



HOMECOMING SUNDAY

September 7, 2025 at 10am

Saint Luke Lutheran Church & School

9100 Colesville Road, Silver Spring, MD

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THE GATHERING

PRELUDE

Grand Chorus

Théodore Dubois (1837–1924)

WELCOME

WELCOME HOME

Home is a welcome at the door,

Home is acceptance.

Home is laughter around the table, bread and cup,

Home is remembering promises made in water and spirit.

Home is continuing to see where God is leading,

Home is going there together.

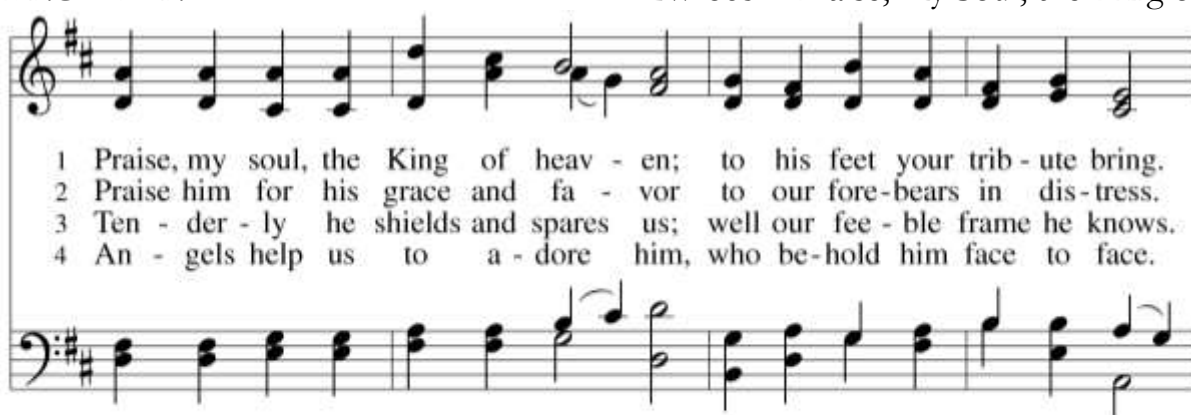
Home is where God dwells,

God dwells in each of us.

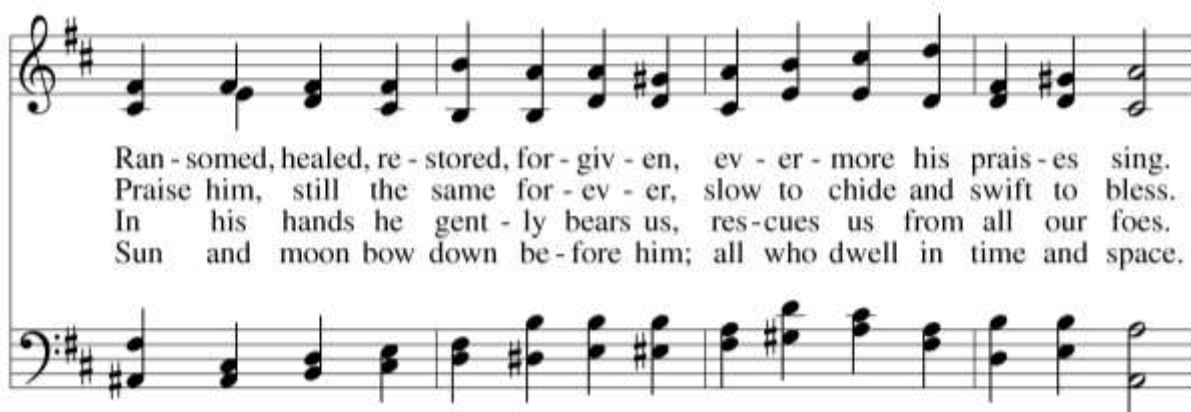
Welcome home.

GATHERING HYMN

ELW 865 – Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven



1 Praise, my soul, the King of heav - en; to his feet your trib - ute bring.
2 Praise him for his grace and fa - vor to our fore-bears in dis-tress.
3 Ten - der - ly he shields and spares us; well our fee - ble frame he knows.
4 An - gels help us to a - dore him, who be-hold him face to face.



