

We are an imperfect community striving to live into the beautiful story of God in our wonderful yet broken city. We invite you to join us as we seek God's glory and neighbor's good together!

## WORSHIP NOTES:

- Welcome! If you would like to find out more about our community or speak with one of the pastors, text WELCOME to 773.645.9335 or email Pastor Aaron ([aaron@rescov.org](mailto:aaron@rescov.org)). We'd love to connect with you.
- Children are welcomed and encouraged to join us in the worship service. We provide a nursery for infants on the main floor and childcare for toddlers in the basement for the duration of worship.
  - Pre-K Activities: Following the Passing of the Peace, Pre-school through Kindergarten aged children are invited to line up in the Narthex for class lasting until communion.
- Come Bring Your Burdens to God/Woza Nomthwalo Wakho" is a song that originates from the Mooiplas congregation of South Africa. It speaks of God's constant willingness to help carry our burdens.
- "When We Share God's Dream" is a paraphrase of Psalm 126 by songwriter Richard Bruxvoort Colligan. He is particularly committed to writing singable renditions of the Psalms for community worship services. For more of his work, see <https://www.worldmaking.net/>.
- The bulletin art is by Bulgarian artist Julia Stankova. For more information about her or to purchase her art, see <http://www.juliastankova.com/home.html>.

The season of **Lent** begins on Ash Wednesday and runs the 40 days before Easter (not counting Sundays) representing Christ's 40 days in the wilderness in preparation for ministry as well as symbolizing the 40 years the Israelites spent wandering in the desert. It began in the 5th century as the final period of preparation for new Christians who would be baptized on Easter. It is a season of preparation for Holy Week and Easter often marked by penitence, almsgiving, and practices of self-denial, such as fasting. The color of Lent is purple representing suffering and penitence as well as the royalty of Christ.

Aaron Johnson, Dave Bjorlin, Jen Gillan, and  
Kyle Mecher serve as our pastors.



**GATHERING**

Call to Worship

All who are tired:

**come bring your burdens to God!**

All who are sick:

**come bring your burdens to God!**

All who are lonely:

**come bring your burdens to God!**

All who are fearful:

**come bring your burdens to God!**

All who are heavy laden:

**come bring your burdens to God,  
and worship the Creator of abundance!**

Songs of Faith and Praise

*Come Bring Your Burdens to God*

**WORD**

Old Testament Lesson

**Psalter**

Deuteronomy 15:7-11

**Psalms 126 (#849)**

Song of Faith and Praise\*

*When We Share God's Dream*

Prayer of Confession

*Kyrie Eleison*

~silent confession~

Assurance of Pardon

Friends, believe the good news of the Gospel.

**In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.**

Passing of the Peace\*

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Song\*

*There's a Wideness in God's Mercy*

Gospel Lesson\*

John 12:1-8

The Word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

Sermon

Pastor Aaron

**RESPONSE**

Hymn\*

*Lavish Love, Abundant Beauty (#641 to the tune of #324)*

Prayers of the People

Lord's prayer (*debts, debtors*)

Offering

Doxology

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God, all creatures here below;  
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

Holy Communion

**SENDING**

Life Together\*

Charge & Benediction\*

\*Stand, as you are able