

Worship for Nov. 17, 2024

Prelude

*Call to Worship

Let us open our minds to God's teaching
and tune our ear to God's word.

**Let us listen to the stories of the faith of our ancestors;
and share our stories with our children.**

We put our trust in God.

We worship the One who gives us life.

Prayer of the Day

God of heaven and earth, God of sunrise and sunset, God of the highest mountain and the deepest valley, hear our prayers as we come before you. Declare your message to us and grant us the courage to listen. May our listening turn to action. May our actions touch the hearts of those who need to hear your voice. We live today and every day confident of your everlasting presence, care, grace, and love. Amen.

*Hymn 39 Great Is Thy Faithfulness

Call to Confession

The proof of God's amazing love is this:

While we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.

Because we have faith in him, we dare to approach God with confidence.

Prayer of Confession

We confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done and what we have left undone.

We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength.

We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

In your mercy, forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are,
and direct what we shall be,

that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

*Take, O Take Me As I Am

Assurance of Forgiveness

Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life is gone and a new life has begun. Friends, believe the good news of the gospel: our sins are forgiven and we may live this day and every day in peace.

Old Testament Reading Joshua 24:14-25

Moments With Our Young Disciples

New Testament Reading Acts of the Apostles 2: 14-22; 36-47

The Morning Message

*Hymn 14 For the Beauty of the Earth

*Affirmation of Faith The Apostles' Creed p. 35

*Hymn 581 Gloria Patri

Prayers of the Faithful and the Lord's Prayer

Presenting Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

*Hymn 607 Doxology

*Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn 719 Come, Labor On

*Blessing

Go now and follow in the footsteps of those who have gone before us in Christ.

Love the Lord.

Serve God in sincerity and faithfulness.

Teach those who come after you to trust in God.

And may God protect you along the way;

May Christ Jesus keep you alert and prepared.

And may the Holy Spirit fuel the lamp that guides your path.

*Postlude