Ran - somed, healed, re - stored, for - giv - en, ev - er - more his prais - es sing.
Praise him, still the same for - ev - er, slow to chide and swift to bless.
In his hands he gent - ly bears us, res-cues us from all our foes.
Sun and moon bow down be-fore him; all who dwell in time and space.



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Praise the ev - er - last - ing King!
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Glo - rious in his faith - ful - ness!
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Wide - ly as his mer - cy flows.
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Praise with us the God of grace.

GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Direct us, O Lord God, in all our doings with your continual help, that in all our works, begun, continued, and ended in you, we may glorify your holy name; and finally, by your mercy, bring us to everlasting life, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Please be seated.

THE WORD

FIRST READING

I Peter 4:8-11

The Apostle Peter emphasizes the importance of showing love to one another fervently, using our gifts to serve others, and ultimately glorifying God through our actions and words.

Above all, maintain constant love for one another, for love covers a multitude of sins. Be hospitable to one another without complaining. Like good stewards of the manifold grace of God, serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received. Whoever speaks must do so as one speaking the very words of God; whoever serves must do so with the strength that God supplies, so that God may be glorified in all things through Jesus Christ. To him belong the glory and the power forever and ever. Amen.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING

Acts 2:42-47

Today's reading is a description of life in the community following Peter's sermon on the day of Pentecost, when the Spirit was poured out on God's people. The new community is sustained in worship and fellowship, shares what they have, and ensures that everyone has enough.

[The baptized] devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. Awe came upon everyone because many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.



GOSPEL READING

Matthew 5:13-16

In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus encourages his followers to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world, doing good works and keeping God's commandments.

The holy gospel according to Saint Matthew, the twenty-second chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

“You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything but is thrown out and trampled under foot. “You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. People do not light a lamp and put it under the bushel basket; rather, they put it on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

HOMECOMING REFLECTION

Pastor Miller

Please stand as you are able.

I am the church! You are the church! We are the church to -

geth - er! All who fol - low Je - sus,

all a - round the world! Yes, we're the church to - geth - er!

1 The church is not a build-ing, the church is not a stee - ple,
2 We're man - y kinds of peo - ple, with man - y kinds of fac - es,

the church is not a rest - ing place, the church is a peo - ple.
all col - ors and all a - ges, too, from all times and plac - es.

to Refrain

APOSTLE'S CREED

With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

INSTALLATION OF 2025-2026 COUNCIL

You who are called to a specific ministry of leadership here at Saint Luke, the 2025-26 Council: You are to see that the words and deeds of this household of faith reflect the One in whose name we gather. You are called to be diligent in specific areas of serving, that the Lord who empowers you is glorified. You are to be examples of faith active in love, to help maintain the life and harmony of this community of faith.

Will you accept and faithfully carry out the duties of the positions to which you have been elected?

Response: Yes, by the help of God.

People of God, will you support these, your elected leaders, and will you share in the mutual ministry we have been given in Jesus Christ?

Yes, by the help of God.

I declare you installed as officers/council members of this congregation.

God bless you as you prove to be faithful servants of Christ.

Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Gracious God, we come to you in prayer for the church, the world, and all in need.

After each portion of the prayers:

God of grace,
receive our prayer.

The prayers conclude:

We entrust these prayers to you, O God, in the name of Jesus Christ, our redeemer and friend.. **Amen.**

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.

All may share a sign of Peace.

Please be seated.

THE MEAL

OFFERING

We invite you to give your offering online at saintlukegive.us or place it in the offering plate, or use this QR code with your device to securely give your Offering.

You may also mail your checks to:

Saint Luke Lutheran Church
9100 Colesville Road
Silver Spring, MD 20910



OFFERTORY MUSIC

Draw The Circle Wide
Mark Miller (b. 1967)

*The offering is received and is presented at the altar.
Please stand as you are able for the Offering Hymn..*

OFFERING HYMN

Take My Life and Let It Be

1 Take my life and let it be con-se - crat - ed, Lord, to thee;

take my mo - ments and my days; let them flow in

cease - less praise; let them flow in cease - less praise.

The musical score is written for a four-part choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in 4/4 time, with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are: "1 Take my life and let it be con-se - crat - ed, Lord, to thee; take my mo - ments and my days; let them flow in cease - less praise; let them flow in cease - less praise." The score consists of three systems of staves, each with four parts. The first system covers the first line of lyrics, the second system covers the second line, and the third system covers the third line. The music is simple and hymn-like, with a focus on the lyrics.

