



PRELUDE *What Wondrous Love Is This,*
Walker's Southern Harmony 1835
Cathy Draper – flute
Ian Alvarez - piano

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

Brothers and Sisters of all ages, we gather this morning
to celebrate God's faithful presence with us.

We look backward and see how God has led us in the past, and we look forward, trusting God to guide us into our future.

We honor our Lord Jesus Christ who is our guide and friend and called us together as a community of faith.

And we celebrate the Holy Spirit by whose power we live and serve, bringing love, healing, peace, and hope to the world.

Together let us praise our God of grace.

HYMN #267 *Come Christians Join to Sing*

PRAYER OF PRAISE

By your Spirit, O God, you have launched us to be your church. And you have equipped us with gifts, called us into service, and commissioned us to embody the good news of the gospel in the world. We give thanks for every gift that flows from your hands. As we gather around the table this morning, fill us with the presence of your Spirit. May we respond with hearts eager to live in service to you as an act of praise. Amen.

CALL TO CONFESSION

We are members of the community of Christ's followers
who do not always live as he taught us. With honesty, we
come before God to acknowledge our need for grace.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND REFLECTION

O Lord Jesus Christ, we confess that we sometimes have difficulty following you because we think we know where you are leading us. When we head off in a different direction, we can find ourselves drifting off course, struggling, and depleted. We acknowledge that we live under the illusion that you have appointed us to be in control of our own destinies, to work tirelessly, and to believe that we know what will define our success. And yet, you have only asked us to follow you in the way of the cross. You invite us to place our burdens in your care, and to find our rest as we abide in your love. So, we place into your hands our weakness and failures, our wandering hearts and enlarged egos, and ask for you to forgive us our sins and renew your Spirit's presence in our lives that we may trust you and the Spirit to empower our living. Amen.

(time for silent prayers and reflection)

ASSURANCE OF FOREGIVENESS

God's Spirit comes to us like the wind. We do not see where it comes from, or to where it goes. But it is real and it brings with it gifts of grace and by the Spirit and through the power of Jesus Christ, the Creator is at work,
forgiving us, redeeming us, and restoring us.

***By God's grace we are a new creation.
Thanks be to God!***

PASSING OF THE PEACE

HYMN #292 *As the Wind Song*
Cathy Draper – flute
Ian Alvarez - piano

SCRIPTURE READINGS Ephesians 3:14-21
Mark 6:45-51

MESSAGE "The Sailboat Church" - Rev. Ann Lewis

HYMN #410 *God is Calling Through the Whisper*

CELEBRATION OF COMMUNION

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread,
and forgive us our debts,
as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For yours is the kingdom,
and the power,
and the glory
now and forever. Amen.

HYMN #543 *God be the Love to Search and Keep Me*

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Jesus Calls Us*, William J. Jude 1887
Ian Alvarez – chimes variation