

Sunday, September 7, 2025

GATHERING

Whether you are joining us in person or on-line, know that we are here to journey along with you as we live into our mission: to follow and invite others to follow Jesus Christ.

Remembering our Baptism

***Opening Song I Will Follow**

***Call to Worship**

We've come to worship God,
who loved us before we were yet born,
who knows us even better than we know ourselves,
whose presence never leaves us,
and whose love for us never ceases.
This is our God.
Let's worship together!

***Song Lord, I Need You**

First Lesson Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18 CEB

Word for Children

Second Lesson Luke 14:25-35 CEB

Message for the Lord's Day Rev. Deborah Coble

Special Music Thy Will

Prayers of the People

After each petition, there will be a pause for silent prayer.
After Pastor says "Lord in your mercy" ALL reply "hear our prayer."

Together, let us pray
for the people of this congregation...
for those who suffer and those in trouble...
for the concerns of this local community...
for the world, its peoples, and its leaders...
for the earth you have given to our care...
for the Church universal; its leaders, its members,
and its mission,
in communion with the saints...

Mission And Ministry Moment

Sharing Our Tithes and Offerings

Special Music Build A Boat

***Doxology**

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

Prayer of Confession

**Holy Jesus, we confess that you call us into a life that others have told us is easy, but it is not.
You challenge us to forgive, to love our enemies,
to bless those who curse us.
We want the easy way.
But, You have given us the hard path.**

**Grant us the patience and endurance to journey with You,
to allow ourselves at times to stumble,
to live into the hard way
so that we might fully experience
Your love, grace and peace in this world,
by becoming a people full of love and grace
and forgiving of others.
It is in Your name we pray. Amen.**

(pause for silent prayer)

Assurance of Pardon

Sacrament of Holy Communion

UMH 13

After the Lord's Prayer you will be invited forward
to receive a piece of bread which you will then dip in the cup and partake.

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.

Prayer after Communion

**Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery
in which you have given yourself to us.**

**Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves for others,
in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

***Song**

Step By Step

*** 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.**