

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). We'd love to connect with you.
- Children are welcomed and encouraged to join us in the worship service. During the summer, we provide a nursery for infants (unstaffed) 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.
- "Kwake Yesu Nasimama/Here on Jesus Christ I Will Stand" is a Kenyan (Swahili) adaptation of the hymn "My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less."
- "Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing" is a text by 18th-century Robert Robinson. He wrote the text at 22 years old, and it quickly became a renowned hymn. Yet, he too went through periods of deep doubt. Later in life, he apparently heard a woman humming the hymn, and when she asked him if he liked it, he responded, "Madam, I am the poor unhappy man who wrote that hymn many years ago, and I would give a thousand worlds, if I had them, to enjoy the feelings I had then."
- "In a Deep, Unbounded Darkness" is a translation by Mary Louise (Mel) Bringle of an anonymous Chinese poem. As the PCUSA hymnal *Glory to God* notes, "setting this translation of a Chinese hymn to a Western plainsong (the 13th-century tune DIVINUM MYSTERIUM) enhances the universal context of the opening stanza."
- The bulletin art is entitled "Sarah and the Angels" by Franco-Russian artist Marc Chagall.

Ordinary Time is the span of the church calendar that runs between Eastertide and Advent. It received its name not because of its ordinariness, but from the word "ordinal" which simply means counted. It is the time also known as the Season of the Church where we celebrate the growth and mission of the Church through the work of Christ. Because the themes of growth and new life are so prevalent, the color of the season is green.

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



Ordinary Time

GATHERING

Call to Worship*

I love you, LORD, because you have heard
my voice and my supplications.

**Because you inclined your ear to me,
therefore I will call on you as long as live.**

For you have delivered my soul from death,
my ears from tears,
my feet from stumbling.

I walk before the LORD in the land of the living.

Praise the LORD!

-Adapted from Ps. 116:1-2, 8-9

Songs of Faith and Praise*

*Kwake Yesu Nasimama
Come Thou Fount*

Prayer of Confession

**God of Sarah and Abraham,
who turned the threat of death
into the promise of new life,
we confess our sins of cynicism:
the anger that gives way to resentment;
the unfulfilled expectations that harden to suspicion;
and the despair that leads to inaction.
Forgive us, O God,
and open us up to the surprise of your grace
that we may know once again
that nothing is too wonderful for you.**

~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*

In a Deep, Unbounded Darkness

Old Testament

Genesis 18:1-15, 21:1-7

Gospel Lesson*

Luke 1:5-20

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

Sermon

Laughing Our Way to Faith

Pastor Dave

RESPONSE

Hymn*

My Hope Is Built On Nothing Less (#433)

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