

**Order of the Worship Service**  
**September 15th, 2024, 10:00am**  
**Praise and Family Worship Sunday!**  
**John Welton, preaching**

\*Opening Praise Songs

HOLY FOREVER, STARS

Welcome and Church Life

\*Call to Worship

One: Look to the stars — spread across the universe, farther than any eye has seen.

**All: God is everywhere present, whether we go to the ends of the earth or depths of the sea.**

One: Look to the stars — more than we even have numbers to count.

**All: God's grace is beyond imagining, beyond language, beyond counting.**

One: Look to the stars — signs of God's promise, shining through all generations.

**All: We come to worship God, in whom we trust.**

\*Opening Song of Praise

IN THE BEAUTY OF HOLINESS

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

**Gracious God, from whom all blessings flow, forgive us when we forget we are blessed**

**To be alive, present in the world;**

**To inhale and to exhale;**

**To feel sun on our faces and earth beneath our feet;**

**To taste cool water on our parched tongues;**

**To share a moment or a space with another person;**

**To know that You are with us and will never leave;**

**To love and be loved by you.**

**Remind us that such blessings cannot be counted, but enjoyed, shared, and multiplied.**

**When we confuse a self-centered want with blessing, when we think a blessing something we have achieved rather than received, gently turn our heads and hearts.**

**Bring us back to the wonders of life in your world, so close that they can never be grasped or taken or hoarded. In the name of Christ, who came that all may know your blessing, Amen.**

Moments of Silence

Assurance of Pardon

One: Surely, God is here, reconciling us through the gift of grace. Surely, Christ is here, bringing the Good News of our salvation. Surely, the Spirit is here, leading us to share this gift with others.

All: **Thanks be to God, God is always with us.**

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

\*Song of Preparation

HOLY SPIRIT (YOU ARE WELCOME HERE)

Scripture Reading

*Genesis 39: 1-6a*

Sermon

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Prayers of the People & the Lord's Prayer

\*Song of Dismissal

THE TREES OF THE FIELD

Blessing