



Order of Worship - November 5, 2023

Welcome! We are glad you are worshiping with us today! Feel free to mask or unmask, as you are most comfortable.

Prelude

Welcome and Lighting of the Christ Candle

Musical Call to Worship

*Call to Worship and Opening Prayer Worship leader: Logan Alley

One: God of grace, in the beginning, you gathered us into community,

All: For as you said, "It is not good that the human being should be alone!"

One: God of freedom, in the exodus, you gathered us into community,

All: For you heard the cry of our groaning, our desire for liberation, for new life!

One: God of love, at Pentecost, you gathered us into community,

All: For you gave birth to the church!

One: And this morning, we give thanks that you gather us into community,

All: A community of abundant life: of grace, of freedom, and of love.

One: Beloved, come, let us worship God!

All: Let us worship God!

One: Let us pray:

Faithful Redeemer, you are the beginning and ending of all things.

You promise to wipe away every tear,
that death and mourning will be no more.

You make your home among us,
and abide with us as our God.

**All: Teach us to live as the saints you call us to be,
that we may truly be your people,
living and doing your will,
in the name of Jesus, who is the Christ. Amen.**

*Hymn *Come, Let Us Join Our Friends Above* UMH #709

Story Time with Children (After this, children may sit with their parents in the pews.)

Prayer for Illumination

**Lord, by the power of your Spirit give us your words of life
that our faith may increase and our hearts be made whole. Amen.**

Scripture Reading John 10:1-18, Revelation 7:9-17 NT pp. 103, 249

For the word of God in scripture, for the word of God among us,
for the word of God within us. **Thanks be to God.**

*Hymn *Rejoice in God's Saints* UMH #708

Sermon Pastor Michelle Mejia

