

## In Preparation for Worship

Paul wants the church in Ephesus to come to know the risen Christ so that they may fully know who they are and the life that lies before them. He wants them to appreciate the hope that is theirs. He wants them to appreciate the riches of their inheritance. He wants them to understand how Christ's power is working in and through them each and every day. And I believe that Paul wanted us to know the same. We too have been given that hope and those riches as we come to know the risen and ascended Christ. - *Lucy Lind Hogan*

## Gathering Prayer

### Prelude

Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing

## Welcome and Announcements

At this time, please take a moment to let us know you are worshiping online with us by filling out the [online friendship pad](https://www.slpres.org/online-friendship-pad) at [slpres.org](https://www.slpres.org).

### Hymn #839

Blessed Assurance, Jesus is Mine

## Call to Confession and Prayer of Confession

Meet me, O Christ, in this stillness of morning.  
Move me, O Spirit, to quiet my heart.  
Mend me, O Creator, from yesterday's harms.  
From the discords of yesterday, resurrect my peace.  
From the discouragements of yesterday, resurrect my hope.  
From the weariness of yesterday, resurrect my strength.  
From the doubts of yesterday, resurrect my faith.  
From the wounds of yesterday, resurrect my love.  
Let me enter this new day, aware of my need, and awake to your grace, O Lord.  
Hear also our personal confessions that we offer in silence...  
(Silence is kept for personal reflection.)

Leader: Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer. Amen.

## Assurance of Forgiveness

### Song of Praise

Thine is the Glory

## Passing of the Peace of Christ

We encourage you to pass the peace with your fellow worshippers in the "comments" of the video feed and to take time today to reach out and share Christ's peace with your friends, neighbors and family.

## Prayer for Illumination

### Scripture Reading

Ephesians 1:15-23

Leader: The Word of the Lord.  
People: Thanks be to God.

## Tell Us Our Story

Erin Rugh

## Sermon

A Spirit of Wisdom and Revelation

David Lower

## Meditation

The Lord's Prayer

Amos Warren, soloist

## Affirmation of Faith

from Sanctified Art

We believe in a God who stands with the underdog,  
Who passionately protects the suffering,  
And who overturns systems of corruption.  
We believe in a God who leads by example—  
Feeding the hungry,  
Welcoming the children,  
Offering water to the Samaritan,  
Eating with the tax collector,  
Healing the sick,  
Preaching from the mountaintop,  
And offering second chances.  
We believe in a God who knew that we would lose our way,  
And still said, “This is my body broken for you.”  
We believe in a God who knew our capacity for mistakes,  
And still said, “I’m going to prepare a place for you.”  
And because of this love,  
We believe that God shows us the way,  
Again and again and again.  
Thanks be to God. Amen.

## Prayer of the People and The Lord’s Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

## The Offering

*Giving is a tangible sign of worship. During this interesting time in our world, we encourage you to continue to share your time, talent and treasure. You may also “Text to Give” to **73256**. The body of the text needs to start with the keyword GIVETOSLPRES followed by the amount.*

## Hymn #847

Our Hope, Our Life

## Benediction

## Postlude

Praise to the Lord the Almighty