

UPTOWN CHURCH

AT STATION WEST

THE TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

August 31, 2025

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

James Herring
Pastoral Intern

CALL TO WORSHIP

Alvin Lin
Associate Pastor

OH HOW GOOD TO BE TOGETHER

Kirk Sauers | Paul J. Ranheim

Oh how good to be together, In this weary world we trod
What a gift and what a treasure, Kindred in the house of God

On this day the Lord has fashioned, Come rejoice with all your might
Raise a banner of salvation, He has led us through the night

chorus

*Oh the joy, oh the sweetness
To be gathered in the name of the Lord
Evermore He will keep us
From the valley to the golden shore*

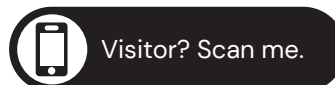
When it looked like evil conquered, When we felt the darkest hour
In despair we sought the Father, He has proved His mighty power

chorus

Tell the theme of His provision, How He met our every need
He has been our firm foundation, He will ever, always be

chorus

CONFESSION OF SIN



EXTENDING PEACE

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

I AM SET FREE

Leslie Jordan

You broke my chains of sin and shame, and You covered me with grace
You mend my life with Your holy fire, You cover me with grace
And You are the hand that reaches out to save

chorus

I am set free, oh, I am set free, oh

It is for freedom that I am set free

You broke my chains of sin and shame, and You covered me with grace
You mend my life with Your holy fire, You cover me with grace
And You are the hand that reaches out to save

chorus

Yes Lord we are grateful for Your grace and for Your love
Yes Lord we are grateful for Your grace and for Your love
Yes Lord we are grateful for Your grace and for Your love
Yes Lord we are grateful for Your grace and for Your love
'Cause You are the hand that reaches out to save

chorus

COME BEHOLD THE WONDROUS MYSTERY

Matt Boswell | Matt Papa | Michael Bleecker

Come behold the wondrous mystery in the dawning of the King
He the theme of heaven's praises, Robed in frail humanity
In our longing, in our darkness, now the light of life has come
Look to Christ who condescended, Took on flesh to ransom us

Come behold the wondrous mystery, He the perfect Son of Man
In His living, in His suffering, never trace nor stain of sin
See the true and better Adam come to save the hell-bound man
Christ the great and sure fulfillment of the law, In Him we stand

Come behold the wondrous mystery, Christ the Lord upon the tree
In the stead of ruined sinners hangs the Lamb in victory
See the price of our redemption, See the Father's plan unfold
Bringing many sons to glory, Grace unmeasured, love untold

Come behold the wondrous mystery, Slain by death the God of life
But no grave could e'er restrain Him, Praise the Lord, He is alive
What a foretaste of deliverance, How unwavering our hope
Christ in power resurrected as we will be when He comes

Come behold the wondrous mystery, Slain by death the God of life
But no grave could e'er restrain Him, Praise the Lord, He is alive

THE GIVING OF TITHES & OFFERINGS



Giving? Scan me.



SONG OF PREPARATION

FAITH MORE PRECIOUS THAN GOLD

Andy Squyres | Jacob Early | Jessica Langdon | Jessie Parker Early | Natalie Leonhardt

We have suffered all kinds of grief, Tasted the bitter cup of defeat
Out of the bitter comes something sweet, Our faith more precious than gold

We have been tested by so many fires, Burned in the heat of what our hope requires
Find us here singing in a foolish choir, Our faith more precious than gold
Our faith more precious than gold

chorus

*Though we don't see You we love You, When we don't feel You we still sing
We've got a reason to trust You, Jesus in everything*

There is a secret we can only know, Walking through places we don't want to go
'Cause in the dark we learn the song of hope, Our faith more precious than gold
Our faith more precious than gold

chorus

Tears on the altar from all we've lost, Following You no matter what it cost
May be a whisper, may be a roar, This is the sound of those who love You, Lord
This is the sound of those who love You, Lord

chorus

THE PASTORAL PRAYER

Jordan Olshefski
Senior Pastor

SCRIPTURE READING

EPHESIANS 6:18B-24

Kezia Richardson

¹⁸ To that end, keep alert with all perseverance, making supplication for all the saints, ¹⁹ and also for me, that words may be given to me in opening my mouth boldly to proclaim the mystery of the gospel, ²⁰ for which I am an ambassador in chains, that I may declare it boldly, as I ought to speak.

²¹ So that you also may know how I am and what I am doing, Tychicus the beloved brother and faithful minister in the Lord will tell you everything. ²² I have sent him to you for this very purpose, that you may know how we are, and that he may encourage your hearts.

²³ Peace be to the brothers, and love with faith, from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. ²⁴ Grace be with all who love our Lord Jesus Christ with love incorruptible.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

THE SERMON

Alvin Lin
Associate Pastor

“TOGETHER IN CHRIST ON MISSION”

Ephesians 6:18b-24

I. The Practices of the Church

II. The Purpose of the Church

III. The Pursuit of the Church

CONFESSION OF FAITH CORPORATE CONFESSION

Our World Belongs To God, 34

People: In our world,
where many journey alone,
nameless in the bustling crowd,
Satan and his evil forces
seek whom they may scatter and isolate;
but God, by his gracious choosing in Christ,
gathers a new community—
those who by God's gift
put their trust in Christ.
In the new community all are welcome:
the homeless come home,
the broken find healing,
the sinner makes a new start,
the despised are esteemed,
the least are honored,
and the last are first.
Here the Spirit guides and grace abounds.

SONG OF RESPONSE

ALTOGETHER GOOD

Brian Eichelberger | Zach Bolen

How could we recount the ways, That You have multiplied our faith
The wisdom of Your ways, The currents of Your grace expressed in every moment every wave

chorus

*In the longing of our souls, In the darkness where we go
You are there, You are love, You are altogether good
In the weakness of our faith, In the silence where we wait
You are here, You're enough, You are altogether good*

Through our joys and in our griefs, You have led us to believe
The wisdom of Your ways, The currents of Your grace express our only hope for all our days

chorus

I love You Lord, I love You Lord
You are my more, Wholly present and pure
I love You Lord, I love You Lord
You are my more, Wholly present and pure

chorus

BENEDICTION

Alvin Lin

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MUSICIANS

Worship Leader - Jeremy Goodwyne | **Front Vocalist** - Keithe Shensky | **Drums** - Jeremy Carroll | **Bass Guitar** - Tim Shorey | **Acoustic Guitar** - Paul Winter | **Piano** - Curran Dinkel

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