



A CHORUS OF GENEROSITY

Morning Worship

9:30 AM

October 26, 2025

Stewardship 3

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

RINGING OF THE BELLS

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Leader: The Lord be with you!

People: And also with you!

✠ PASSING THE PEACE

PRELUDE

"In an expanding universe, time is on the side of the outcast. Those who once inhabited the suburbs of human contempt find that without changing their address they eventually live in the metropolis."

— Quentin Crisp

✦CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Come, make a joyful noise to God, all the earth!

People: Come, let us worship God!

Leader: Near and far, we hear the songs of sorrow –

People: let us listen, and act, so they become songs of gladness.

Leader: Near and far, we hear the sounds of suffering –

People: let us listen, and act, so they become songs of relief.

Leader: Near and far, we hear the sounds of injustice –

People: let us listen, and act, so they become songs of repair.

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HYMN BATTLE 1

#133 O Come, All Ye Faithful

2 True God from true God,
Light from light eternal,
born of a virgin, a mortal he comes;
very God, begotten, not created!
O come, let us adore him;
O come, let us adore him;
O come, let us adore him,
Christ, the Lord!

#649 Amazing Grace

2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
and grace my fears relieved.
How precious did that grace appear
the hour I first believed!

HYMN BATTLE 2

#625 How Great Thou Art

2 When through the woods and forest glades I wander
And hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees,
When I look down, from lofty mountain grandeur
And hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze
Then sings my soul, my Savior God to thee
How great thou art! How great thou art!
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How great thou art! How great thou art!

#100 Canticle of the Turning

2 Though I am small, my God, my all,
you work great things in me,
and your mercy will last from the depths of the past
to the end of the age to be.
Your very name puts the proud to shame,
and to those who would for you yearn,
you will show your might, put the strong to flight,
for the world is about to turn.
My heart shall sing of the day you bring.
Let the fires of your justice burn.
Wipe away all tears, for the dawn draws near,
and the world is about to turn.

HYMN BATTLE 3

#69 Here I Am, Lord

2 I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my people's pain.
I have wept for love of them. They turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?
Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.

#134 Joy to the World

2 Joy to the earth, the Savior reigns!
Let all their songs employ,
while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains
repeat the sounding joy,
repeat the sounding joy,
repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

HYMN BATTLE 4

#275 A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

2 Did we in our own strength confide, our striving would be losing,
were not the right man on our side, the man of God's own choosing.
Dost ask who that may be? Christ Jesus, it is he.
Lord Sabaoth his name, from age to age the same,
and he must win the battle.

#340 This Is My Song

2 My country's skies are bluer than the ocean,
and sunlight beams on cloverleaf and pine.
But other lands have sunlight too, and clover,
and skies are everywhere as blue as mine.
So hear my song, O God of all the nations,
a song of peace for their land and for mine.

✠CALL TO RECONCILIATION

Leader: Despite our foolish and angry songs, God continues to sing songs of mercy to us. Despite our best efforts to be faithless in our living, God remains faithful in keeping the promise to forgive us and restore us to wholeness. Let us confess our sins to God, so that God's hope and grace might endure in our brokenness.

✠PRAYER OF CONFESSION*

God beyond borders, we know that on our way to worship, we may not have noticed the exiles in our neighborhoods. We admit how easy it is for us to wander down the streets of temptation, pausing at the corner of easy choices. We fall silent in the presence of those who speak words of anger and hate. We tolerate a culture that suspects all who are different from us.

Have mercy on us, O God, for surely you take the side of justice. Open our hearts to all the wonders you are performing in our lives. You gift us with those of other cultures, that our lives might be blessed. You send us friends out of places we least expect, that our community might be enriched. You call us to be generous with our blessings, so others might be graced with the gift of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.

✠TIME FOR SILENT CONFESSION

✠ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: God challenges us, God encourages us. God confronts us, and God accepts us. God works wonders in our midst and gives us the eyes, the hearts, the souls to see such miracles.

People: God forgives us, God guides us through the wilderness of the world, God leads us home. Thanks be to God. Amen.

✠RESPONSE OF JOY #582

**Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,
and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,
and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.**

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Leader: Give each of us, we pray, such a fresh realization of the wonder of the Gospel message that we may be constrained to share it gladly and graciously with others.

