

Sunday, August 24, 2025

10:00 am Worship

Prelude

Grace Flows Down

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

*** Song**

God So Loved

***Call to Worship**

Calling all children of the Living God:

the gospel is good news for every age and every stage.

Let us worship together, the young and the old.

The good news is proclaimed in God's words, and also with crayons, silly songs, snacks, and rest time.

Let us worship together, every generation.

We come together with different abilities and disabilities, learning in a rainbow of ways and styles.

Let us worship together, with our family of faith.

All are welcome in the arms of Christ who proclaimed,
"Let the children come!"

Let us worship together, united in our eternal hope.

***Song**

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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

A Prayer for the School Year:

May these backpack tags remind us that as you sit and as you stand, as you learn and as you play, in every moment of every day, God, your friend, is always present.

God of fresh starts and new beginnings, we bring ourselves, our big feelings, and our backpacks to you.

In our backpacks, we carry blank pages, sharpened pencils, and pointy crayons, and in our hearts, we carry big feelings, unanswered questions, and hopeful expectations.

There are endless possibilities of what this new year might bring - of what we might learn, who we might meet, and who we might become.

God, our friend who is always with us,
be with us through it all.

**Be with us as we ride the bus. Be with us as we walk.
Be with us as we buckle seat belts,
zip-up jackets, and tie shoes.**

However we get there, whether heading to preschool or driving to college bless this journey into something new.

And for the grown-ups going back to school, With-Us God, be with them too.

Thank you for our teachers, helpers, caregivers, and leaders, and for all they do to help us learn and grow.

God, our friend who’s full of wonder, fill their hearts and bless their hands.

Amen and Amen

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

Special Music

Breathe

Prayers of the People

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

I Am No Victim

***Doxology:**

**Blessed be God. Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
Blessed be God. Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
Blessed be His kingdom now and forever.
Amen, Amen.**

***Prayer of Dedication**

*** Hymn Lord Reign In Me**

*** 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.****