OFFERING PRAYER

Please stand as you are able.

Let us pray.

Lord of the harvest, we return to you a portion of what you have given to us. Turn us to set our hope not on the uncertainty of riches, but on you, who richly provides for us. Multiply what we have gathered to bless all who are suffering and in need, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

SANCTUS

ELW Setting One

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of

pow-er and might, heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -

san - na in the high-est. Blessed is he who comes in the

name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

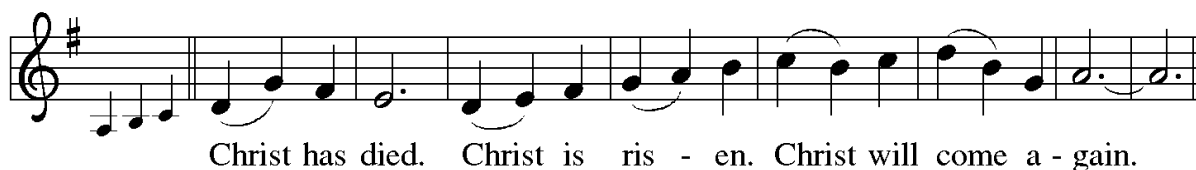
You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God. You are most holy, and great is the majesty of your glory. You so loved the world that you gave your only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but have eternal life. We give you thanks for his coming into the world to fulfill for us your holy will and to accomplish all things for our salvation.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: 'Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me. Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: 'This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

ACCLAMATION

ELW Setting One

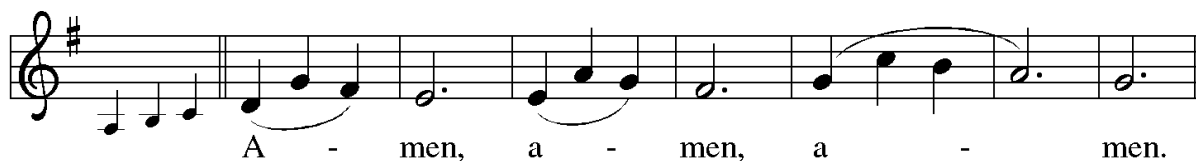


Remembering, therefore, his salutary command, his life-giving passion and death, his glorious resurrection and ascension, and the promise of his coming again, we give thanks to you, O Lord God Almighty, not as we ought but as we are able; we ask you mercifully to accept our praise and thanksgiving and with your Word and Holy Spirit to bless us, your servants, and these your own gifts of bread and wine, so that we and all who share in the body and blood of Christ may be filled with heavenly blessing and grace, and, receiving the forgiveness of sin, may be formed to live as your holy people and be given our inheritance with all your saints.

To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory in your holy church, now and forever.

GREAT AMEN

ELW Setting One



LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

Please pray in your own preferred language.

Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.

Padre Nuestro, que estas en los cielos,
santificado sea tu nombre,
venga a nosotros tu reino,
hagase tu voluntad,
asi en la tierra como en el cielo.
Danos hoy nuestro pan de cada dia;
perdona nuestras ofensas,
como nosotros perdonamos
a los que nos ofenden;
y no nos dejes caer en la tentacion,
mas libranos del mal.
Porque tuyo es el reino,
el poder, y la gloria,
por los siglos de los siglos. Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Christ invites us home to the table.

Come, taste and see.

Thanks be to God.

Please be seated.

COMMUNION

All are invited to the Lord's table, a table of grace and mercy. There are stations at the foot of the chancel steps.

Please stretch out your hand, palm up, to receive the host, the body of Christ.

(Gluten-free wafers are available; please ask your server)

Then receive in the individual cup the blood of Christ. You may deposit your cup in the basket near the side wall. Those who wish to receive a blessing instead of the Lord's supper are also encouraged to come forward. Those who wish to receive the sacrament in the pew, please inform an usher. All are welcome to the Lord's table.

When giving the bread and cup, the communion ministers say:

The body of Christ, given for you. / The blood of Christ, shed for you.