People: Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING (CEB)

1 Samuel 2:1-10

Hannah prayed and said, "My heart exults in the LORD; my strength is exalted in my God. My mouth derides my enemies because I rejoice in your victory. There is no Holy One like the LORD, no one besides you; there is no Rock like our God. Talk no more so very proudly; let not arrogance come from your mouth, for the LORD is a God of knowledge, and by him actions are weighed. The bows of the mighty are broken, but the feeble gird on strength. Those who were full have hired themselves out for bread, but those who were hungry are fat with spoil. The barren has borne seven, but she who has many children is forlorn. The LORD kills and brings to life; he brings down to Sheol and raises up. The LORD makes poor and makes rich; he brings low; he also exalts. He raises up the poor from the dust; he lifts the needy from the ash heap to make them sit with princes and inherit a seat of honor. For the pillars of the earth are the LORD's, and on them he has set the world. He will guard the feet of his faithful ones, but the wicked will perish in darkness, for not by might does one prevail. The LORD! His adversaries will be shattered; the Most High will thunder in heaven. The LORD will judge the ends of the earth; he will give strength to his king and exalt the power of his anointed."

Leader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to you and to the church.

People: Thanks be to God!

MOMENTS WITH THE CHILDREN

Vanna Ortiz

(Children K-5 are then invited to accompany the leader to Children's Chapel)

MUSICAL OFFERING

"Resurrection People"
Covenant Choir

Jeff Jolly

SCRIPTURE READING (CEB)

Luke 1:46-55

And Mary said, "My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, for he has looked with favor on the lowly state of his servant. Surely from now on all generations will call me blessed, for the Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his name; indeed, his mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation. He has shown strength with his arm; he has scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts. He has brought down the

powerful from their thrones and lifted up the lowly; he has filled the hungry with good things and sent the rich away empty. He has come to the aid of his child Israel, in remembrance of his mercy, according to the promise he made to our ancestors, to Abraham and to his descendants forever.”

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SERMON

“Magnificat”

Rev. Seth Finch

JOYS AND CONCERNS** *(A Silence)*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Greg McCarty

THE LORD’S PRAYER (Casa del Sol Prayer of Jesus Version)

Ground of all being, Mother of life, Father of the universe, your name is sacred, beyond speaking. May we know your presence, may your longings be our longing in heart and in action. May there be food for the human family today and for the whole earth community. Forgive us the falseness of what we have done, as we forgive those who are untrue to us. Do not forsake us in our time of conflict, but lead us into new beginnings. For the light of life, the vitality of life, and the glory of life are yours, now and forever. Amen.

OFFERING

✠RESPONSE OF THANKSGIVING #712

In gratitude and humble trust, we bring our best today,
to serve your cause and share your love
with all along life’s way.
O God who gave yourself to us
in Jesus Christ your Son,
help us to give ourselves each day
until life’s work is done.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

HYMN BATTLE 5

#88 O Come, O Come Emmanuel

2 O come, thou Wisdom from on high, who orderest all things mightily:
to us the path of knowledge show; and teach us in her ways to go.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
shall come to thee, O Israel.

#14 For the Beauty of the Earth

2 For the wonder of each hour
of the day and of the night,
hill and vale, and tree and flower,
sun and moon, and stars of light:
Lord of all, to thee we raise
this our hymn of grateful praise.

HYMN BATTLE 6

#122 Silent Night

Silent night, holy night!
Shepherds quake at the sight;
Glories stream from heaven afar, heavenly hosts sing "Alleluia."
Christ the Savior is born; Christ the Savior is born

#1 Holy, Holy, Holy

2 Holy, holy, holy! all the saints adore thee,
casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,
who wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.

HYMN BATTLE 7

#450 Be Thou My Vision

2 Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true Word;
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;
thou my soul's shelter, and thou my high tower;
raise thou me heavenward, O Power of my power.

#20 All Things Bright and Beautiful

2 The purple-headed mountain, the river running by,
the sunset, and the morning that brightens up the sky:
All things bright and beautiful, all creatures great and small,
all things wise and wonderful, the Lord God made them all.

HYMN BATTLE 8

#664 Morning Has Broken

2 Sweet the rain's new fall sunlit from heaven,
like the first dewfall on the first grass.
Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden,
sprung in completeness where God's feet pass.

#136 Go Tell It On the Mountain

Go, tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere;
go, tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is born!
2 The shepherds feared and trembled when lo! above the earth
rang out the angel chorus that hailed our Savior's birth.
Go, tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere;
go, tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is born!

✠BENEDICTION

John Rutter

Prayer of Saint Patrick
Adult Choir

✠POSTLUDE

✠THOSE WHO ARE ABLE, PLEASE STAND

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