Worship Participants

Margie Schleicher, Linda Meloche,
Joy Barrett, Randy Umfleet
Samantha Mecca, piano
Emily Kuo, violin
The Sanctuary Choir

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This week

Sunday	Priceless Gift Store Donations	
	12 pm	Rezound Handbell Rehearsal
	4 pm	Messy Church
Monday	6:45 pm	Monday Night Bible Study
Tuesday	6:30 pm	Leadership Board
	7 pm	Social Justice Action Team
Wednesday	7 pm	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
Thursday	1 pm	Finding Jesus In the Mess

CHELSEA FIRST

11 am Worship

November 8, 2026



Jethro: Shared Leadership and Sacred Limits
Scripture: Exodus 18:14–23

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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 *In Flanders Field*
Battle Hymn of the Republic
Ashokan Farewell

Welcome

All: We are a vibrant, intentionally inclusive, justice-seeking faith community.

Musical Call to Worship *Please remain seated*

God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending Robert L. Edwards

Verse 1

God, whose giving knows no ending, from Your rich and endless store,
Nature's wonder, Jesus' wisdom, costly cross, grave's shattered door:
Gifted by you, we turn to you, offering up ourselves in praise;
Thankful song shall rise forever, gracious donor of our days

Verse 2

Treasure, too, you have entrusted, gain through pow'rs your grace conferred;
Ours to use for home and kindred, and to spread the gospel Word.
Open wide our hands in sharing as we heed Christ's ageless call,
Healing, teaching, and reclaiming, honoring you by loving all.

Unison Prayer

God who gives us one another, thank you for reminding us
that we do not have to do everything alone.
Help us notice when someone needs help and help us be brave enough
to ask for help when we need it. Show us the gifts in the people around us.
Teach us to share the work, share the joy, and share the responsibility.
When we are tired, help us rest. When we are carrying too much,
help us let someone else carry part of the load.
Build us into a community where everyone has something to offer
and no one has to carry everything alone. Amen.

Opening Hymn *Called as Partners in Christ's Service*
Jane Parker Huber

Verse 1

Called as partners in Christ's service, called to ministries of grace,
We respond with deep commitment fresh new lines of faith to trace.
May we learn the art of sharing, side by side and friend with friend,
Equal partners in our caring to fulfill God's chosen end.

Verse 2

Christ's example, Christ's inspiring, Christ's clear call to work and worth,
Let us follow, never faltering, reconciling folk on earth.
Men and women, richer, poorer, all God's people, young and old,
Blending human skills together gracious gifts from God unfold.

Verse 3

Thus new patterns for Christ's mission, in a small or global sense,
Help us bear each other's burdens, breaking down each wall or fence.
Words of comfort, words of vision, words of challenge, said with care,
Bring new power and strength for action, make us colleagues, free and fair.

Verse 4

So God grant us for tomorrow ways to order human life
That surround each person's sorrow with a calm that conquers strife.
Make us partners in our living, our compassion to increase,
Messengers of faith, thus giving hope and confidence and peace.

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Sharing Peace

Leader: *The Peace of Christ be with you.*
All: And also with you.

Little Life Lesson

Call to Prayer *The Servant Song*
black hymnal #2222; vs 1,2,4 & 5

Please remain seated

Community Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

Anthem *God Has Work for Us to Do*

Message

Sending Song *We're Stronger Together*
Carolyn Winfrey Gillette

Verse 1
We're stronger together, O God, by your grace.
You've called us to serve you in this time and place.
In peace, you have brought us together as one
to share in the mission of Jesus your Son.

Verse 2
And now, in your church, Lord, we cannot stand still,
for we're always seeking to follow your will.
We trust that, as one, we'll accomplish far more
than any of us, by ourselves, could hope for.

Verse 3
We're stronger together when joined with new friends.
There's joy in the new ways your mercy extends.
When we work together, you build something new
as we are united in service to you.

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Benediction

Postlude *Paraphrase on "Ode to Joy"*