*The communicant may say: **Amen.***

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have

mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the

world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a -

way the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

COMMUNION HYMN

LBW 212 – Let Us Break Bread Together

1 Let us break bread to - geth - er on our knees;
2 Let us drink wine to - geth - er on our knees;

let us break bread to - geth - er on our knees.
let us drink wine to - geth - er on our knees.

Refrain
When I fall on my knees, with my face to the ris - ing

sun, O Lord, have mer - cy on me.

(Continued on the next page)

3 Let us praise God to - geth - er on our knees;
let us praise God to - geth - er on our knees. *Refrain*

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

Please stand as you are able.

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you,
and keep you in his grace.

Amen.

POST COMMUNION CANTICLE

ELW 207 – Thankful Hearts and Voices Raise

Thank-ful hearts and voic-es raise; tell ev-'ry-one what God has done. Let
ev - 'ry-one who seeks the Lord re - joice and bear the name of Christ.
Send us with your prom - is - es and lead your peo - ple forth in joy with
shouts of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le-lu - ia, al - le-lu - ia.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

O God, through this meal you have strengthened us and appointed us to be your servants.
Send us to do good and to share our possessions with all in need. We ask this in Jesus' name.

Amen.

BLESSING

The God of righteousness, who gives justice to the oppressed, who gives food to the hungry,
who sets the prisoners free, ✠ bless you now and forever.

Amen.

1. Je - sus loves me! this I know, for the Bi - ble tells me so;
 2. Je - sus loves me! he who died heav-en's gates to o - pen wide;
 3. Je - sus loves me! still to - day walk - ing with me on my way;

Je - sus said so lov - ing - ly, "Let the chil-dren come to me."
 he will wash a - way my sin, let his lit - tle child come in.
 want - ing as a friend to give light and life to all who live.

Yes, Je - sus loves me, yes, Je - sus loves me,
 yes, Je - sus loves me, the Bi - ble tells me so.

BLESSING OF THE FOOD

The body and blood of Christ has nourished our soul. Soon we will enjoy food to nourish our bodies, and so we give thanks with Luther's meal prayer. Let us pray:

The eyes of all wait upon you, O Lord, and you give them their food in due season. You open your hand and satisfy the desire of every living thing. Lord God, bless us and these your gifts which we receive from your bountiful goodness, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.
Thanks be to God.

TOURING CLASSROOMS AND FAITH FORMATION CELEBRATION

WORSHIP LEADERS

PRESIDING MINISTERS

The Rev. Connie A. Miller
Senior Pastor

The Rev. Richard Zawistoski
Confirmation Pastor

ASSISTING MINISTER

Deacon Kyle Warfield
Director of Discipleship and High School Ministries

COMMUNION SERVER/INTERCESSOR

Melissa Groen
Director of Children's Ministries

CRUCIFER

Carlos Esquivel
Campus Associate

READERS

Cynthia Bonilla
Charles Helling

MUSICIANS

Adam Scott Graham
Director of Music

Schola Cantorum



Following Worship

Classroom Tours, Celebrate Faith Formation

Delicious American and Latin American Fare

Live Music: Samuel Munguia and Friends

Bounce House

Games

and Much More!

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Installed This Morning

Congregation Council 2025-26

At the Council organizational meeting this summer, officers were elected. New members were elected at the June annual meeting.

CONGRATULATIONS SAINT LUKE COUNCIL 2025-26

CONGREGATION COUNCIL OFFICERS

Willard Unkenholz, President
Jennifer Duin, Vice President
Matt Grussing, Secretary
Rick Ahlberg, Treasurer
Scott McKay, Financial Secretary

CONGREGATION COUNCIL MEMBERS

Kristina Schendt
Barbara Sensenig
Jordan Gerth
Katie Bassein
Sarah Aderholdt
Sunday Shomari
Brock Beamer
Beatrice Kilima
Deacon Warfield
Pastor Miller

Thank you for your prayers for these amazing leaders of our faith community!

MARK YOUR CALENDAR:

October 5

Prayer Partner Brunch

10:00 a.m. between the morning worship services

October 12

Songs of Faith

50th Anniversary of Wickre Concerts

Music for Brass, Choir, Organ, Strings

Free-Will Offering

October 19

Saint Luke Sunday and God's Work our Hands

Congregation Service Project between the morning services for Montgomery County Homeless

October 26

Reformation Sunday

The Folly of the Cross: Untold Stories of Global Transformation – untold, until now.

