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We Offer Ourselves in Worship
November 9, 2025
Lay Worship Leader- Jason Marks

Words Of Welcome

Announcements

Centering Time (Prepare Your Heart & Mind for Worship)

Responsive Call to Worship (Unison)

L: Even though we don't always feel it, God is with us.

P: The darkness and doubt of the world can threaten to consume us.

L: Yet God is with us.

P: All around us, there is fear and hopelessness.

L: God brings to us hope and peace. We place our trust in God's abundant love.

P: Let us freely and without fear open our hearts to God's healing words of hope. AMEN.

Opening Prayer

"Psalm 23- "I am Not Alone"

Worship Song

Sharing of The Peace: *We greet those around us with a sign of peace (handshakes or hugs) and words like "The peace of the Lord be with you"*

Pastoral Welcome & Prayer (Psalms 145:1-5, 17-21)

"Come Thou Long Expected Jesus"

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Scripture Reading- Haggai 2:1-9

In the second year of King Darius, in the seventh month, on the twenty-first day of the month, the word of the LORD came by the prophet Haggai, saying: ²“Speak now to Zerubbabel son of Shealtiel, governor of Judah, and to Joshua son of Jehozadak, the high priest, and to the remnant of the people, and say: ³Who is left among you who saw this house in its former glory? How does it look to you now? Is it not in your sight as nothing? ⁴Yet now take courage, O Zerubbabel, says the LORD; take courage, O Joshua, son of Jehozadak, the high priest; take courage, all you people of the land, says the LORD; work, for I am with you, says the LORD of hosts, ⁵according to the promise that I made you when you came out of Egypt. My spirit abides among you; do not fear. ⁶For thus says the LORD of hosts: Once again, in a little while, I will shake the heavens and the earth and the sea and the dry land, ⁷and I will shake all the nations, so that the treasure of all nations will come, and I will fill this house with splendor, says the LORD of hosts. ⁸The silver is mine, and the gold is mine, says the LORD of hosts. ⁹The latter splendor of this house shall be greater than the former, says the LORD of hosts, and in this place I will give prosperity, says the LORD of hosts.”

Leader: This is the Word of our Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

(Children are dismissed to “Godly Play”)- Nicole Beland (storyteller) & Emma Diaz (helper)

Message: Pastor Pablo R. Vargas: “The Latter Splendor Shall Be Greater”

Sermon Notes (Just Some Thoughts):

- The year in which Haggai gets his fifteen minutes of fame is 520 BCE
- The exiles from Judah were allowed to return home to rebuild the temple, which had been destroyed by the Babylonians in 586.
- The Persians were committed to control by buttressing the rightful local rulers and using them as conduits through which to exercise their will.
- They assigned Zerubabel son of Shealtiel to be its governor and Joshua son of Jehozadak to be its high priest.
- The leadership along with the remnant (the leftover exiles) are mandated to rebuild the temple to its former splendor.
- Although, they are all focused on building their homes and their personal wealth- their local economy isn’t doing so well (Hg 1:4-6).

- Haggai is sent to remind them of the former splendor and but to also encourage them about **the Latter Splendor**.

"Glorious things of the Thee are Spoken"

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INVITATION TO OFFER OUR GIFTS & SERVICE (Prayers, Presence, Gifts, Service, and Witness)

We commit our time, talent, treasure, willingness to serve and gift of witness out into the world as we bring our offerings.

***Doxology**

PRAYER OF DEDICATION (Unison)

Faithful God, the One who stands with us in ruins and renewals alike, may your compassionate care continue to rain down on us. As we bring our offerings, we remember not only what was, but we dare to believe in what will be. You are our strength when we falter, our vision when the future feels uncertain. Use these gifts to rebuild your beloved community—not only in stone and structure, but in lives made whole, relationships restored, and justice pursued. May your peace dwell richly in what we offer and how we live, that the glory of this house—the people called by your name—might truly shine. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

Closing Hymn

"Jesus Joy of our Desiring"

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Benediction

Stay Afterwards for Potluck