

City Road United Methodist Church

A Lighthouse Congregation

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Sunday School: 10:00 a.m.

Sanctuary Worship: 11:00 a.m.

Tommy Venters- Organist/Choir Director
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Service of Word

August 31, 2025

11:00 a.m.

Gathering

The Ringing of the Church Bells

Prelude

***Introit: Here I am, Lord V.2**

UMH 593

Words of Welcome

Pastor Josh Tester

Opportunities for Spirited Living

***Call to Worship -**

Leader: God calls us to service,

People: rather than honor.

Leader: God call us to love the unknown,

People: rather than the familiar.

Leader: We come to this time of worship, trusting in the grace of Jesus Christ,

People: who is the same yesterday, today, and forever.

Leader: In all we say and do,

All: let mutual love continue!

*** Prayer of Approach**

Merciful God, forgive us when we exalt ourselves. When we choose to believe we are self-sufficient rather than trust in your strength our humility is artificial. Open us to your spirit, that we might serve all people without regard to the outcome, devoting ourselves to your honor alone.

We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

*** Assurance from Romans 8**

Leader: Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation or distress, or persecution or famine, or nakedness or peril or sword?

People: No! In all things we are more than conquerors through the One who loved us. We are sure that neither death nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Thanks be to God! Amen.

**Sharing Peace*

The Peace of Christ be with you
And also with you

**Hymn of Praise: O, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing: 1-3 & 7* UMH 57

Proclamation and Response

Call to Prayer

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

Children's Message

Offertory

**Doxology:*

**Prayer of Thankfulness*

**Hymn of Preparation: For the Beauty of the Earth: Vs 1,2 &6* UMH 92

Anthem:

Choir

Scripture Reading

Hebrews 13:1-3;15-16

Message: "Faith That Lives in Love"

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**Affirmation of Faith - The Apostle's Creed*

UMH 881

Sending Forth

**Commissioning Hymn: Shall We Gather at The River*

UMH 723

**Benediction:*

**Postlude*

**Please stand in body or spirit as you are able*