

**Order of the Worship Service  
September 8, 2024, 10:00am  
Rev. John Welton, preaching**

Prelude

Welcome and Church Life

\*Call to Worship (from Psalm 139)

One: O Lord, you have searched me and known me.  
You know when I sit down and when I rise up;  
you discern my thoughts from far away.

**All: You search out my path and my lying down,  
and are acquainted with all my ways.**

One: If I take the wings of the morning  
and settle at the farthest limits of the sea,

**All: even there your hand shall lead me,  
and your right hand shall hold me fast.**

One: If I say, 'Surely the darkness shall cover me,  
and the light around me become night',

**All: even the darkness is not dark to you;  
the night is as bright as the day,  
for darkness is as light to you.**

One: In your book were written  
all the days that were formed for me,  
when none of them as yet existed.

**All: How weighty to me are your thoughts, O God! How vast is the sum of them! I try to  
count them—they are more than the sand;  
I come to the end—I am still with you.**

\*Opening Hymn

BRETHREN, WE HAVE MET TO WORSHIP

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

**Gracious God, we come before you with humble hearts, knowing that we have fallen short  
of your glory. We confess that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed. We have been  
quick to judge others while overlooking our own faults. We have let the sun go down on our  
anger and refused to help others with healing words. We have been selfish and have failed  
to reflect the grace and mercy you show us through the example of Jesus Christ...**

Moments of Silence

Assurance of Pardon

One: Therefore having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.  
**All: Thanks be to God!**

Moment for Youth

\*Passing the Peace

One: The peace of Christ be with you!  
**All: And also with you!**

Giving of our Tithes & Offerings

Offertory

\*Doxology

\*Prayer of Dedication and Thanksgiving

Hymn of Preparation SONGBOOK 11

CHANGE MY HEART, O GOD

Scripture Reading

*Genesis 37:12-24; Psalm 88:1-12; Genesis 37:25-36*

Sermon

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Prayers of the People & the Lord's Prayer

\*Closing Hymn 330

DEEP IN THE SHADOWS OF THE PAST

Blessing