Oktoberfest

Today's Music:

ELW 865

Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven

Text: Henry F. Lyte, 1793-1847

Music: John Goss, 1800-1880

Tune: LAUDA ANIMA

LS 133

We Are the Church

Text: Mary Louise Bringle, b. 1953

Music: W. Walker, *Southern Harmony*, 1835

Tune: RESTORATION

Take My Life and Let It Be

Text: Frances Ridley Havergal, 1836-1879

Music: H. A. César Malan, 1787-1864

Tune: HENDON

LBW 212

Let Us Break Bread Together

Text: African American spiritual

Music: African American spiritual; arr.

Contemporary Worship 4, 1972

Tune: BREAK BREAD TOGETHER

ELW 595

Jesus Loves Me

Text: Anna B. Warner, 1820–1915, alt.

Music: William B. Bradbury, 1816–1868

Tune: JESUS LOVES ME

Théodore Dubois (1837-1924)

The French composer, organist and music teacher, François Clément Théodore Dubois, studied first under Louis Fanart (the choir-master at Reims cathedral) and later at the Paris Conservatoire under Ambroise Thomas. He won the Prix de Rome in 1861. In 1868, Dubois became Choir Master at the Church of the Madeleine, and in 1871 took over from César Franck as Choir Master at the Basilica of Saint Clotilde. In 1877, he returned to the Church of the Madeleine, succeeding Camille Saint-Saëns as Organist. From 1871 he taught at the Paris Conservatoire, with composers Paul Dukas and Florent Schmitt among his pupils. Dubois was Director of the Conservatoire from 1896 to 1905. He was forced to resign after his refusal to award the Prix de Rome to Maurice Ravel created a substantial public outcry, which was increased by an open letter from the novelist and musicologist Romain Rolland. Gabriel Fauré took over from Dubois as Director. The music of Théodore Dubois includes operas, oratorios and three symphonies. His best known works are the oratorio *Les Sept Paroles du Christ* ("The Seven Last Words of Christ", 1867), and his Toccata (1889). He has had a more lasting influence in teaching, with his theoretical works *Traité de Contrepoint et de Fugue* (on counterpoint and fugue) and *Traité d'Harmonie Théorique et Pratique* (on harmony) still used today.

CDS Music Makers

Tuesdays at 10am (*must be enrolled in CDS*)

Schola Cantorum

Wednesdays at 7pm

Reformation Bells

Tuesdays at 7pm

La Sagrada Familia Music

Fridays at 4pm

THIS WEEK AT SAINT LUKE

SUNDAY, September 7– Homecoming

8:30am Tech Rehearsal
9:15am Schola Cantorum
10:00am Worship (Hybrid)
11:00am Homecoming Celebration
1:00pm Worship

MONDAY, September 8

9:00am CDS Classes
10:00am CDS Yoga
1:30pm CDS Aftercare
7:00pm Cub Scout Pack 249

TUESDAY, September 9

9:00am CDS Classes
10:00am Mary/Martha Circle (Hybrid)
10:00am CDS Music
1:30pm CDS Aftercare
4:00pm Piano Lessons
5:30pm Stewardship (Zoom)
7:00pm Reformation Bells
7:00pm Council Meeting (Zoom)

WEDNESDAY, September 10

9:00am CDS Classes
10:00am CDS Chapel
10:00am Women in Community
1:30pm CDS Aftercare
7:30pm Schola Cantorum

THURSDAY, September 11

9:00am CDS Classes
10:00am CDS Yoga
1:30pm CDS Aftercare
4:00pm CDS Back to School Night
7:30pm Centering Prayer (Zoom)
7:30pm AA

FRIDAY, September 12

9:00am CDS Classes
1:00pm Book & Video Discussion Group
1:30pm CDS Staff Meeting
6:00pm AA

SATURDAY, September 13

8:30am Men's Group
9:30am AA
11:00am Al-Anon
8:30pm AA

SUNDAY, September 14 – Holy Cross

7:30am Tech Rehearsal
8:00am Schola Cantorum
8:45am Worship (Hybrid)
10:00am The Gathering
10:00am Sunday School
10:00am Affirmation of Baptism Class
10:10am LET'S TALK
11:15am Worship (Hybrid)
12:30pm The Gathering