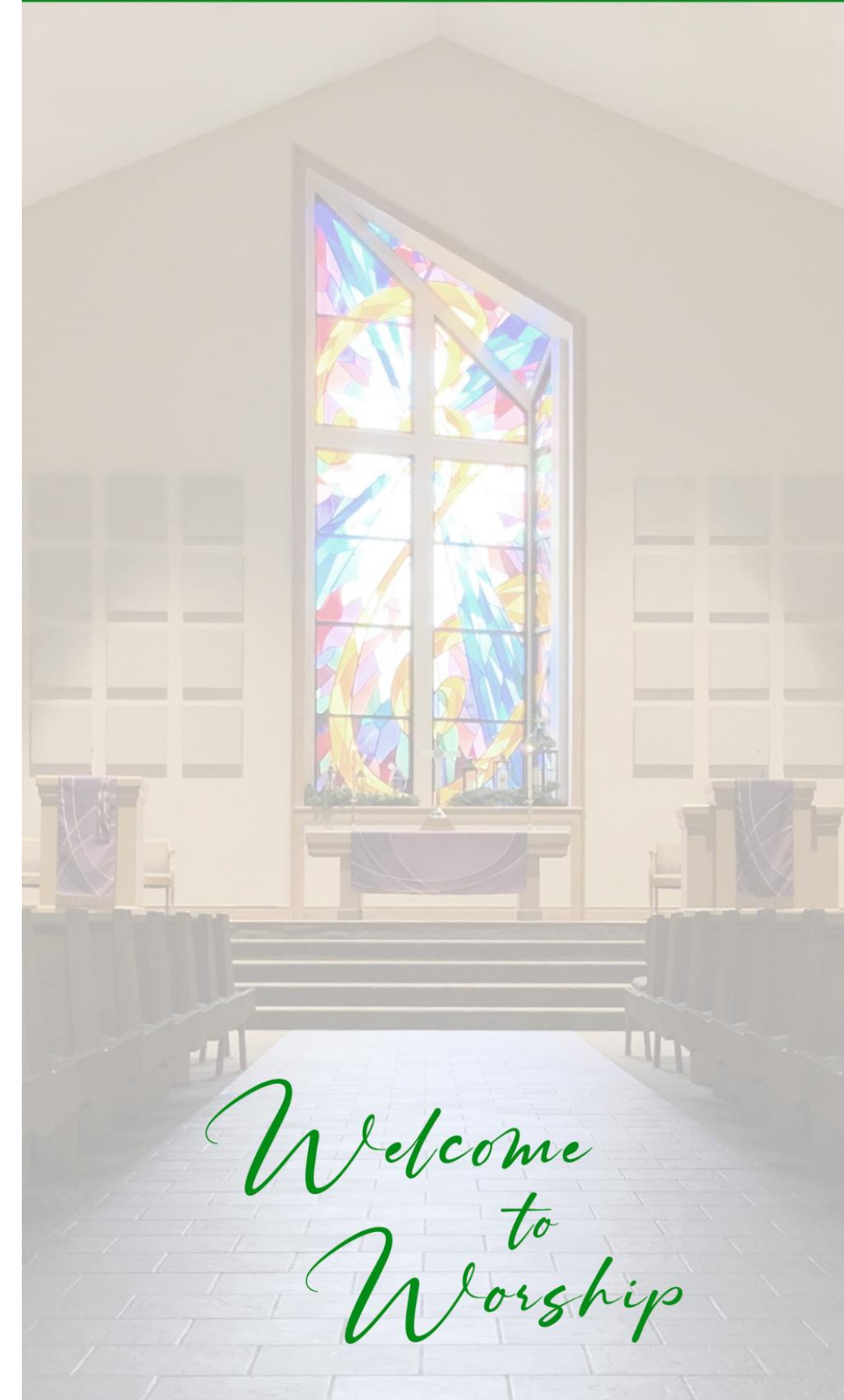


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