SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE SEPTEMBER 8, 2024 | 10:15 A.M. **PREPARATION & PRAISE** Prelude Welcome and Announcements ENTER HIS GATES WITH THANKSGIVING Call to Worship: Psalm 24:1-6 Prayer of the Day: Lord, cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and bring you our worship today. Open our ears to hear your Word, for you alone are worthy to receive our praise and glory and honor, through Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen. * Hymn: "Speak, O Lord" * God's Greeting: Ephesians 1:1-2 * Hymn: "Father, We Love You" PH 634 **CONFESSION AND PRAYER** Call to Confession: Heidelberg Catechism Q&A 65 & 67 (PH p. 889) Hymn: "Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak" PH 528 Prayer of Confession God's Will for Our Lives Assurance of Pardon: Isaiah 55: 11-12 **Congregational Prayer** THE SERVICE OF THE WORD * Hymn: "Ancient Words" Prayer for Illumination Sermon: Understanding God's Words Nehemiah 8:1-12 (p. 479) * Hymn: "Thy Word" **OUR RESPONSE OF FAITH** Ministry Moment Resonate Global Missions **Offertory Prayer** for the General Fund & Blackstone Valley Emergency Shelter * Confession of Faith: Apostles' Creed **BLESSING & DISMISSAL** * Benediction: Philippians 4:7 * Doxology: "I Will Sing of the Mercies of the Lord" PH 169:1 Postlude: "On Eagle's Wings" arr. Jack Schrader *Indicates congregation stands, as able Minister: Rev. Joel Vande Werken Liturgists: Greg Ebbeling, Russ Vander Baan Piano: Terry Ebbeling | Guitar: Greg Ebbeling Praver of Confession Source: Worship Sourcebook 3.1.13 God's Will for Our Lives adapted from Celebration Hymnal #608