



**January 21<sup>st</sup>, 2024**

# Gathering

*During the Prelude we invite you to greet one another with love outside the Chapel, and allow those within to meditate, pray or just listen.*

Prelude “A Rustic Celebration” by Joseph M. Martin

Welcome

\*Call to Worship

\*congregation please stand in body or spirit

Leader: There are times when worship compels us to reverence, awe, and even silence.

**People: There are times when worship inspires us to pray without ceasing.**

Leader: There are also times when, like King David before the Ark of the Covenant, worship is a passionate and joyous affair.

**People: Like the Israelites, let us rejoice in God our Savior, singing, dancing, and praising God for all the Lord has done for us!**

\*Opening Hymn #157 “I Danced in the Morning” vs 1,2,5

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, you are the God of glory and deserving of all our worship and praise. We confess that all too often our attention turns to lesser gods of our own making—our own comfort, our fears and worries, what we accumulate, what others think of us. Bowing at these unworthy altars, it’s no wonder that our worship becomes lifeless, for these gods cannot redeem or renew us. Forgive us, Lord, and enliven us with your Spirit that we may worship you with joy, knowing that you inhabit the praises of a truly repentant heart.**

Time for Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: With absolute assurance, we trust in the never-ending grace and mercy of God.

**People: As forgiven children of God, we worship God in spirit and in truth! Hallelujah! Amen.**

\*Musical Response #2043 “Alleluia”

(STF)

\*Passing of the Peace of Christ

Leader: May the peace of Christ be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Anthem “Gaudeamus Hodie”

by Natalie Sleeth

## The Word

Prayer for Illumination

Scriptures: 2 Samuel 6:1-5 and 1 Chronicles 15:25-29; 1 Chronicles 16:7-36

Leader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church!

**People: Thanks be to God.**

Sermon “Lord of the Dance”

Video “Every Praise”

Hezekiah Walker

Every praise is to our God  
Every word of worship with one accord  
Every praise every praise is to our God  
Sing hallelujah to our God  
Glory hallelujah is due our God  
Every praise every praise is to our God

God my Savior  
God my Healer  
God my Deliverer  
Yes He is, yes He is

Time for Response to Sermon

Joys and Concerns and Pastoral Prayer

Leader: Lord in your mercy,

**People: Hear our prayers**

The Lord’s Prayer

Announcements

## Sending

\*Closing Hymn #633 “Praise Ye the Lord”

\*Benediction

Postlude “Praise Ye the Lord”

*Feel free to stand, chat and generally share in Fellowship as the Postlude sends us out into the world in Love.*

We welcome all who worship with us this day. May you experience God’s presence and find inspiration for your journey of faith. This morning the leaders in worship are:

**Rev. Michelle Fincher**, Pastor; **Heidi Thomas**, Music Director;  
**Calvary Singers**; **Nancy Ulrich**, Liturgist; **Ryan Hodel**, Zoom Host

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