

175th Anniversary Service

“Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the LORD your God will be with you wherever you go.” Joshua 1:9

Prelude | Rhonda Carpenter

St. Thomas - Rise Up O Church of God by Douglas E. Wagner

Call to Worship| Sanctuary Choir, Congregation

On This Day of Celebration by Carolyn Winfrey Gillette
Caleb Asbury, Trumpet

Sanctuary Choir

On this day of celebration, at this time when hopes are new,
God, we gather as your people, called to put our trust in you.
You have made the world we live in; you have worked through history.
In your plan we find our purpose, in your love, our unity.

Men

Long ago, you sent a Savior to our world in deep despair.
In your Word made flesh you came, our life to know, our sins to bear.
Christ has died and Christ is risen! At this new year we proclaim:
Yesterday, today, forever – Jesus Christ is still the same!

Women

Through two thousand years of changes, through these passing centuries,
You have called your church to witness to Christ’s love that claims and frees.
Each new generation hears you, each must find a fresh new way
To make known the life you offer, to the people in their day.

Choir and Congregation

On this day, we pause and wonder what the future years will bring,
Yet we know you clothe each flower and you make each sparrow sing.
How much more will you protect us with your guiding, caring hand!
By your Spirit, lead us boldly in the future you have planned.

***Responsive Call to Worship | Richard Buerkle**

Leader: Oh God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come!

Congregation: We come to You with hearts of joy, we come to You with hearts of praise!

Leader: May this day be a celebration of what You, O God, have done:

Congregation: For we are Your workmanship, created through Christ Jesus to do good works, which You have commanded us to do.

Leader: Accept our worship, our praise, our thanksgivings, and our confession

Congregation: We are Your people, the sheep of Your pasture – lead us and guide us as You have in the past.

Leader: It is not by our work or our hands that the lost are saved, the broken made whole, and lives transformed-

Congregation: But by the work of Your Holy Spirit. Lord God, be honored this day for You have done great things!

***Congregational Hymn 246**

The Church's One Foundation, Stanzas 1, 4, and 5

***Congregational Hymn 249**

The Church of Christ Cannot Be Bound

Welcome | Scott Claybrook

Children's Sermon | Susan Tatum

Music Makers Children's Choir

We Are the Church by Ruth Elaine Schram

Directors: Melanie Simpson, Karisa Engle, Elizabeth Pemberton

[Four year-olds and Kindergarteners who are attending Passage (Children's Worship) will be escorted at this time to the Kids Connection hallway.]

***Hymn 619 | Congregation with First Community Band**

Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine

Blessed assurance Jesus is mine. Oh what foretaste of glory divine
Heir of salvation purchase of God. Born of His Spirit washed in His blood

This is story this is my song praising my Savior all the day long
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Perfect submission all is at rest. I in the Savior am happy and blessed
Watching and waiting looking above. Filled with His goodness lost in His love

Oh what a Savior - Wonderful Jesus (x2)

Death could not hold You. You are victorious
Grace to the risen King

***Hymn 322 and 323 | Congregation with First Community Band**

How Great Is Our God with *How Great Thou Art*

The splendor of the King clothed in majesty
Let all the earth rejoice, all the earth rejoice
He wraps Himself in light and darkness tries to hide
And trembles at His voice (x2)

How great is our God
Sing with me, how great is our God
And all will see how great, how great is our God

And age to age He stands and time is in His hands
Beginning and the End (x2)
The Godhead three in one - Father, Spirit, Son
The Lion and the Lamb (x2)

Name above all names worthy of all praise
My heart will sing how great is our God

Then sings my soul, my Savior God to Thee
How great Thou art (x2)

Pastoral Prayer | Ben Winder

Scripture Reading | Judy, Rob, Erin, Sonny, and Charlie Frost

Deuteronomy 6:4-9

Welcome to Television Audience | Richard Buerkle

Choral Anthem

Like a River Glorious

Arranged and accompanied by John Purifoy

Scripture Reading | Arthur Clayton and Sarah Layne

Joshua 4:1-7, 19-24

Offertory Prayer | Pam Neal

Offertory | Sanctuary Choir

These Walls by Sorenson

Sermon | Tom Ogburn

Be Strong and Courageous: Becoming the People of God: “Twelve Stones”

Joshua 4

***Congregational Hymn of Response 250**

Living Stones

Sharing of Public Decisions

Ordinance of the Lord’s Supper

O Love of God Most Full by Don Phillips

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross arr. Larry Shackley

***Spoken Benediction | Tom Ogburn**

***Sung Benediction Hymn 268**

We Are One in the Bond of Love

We are one in the bond of love

We are one in the bond of love.

We have joined our spirits with the Spirit of God;

We are one in the bond of love.

Organ Postlude | Rhonda Carpenter

Postlude on ‘Old Hundredth’ arr. Fred Brock

*Congregation is asked to stand as you are able.

Sanctuary Flowers are in loving memory of Ralph W. Frost, Vesta A. Frost, Virginia Frost Kelly, Ralph W. Frost, Jr. (Sonny) and Robert B. Frost, Sr.