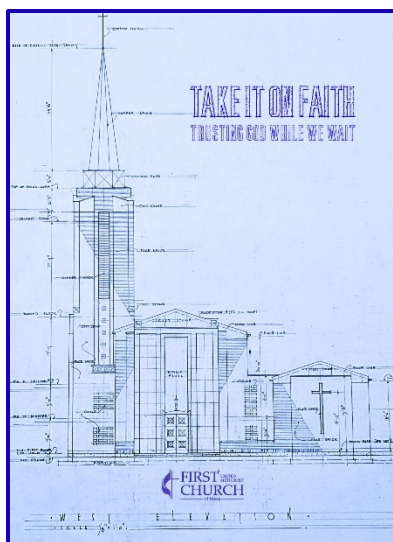




TAKE IT ON FAITH - TRUSTING GOD WHILE WE WAIT

SEPTEMBER 21, 2025 NINE A.M.

*We kindly ask that you silence your cellphones and electronic devices as
we create a sacred space for contemplation and prayer.*

† - Please rise in body or in spirit.

Chiming the Hour

Welcome & Announcements

GOD GATHERS THE SCATTERED

Prelude

Celebrate the Day

by Douglas Wagner

† Call to Worship

Debbie Elliott

One: We are not called here to feel the flames of hell,
darkness, gloom and smoky mist on Mt. Sinai.

Many: We have nothing to fear in the sanctuary of God.

One : In faith we come to Mt. Zion, the city of the Living God.

Many: We come to God with joy, reverence and awe.

† Hymn

The Church's One Foundation

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1. The church's one foundation
is Jesus Christ our Lord;
we are his new creation
by water and the Word.
From heaven he came and sought us
that we might ever be
his living servant people,
by his own death set free.

2. Called forth from every nation,
yet one o'er all the earth;
our charter of salvation:
one Lord, one faith, one birth.
One holy name professing
and at one table fed,
to one hope always pressing,
by Christ's own Spirit led.

3. Though with a scornful wonder
the world sees us oppressed,
by schisms rent asunder,
by heresies distressed,
yet saints their watch are keeping;
their cry goes up, "How long?"
But soon the night of weeping
shall be the morn of song.

4. Mid toil and tribulation,
and tumult of our war,
we wait the consummation
of peace forevermore;
till with the vision glorious
our longing eyes are blest,
and the great church victorious
shall be the church at rest.

5. We now on earth have union
with God the Three in One,
and share through faith communion
with those whose rest is won.
Oh, happy ones, and holy!
Lord, give us grace that we
like them, the meek and lowly,
on high may dwell with thee.

† Opening Prayer

God of unshakeable hope,
you didn't bring us to a mountain of fear and trembling,
but to the joyful celebration of your eternal city.
Cut through the noise of our anxious world
and help us hear the music of your kingdom
that cannot be shaken,
so that we might live with the confidence and joy
that comes from knowing we belong to you.
We pray this through Jesus Christ,
who makes us citizens of heaven
even while we walk on earth. Amen.

GOD SPEAKS THE WORD TO US

Children's Moment

Sierra Cummins

A Reading from the Epistles

Hebrews 12:18-29

One: Word of God, Word of Life! Many: Thanks be to God!

Anthem	<i>Come Flood this Heart of Mine</i> <i>Guest Violinist, Olivia Breen</i>	David Lantz III
Sermon	<i>Faith As Endurance</i>	Dr. Parkes

GOD INSPIRES US TO RESPOND

Prayer of Confession

God, we've got to be honest—
we spend a lot of time and energy
on things that don't really matter.
We worry about stuff that won't matter next week,
much less next year.
We chase after things that look important
but leave us feeling empty.
We cling to what's comfortable
instead of trusting what's truly lasting.
Forgive us for getting distracted by the noise
when you're trying to show us what really counts.
Help us let go of whatever's keeping us from the good stuff—
the relationships, the love, the hope
that actually make life worth living.

Silent confession

Thanks for your patience with us, God.
Thanks for never giving up on helping us figure out
what's worth holding onto.
Amen.

Words of Assurance

Hymn	<i>Have Thine Own Way, Lord</i>	RED 382
1. Have thine own way, Lord! Have thine own way! Thou art the potter; I am the clay.	Mold me and make me after thy will, while I am waiting, yielded and still.	

2. Have thine own way, Lord!
Have thine own way!
Search me and try me,
Savior today!
Wash me just now, Lord,
wash me just now,
as in thy presence
humbly I bow.

3. Have thine own way, Lord!
Have thine own way!
Wounded and weary,
help me I pray!
Power, all power,
surely is thine!
Touch me and heal me,
Savior divine!

4. Have thine own way, Lord!
Have thine own way!
Hold o'er my being
absolute sway.
Fill with thy Spirit
till all shall see
Christ only, always,
living in me!

† The Peace

One: The Peace of the Lord Jesus be always with you.

Many: **And also with you.**

The Offering

Offertory

Nobody Knows the Trouble I've Seen

arr. Mark Hayes

† Doxology

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Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below:

Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts! Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

† Prayer of Gratitude

GOD SENDS US TO THE WORLD

† Hymn

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!

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1. Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty,
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

2. Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee,
casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,
which wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.

3. Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee,
though the eye of sinful man thy glory may not see,
only thou art holy; there is none beside thee,
perfect in power, in love and purity.

4. Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
All thy works shall praise thy name, in earth and sky and sea.
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty,
God in three persons, blessed Trinity.

† Dismissal with Blessing

One: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord!

All: Thanks be to God!

Postlude “*Andante Tranquillo*” from Sonata #3 F. Mendelssohn

It is the habit of some to remain seated through the postlude to savor a few last moments of prayer before returning to the world. Others must leave to gather children or help with other activities. We only ask that you do so quietly until you reach the Narthex. We are grateful you chose to be part of our family today!