

Tradition 1. a time-honored practice
2. the passing down of elements of a culture
from generation to generation



Oct. 25, 2026

8 and 11 AM Worship

PRELUDE	"Two Preludes on Lift High the Cross"	Leavitt/Young
WELCOME		
CHORUS	"Forward Through the Ages" (verse 1)	555

PREPARING OUR HEARTS

***WE'RE CALLED TO WORSHIP**

Leader: In a world that cries out, "Fear me!"

People: We will listen to Jesus' words, "Don't be afraid!"

Leader: In a world that wants us to hate the other...

**People: We will live Jesus' call to, "Love God. Love your neighbor,
as you love yourself."**

Leader: In a world that radicalizes...

**People: We, too, will be radical. Radical with our hospitality. Radical
with our hope. Radical with our love.**

Leader: Then come to this place, ready to be who we are called to be.

People: Let us gather together and worship God.

*OPENING HYMN	"Lift High the Cross"	159
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***CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER/SILENT PRAYER/LORD'S PRAYER**

**Almighty God, we confess that we have taken Your commandments
and turned them into rules. We have criticized those who have fallen
short and selfishly proclaimed ourselves righteous. We have failed to
understand the spirit of the commandments and the Way that was
shown by You to live, loving God and loving our neighbors. Forgive
us for turning Your law into burdens for others and ourselves, instead
of a Way to love and freedom in You. In the name of Christ, who has
given us the Way and leads us on, we pray.**

GREETING

HEARING GOD'S WORD

SPECIAL MUSIC

"River in Judea"

arr. Leavitt

Sanctuary Choir

Today's music is full of imagery that is meant to remind you of memories and stories as it blends past, present, and future. Whether the river in the song is the Jordan River, the river from the Garden of Eden, or the River of Life that Revelation describes is not clear. But, as we anticipate All Saints Day next week, we invite you to consider the waters associated with faith and the thoughts that encourage you in your journey.

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 28:16-20

HYMN

"Here I Am, Lord"

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MESSAGE

"The Why"

Pastor Rob

RESPONSE TO GOD'S WORD

GIVING TO GOD *In love, God gives us more than enough, and we spread God's love by generously sharing what we have received.*

OFFERTORY "Variation on 'God of Grace and God of Glory'"

Hopson

***RESPONSE** "Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow"

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***PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

TAKING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

***CLOSING HYMN**

"Pass It On"

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***BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE**

"Lift High the Cross"

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