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Sunday Worship Service November 8, 2026 10:30 am

GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

OPENING SONG #SPW 81 "Worthy, Your Are Worthy"
We will remain seated as we sing.

CALL TO WORSHIP

People of God, listen: the Lord has done marvelous things. Teach your children all that God has done so that they may live in hope and peace.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Eternal God, you are our hope and our salvation, for in Jesus Christ you have conquered death. Baptized in him, we are raised to new life. Increase in us our faith and keep us watchful, that we may welcome Christ with joy when he comes to set the whole world free. **Amen.**

***HYMN #379** "My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less"

CALL TO CONFESSION

Our hope is built on nothing less than Jesus and his righteousness. Trusting in the mercy of God, let us confess our sin that we might find forgiveness and new life in Christ.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy and gracious God, you are all light, wonder and glory. You are our strength and our delight; you give us all we need to live. Yet we are distracted by all that glitters, continually grasping for more. Rather than trust in your provision, we chase after our own happiness. Forgive us, Lord, and turn us back to you. Overwhelm us with your goodness and cover us with grace, for we know that you are the source of life, the fount of all that is good. In the name of Jesus we pray. Amen.

SILENT REFLECTION

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Hear the good news: Nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus. Believe the gospel! We are forgiven.

***HYMN OF RESPONSE** #579 "Glory Be to the Father"

PASSING OF THE PEACE

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Lord, to whom should we go? You have the words of eternal life. By the power of your Holy Spirit, speak to us of your promises that we might hear your truth and enjoy you forever; in Jesus' name. **Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25

ANTHEM "How Can I Keep From Singing?"
SLUC Choir

GOSPEL LESSON Matthew 25:1-13

SERMON "Milktoast Faith"
Rev. Dr. Andrew J. Gifford

OFFERING
OFFERTORY
***HYMN** #428 (Verse 1) "We Give Thee but Thine Own"
***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

SONG "Love the Lord Your God"
We will remain seated as we sing.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

***HYMN** #15 "Rejoice! Rejoice, Believers"

***CHARGE & BENEDICTION**

***HYMN** #593 "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"
Our tradition is joining hands for our final song. For those who'd prefer not to join hands, raising your hands in a prayer or praise position signals this to your neighbor.

***POSTLUDE**

Thank you to today's liturgist, John Boerner.