

**Worship Participants**

Rodney Gasaway, Randy Umfleet, Joy Barrett  
 Brian Brill, keys  
 Seth Campbell, bass  
 Wesley Fritzemeier, drums  
 Emily Kuo, violin; Nancy Steinberger, violin  
 Elizabeth Boyce, viola  
 Luke Mourad, cello  
 Kaci Friss, vocals; Lottie Mae Prevenost, vocals  
 Ron Mourad, vocals

**9 am Worship**

**March 23, 2025**



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***Rest & Grow***

**SCRIPTURE: Luke 13:6-9**

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**This week**

Sunday	10:15 am	Lenten Discussion Group
Monday	6:30 pm	The Final Days Bible Study
Tuesday	7 pm	Communications Team; Racial Justice Action Team
Wednesday	7 pm	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
Thursday	7 pm	Our Hearts Were Strangely Lukewarm Book Study

We invite you to participate in worship as we connect with God and each other. You are welcome to remain seated, stand, or move around, whichever you prefer.

**Order of Worship**

**Gathering Music**

*Blessed Assurance*

**Welcome**

## Prelude

*Jesus I Am Resting, Resting*

## Call to Worship

Leader: Worship is a space to rest.

**All: We breathe deeply here.**

Leader: We still our aching bones.

**All: We sit in the quiet.**

Leader: We surround ourselves with music.

**All: Worship is a space to rest.**

Leader: Worship is a space to grow.

**All: We listen for God's word.**

Leader: We invite it to challenge us.

**All: We lean in with curiosity.**

Leader: We ask questions.

**All: Worship is a space to grow.**

Leader: So come into this space.

Come rest and grow here.

**All: For where two or more are gathered,  
God is always there.**

Leader: Let us worship our gracious God.

## Opening Song

*Great is Thy Faithfulness*

## Scripture Skit

## Invitation to Children and Youth for age-level groups

## Call to Confession

## Prayer of Confession

Leader: Holy God, there are days when we fail to rest.

**All: We stretch ourselves too thin.**

**We say "yes" to every invitation.**

**We run a million miles a minute.**

**We ignore your command to rest.**

Leader: There are also days when we fail to act.

**All: We wait for someone else. We take the easy road.**

**We find excuses and justify our inaction.**

Leader: God, forgive our imbalance.

**All: Remind us that birds rest, and they also fly.**

**Show us how to do the same. Amen**

## Words of Forgiveness

Leader: Family of faith, I have good news! Our God ...

So join me in proclaiming the good news of the gospel:

**All: God's grace is deeper than the ocean.**

**God's love is wider than the sky.**

**We are seen. We are claimed. We are forgiven.**

**May this realization change and inspire us.**

**Thanks be to God! Amen.**

## Solo

*Your Grace Still Amazes Me*

## Message

## Affirmation of Faith

**All: We believe in a God who loves  
and tends to us like a gardener.**

**We believe that like the trees,  
some seasons are for growth,  
and some seasons are for rest.**

**Some days require pruning,  
and some require planting.**

**Fortunately,  
we believe that our green-thumbed God  
sees us and cultivates the sweetest fruit.**

**So may we plant roots,  
reach for the sky,  
grow where we can,**

**and rest when we need,**

**for we believe there is holiness in the  
pruning and in the planting.**

**And we do not grow alone.**

**Thanks be to God, Amen.**

## Response in Song

*Beneath the Soil*

## Community Prayer

## Closing Song

*Take Time to Be Human*

## Benediction

## Exit Music