

# Traditional Worship Service

Sunday, October 4, 2026 • 9:40 a.m.

**Welcome!**

Rev. Lee Foster

**Invocation**

**Quietly Preparing to Worship God**

Everyone

*Please take a moment to silence your cell phones*

As we prepare for worship, let us sit quietly in the shadow of a cross. The cross of Christ tells you and me that God's grace is greater than our failure. The Apostle Paul reminds us of a hard truth, that we have all fallen short of the glory of God (Rom.3:23). Not one of us can stand before God claiming that we have earned His acceptance.

Yet God came down. In Christ, God provided the propitiation for our sin. Jesus took upon himself the burden of our rebellion and our failure so that forgiveness and reconciliation could be offered to us as a gift.

As we sit in the shadow of Christ's cross let us acknowledge that grace received should become grace displayed. Someone may need the patience we've received from our loving God. Someone may need the forgiveness we've been freely given. Someone might need kindness they have done nothing to deserve. May the love we have received at the cross become the love others encounter through us.

**Prelude**      ***Come to Me, All Pilgrims Thirsty*** arr. Carter/  
Swedish folk tune

**Responsive Reading**      Dr. Jimmie Miles and Everyone  
*Congregation reads the **bold** print*

We gather today carrying the markers of our achievements, our struggles, and our past identities. Yet, everything we once counted as gain, we now lay down.

**We let go of the need to prove our worth. We count all things as loss compared to the supreme value of knowing the Divine Presence.**

For the sake of love, we release our reliance on old systems of status and perfection. We abandon the illusion that we can justify ourselves by rules alone.

**Our righteousness does not come from our own striving.**

Hear us, O Shepherd of our souls, You who lead us like a flock through changing seasons! Stir up your strength and come to save us!

**Restore us, O God of hosts; show us the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.**

We desire to know Christ—to experience the power of resurrection and to share deeply in the work of healing a broken world.

**Restore us, O Sovereign of Love; let your face shine upon us, that we may be healed, whole, and free.  
Amen.**

**Special Recognition**

Dan Ogden

**Hymn 115      *God of Grace and God of Glory*** CWM RHONDA

**Reading from Psalm 80:7-14**

Diane Semach

**Reading from Philippians 3:7-11**

Karen Patterson

**Hymn 250**

***And Can It Be***  
stanzas 1 and 2

SAGINA

**Offertory Prayer**

**Giving Our Tithes and Offerings**

Everyone

**Choral Anthem      *How Can I Keep From Singing?***

arr. Mark Schweizer

**Pastoral Scripture**      **Romans 3:21-26**      Rev. Foster  
Pastor: The Word of God, for the people of God.  
**All: Thanks be to God.**

**Message**      **Good Question:**      Rev. Foster  
**Why Did Jesus Have to Die?**

**Communion**      Everyone

**Hymn 560**      **Oh, How I Love Jesus**      OH HOW I LOVE JESUS

**Closing Words**

**Benediction**

**Postlude**      **Christian, Dost Thou See Them**      Martin/  
Practice of Piety in Song

**HOW TO JOIN:** During the Response Hymn, you are invited to join our congregation. You may become a member by one of the following methods.

1. You may share with the congregation that you have committed your life to Jesus and desire to be baptized.
2. You have already made a commitment to Jesus, been baptized and now desire to transfer your membership from another church to Winfree, or join based on your statement of faith in Christ.

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