

Sunday, August 24, 2025

8:00 am Worship



Prelude

Greeting

Whether you are joining us in person or on-line, know that we are here to journey along with you as you grow in love of God and neighbor, and as a follower of Jesus Christ.

Remembering our Baptism

Betty Mitchell

*** Hymn**

Now Thank We All Our God

UMH 139

***Call to Worship**

Children of God, we gather today to encounter God.

We do not come expecting to be terrified or dismayed but to be welcomed and embraced.

We gather today to witness the gospel at work among us.

We come to learn to live out God's kingdom on earth as it is in heaven.

We gather today to declare our faith in God's unshakeable kingdom.

We come with grateful hearts, trusting in God's steadfast love at work among us. Thanks be to God!

***Hymn**

Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee

UMH 89

First Lesson

Jeremiah 1:4-10

CEB

⁴ The Lord's word came to me:
⁵ "Before I created you in the womb I knew you;
 before you were born I set you apart;
 I made you a prophet to the nations."
⁶ "Ah, Lord God," I said, "I don't know how to speak
 because I'm only a child."
⁷ The Lord responded,
 "Don't say, 'I'm only a child.'
 Where I send you, you must go;
 what I tell you, you must say.
⁸ Don't be afraid of them,
 because I'm with you to rescue you,"
 declares the Lord.
⁹ Then the Lord stretched out his hand,
 touched my mouth, and said to me,
 "I'm putting my words in your mouth.
¹⁰ This very day I appoint you over nations and empires,
 to dig up and pull down,
 to destroy and demolish,
 to build and plant."

Word for Children

Second Lesson

Luke 13:10-17

CEB

¹⁰ Jesus was teaching in one of the synagogues on the Sabbath. ¹¹ A woman was there who had been disabled by a spirit for eighteen years. She was bent over and couldn't stand up straight. ¹² When he saw her, Jesus called her to him and said, "Woman, you are set free from your sickness." ¹³ He placed his hands on her and she straightened up at once and praised God.

¹⁴ The synagogue leader, incensed that Jesus had healed on the Sabbath, responded, "There are six days during which work is permitted. Come and be healed on those days, not on the Sabbath day."

¹⁵ The Lord replied, "Hypocrites! Don't each of you on the Sabbath untie your ox or donkey from its stall and lead it out to get a drink? ¹⁶ Then isn't it necessary that this woman, a daughter of Abraham, bound by Satan for eighteen long years, be set free from her bondage on the Sabbath day?" ¹⁷ When he said these things, all his opponents were put to shame, but all those in the crowd rejoiced at all the extraordinary things he was doing.

Message for the Lord's Day

Rev. Deborah Coble

*Response To The Word

Gloria Patri

Hymnal 70

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the
 Holy Ghost as it was in the beginning, is now
 and ever shall be, world without end, Amen. Amen.

*Hymn

O God Our Help in Ages Past

UMH 117

Prayer of Intercession

Listening God,
Hear our prayers as we come before you.
Hear the ones who are crying with pain in their heart.
Hear the ones who are weeping with grief long into the night.
Hear the ones who are sobbing in their loneliness.

Lord, in your mercy. **Hear Our Prayers.**

Loving God, Heal their pain.
Restore their lives. Mend their broken hearts.

Lord, in your mercy. **Hear Our Prayers.**

Leading God, Lead us through the dark valleys.
Lead us through troublesome times.
Lead us to our home with you.

Lord, in your mercy. **Hear Our Prayers.**

Teach us to listen to your voice,
That we may hear the cry of the needy and respond.
Teach us to love that we may offer care that brings others
to you for healing. Teach us to lead, with your vision
so that we lead others home in you.

Lord, in your mercy. **Hear Our Prayers.**

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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Mission And Ministry Moment

Sharing Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

***Doxology: Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
Praise God all creatures here below.
Praise God above ye heavenly host.
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen**

***Prayer of Dedication**

Unshakable and Holy God, we bring these gifts before you, not as mere offerings, but as acts of faith in your unshakable kingdom. Though the world around us trembles, we trust in your steadfast love, knowing that in Christ, we are welcomed, transformed, and sent forth to serve.

Bless these gifts, that they may be used to build your justice and mercy, bringing hope to the broken and light to the weary. With grateful hearts, we offer ourselves alongside these gifts, that we may be signs of your grace in the world. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

*** Hymn Praise to the Lord, the Almighty UMH 139**

*** Benediction**

**Life is short and we have too little time
to gladden the hearts of those who travel the way with us.**

**So, be swift to love and make haste to be kind,
and may the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit be with you now and
always. Amen.**