

## SUNDAY WORSHIP

January 12th, 2025

### PRELUDE

### WELCOME AND PRAYER

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP** (from Psalm 29)

L: *Ascribe to the Lord, you heavenly beings,*

C: **ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.**

L: *Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name:*

C: **Worship the Lord in the splendor of his holiness.**

### PASSING THE PEACE

**CHILDREN'S SERMON** John Hanawalt

**\*HYMN** *Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing* Red#476

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (from Psalm 86)

**A: Teach me your way, Lord, that I may rely on your faithfulness; give me an undivided heart, that I may honor your name.**

Silence for personal confession

**A: You, Lord, are forgiving and good, abounding in love to All who call on your name.**

**SPECIAL MUSIC** Bill Soles

**SCRIPTURE** *Acts 8:14-14 (p. 1562)*

*Isaiah 43:1-7 2:1-12 (p. 1035)*

### RESPONSE

L: *This is the Word of God for the people of God.*

**A: Thanks be to God!**

**MESSAGE** "Who am I?" Rev. Nora Faust

### INSTALLATION OF ELDERS & DEACONS

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### PRAYING WITH AND FOR ONE ANOTHER

### THE LORD'S PRAYER (DEBTS/DEBTORS)

### OFFERINGS & DOXOLOGY

**\*HYMN** *Be Thou My Vision* Black #451 V. 1,2,4

### CHURCH LIFE

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

Erich Bair

### \*BENEDICTION

### POSTLUDE

*\*Please stand as you are able*

If you're new to or checking out St. Thomas, welcome!

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### Upcoming Events

Jan 13 Hospitality, 6p  
Jan 14 Deacons, 6.30p  
Jan 17 PCC, FH, 8a-3p  
Jan 18 Private Event, 12-6p, FH  
Jan 19 Adult Forum, 10.15a  
Card Ministry, 1p  
Jan 20 Office Closed  
Community Impact, 2p  
Jan 25 Private Event, 12-6, FH  
Jan 26 Private Event, 11-5p, FH  
Jan 27 Consistory, 6.45p  
Jan 31-Feb1 Scrapbooking, FH  
Feb 23 All Church Dinner

Weekly- Wed: Online Bible Study, 7p  
Thursday, Bells & Choir, 6/6:45p

## **INSTALLATION OF DEACONS AND ELDERS**

### **INTRODUCTION (FROM 1 COR 12)**

**LEADER: THERE ARE DIFFERENT KINDS OF SPIRITUAL GIFTS, BUT THE SAME SPIRIT GIVES THEM.**

**ALL: THERE ARE DIFFERENT WAYS OF SERVING, BUT THE SAME GOD IS SERVED.**

**LEADER: THERE ARE DIFFERENT ABILITIES TO PERFORM SERVICE, BUT THE SAME GOD GIVES ABILITY TO EACH OF US FOR OUR PARTICULAR SERVICE.**

**ALL: THE SPIRIT'S PRESENCE IS SHOWN IN SOME WAY IN EACH PERSON FOR THE GOOD OF ALL.**

**LEADER: CHRIST IS LIKE A SINGLE BODY, WHICH HAS MANY PARTS.**

**ALL: IT IS STILL ONE BODY EVEN THOUGH IT IS MADE-UP OF DIFFERENT PARTS.**

**LEADER: IF ONE PART OF THE BODY SUFFERS, ALL OF THE OTHER PARTS SUFFER WITH IT; IF ONE PART IS PRAISED, ALL THE OTHER PARTS SHARE ITS HAPPINESS.**

**ALL: ALL OF US OUR CHRIST BODY, AND EACH ONE IS A PART OF IT.**

**PRESENTATION AND COVENANT (ALL DEACONS AND ELDERS ARE INVITED FORWARD, THOSE SERVING NEW TERMS ON THE TOP STEP, ALL THOSE RETURNING STAND ON FLOOR LEVEL)**

**LEADER: HAVING PRAYERFULLY CONSIDERED THE DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF YOUR MINISTRY, ARE YOU PREPARED TO SERVE**

**WITH THE HELP OF GOD IN CHRIST'S NAME AND FOR THE GLORY OF GOD?**

**DEACONS AND ELDERS: I AM.**

**LEADER: DO YOU PROMISE TO EXERCISE YOUR MINISTRY DILIGENTLY AND FAITHFULLY, SHOWING FORTH THE LOVE OF CHRIST?**

**DEACONS AND ELDERS: I DO, RELYING ON THE GRACE OF GOD.**

**LEADER: MEMBERS OF THIS HOUSEHOLD OF FAITH, YOU HAVE HEARD THE PROMISES OF YOUR BROTHERS AND SISTERS IN CHRIST WHO HAVE ANSWERED GOD'S CALL TO SERVICE. LET US AFFIRM OUR INTENTION TO LIVE IN COVENANT WITH THEM. ALL THOSE WHO ARE ABLE RISE AND WITNESS TO THE COMMITMENT WE NOW MAKE?**

**ALL: WE GATHER IN CELEBRATION OF THE JOY THAT IS OURS TO BE PARTNERS WITH YOU IN THE SERVICE OF JESUS CHRIST. WE PROMISE TO LOVE YOU, HONOR YOUR LEADERSHIP, AND ASSIST YOU THAT TOGETHER WE MAY BE A FAITHFUL CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST.**

**LAYING ON OF HANDS FOR NEW DEACONS AND ELDERS (ELLEN MILLER)**

**CLOSING PRAYER**

*For January 5, 2025*

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Attendance: 63 sanctuary/16 online