

Prelude

by David Lowe
Michael Liu, organ

“A Festive Piece”**Introit**

by Nicholas Brodsky
Juan Garza, baritone
Jennifer Lopez, soprano

“I’ll Walk With God”**Welcome and Call to Worship: Psalm 100*****Doxology*****Hymn #31****“To God Be the Glory”****Prayer of Confession**

All: Creator God, we confess our self-centered focus on creating a world that benefits us. We hold tightly to things we can control, hoping to make our lives comfortable and predictable. Lord, forgive our lack of faith and our unwillingness to trust in your plan. Forgive our resistance to the guidance of your Spirit. In our doubts and fears, help us remember your faithfulness. Teach us to trust you as the Author of our lives: Before the foundation of the world, you wrote us into your story. (Time for silent confession)

Assurance of Pardon

L: God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world.

P: But in order that the world might be saved through him.

L: Those who believe in him are not condemned.

All: Thanks be to God!

Gloria Patri*God’s Story for all God’s Children****Anthem**

arr, Ovid Young
Chancel Choir

“Here I Am, Lord”**Prayers of the People and the Lord’s Prayer****New Testament Reading: Mark 1**

Song of Preparation #383

“There Is a Balm in Gilead”

Sermon

Rev. Chad Erb
Romans 1:1-17

Identity: Called and Beloved

Closing Prayer

***Affirmation of Faith: Apostles’ Creed**

***Hymn #167**

“The Old Rugged Cross”

***Benediction**

You go nowhere by accident.
As you go, God is sending you.
Wherever you go, God is with you there.
God has a purpose in your being there.
Christ lives in you and has something
He wants to do through you where you are.
So believe this and go in the grace and love
and power of Jesus Christ. Amen.

Postlude

“Op. 57, Mvt. III - Allegro ma non troppo”

by Ludwig van Beethoven
Dr. John L. Cornelius II, piano