

# Morning Worship

## October 31, 2021, 10:00 am

*\*Denotes Standing, in body and/or spirit*

**Worship Theme:** The First Commandment

### WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

**Prelude**

**Welcome & Announcements** Darlene Dobler-Palin

**\*Call to Worship** (*Responsively*) Psalm 146 Leader

Leader: Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord, O my soul!

**People:** **I will praise the Lord as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God all my life long.**

Leader: Do not put your trust in princes, in mortals, in whom there is no help.

**People:** **When their breath departs, they return to the earth; on that very day their plans perish.**

Leader: Happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the Lord their God,

**People:** **who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them; who keeps faith forever;**

Leader: The Lord sets the prisoners free; the Lord opens the eyes of the blind.

**People:** **The Lord lifts up those who are bowed down; the Lord loves the righteous.**

**ALL:** **The Lord will reign forever, your God, O Zion, for all generations. Praise the Lord!**

**\*Opening Hymn** "My Hope is Built" (vs. 1-3) UMH #368

**\*Opening Prayer/Prayer of Confession** (*Unison*) Leader

Heavenly Father, we thank you for your immense love of us. We confess that we don't really know how to "love you back." It's easier to love our own interests, rather than loving you, or our neighbor made in your image. Help us to love the way that You love. Help us to love you, with everything that we have, and everything that we are. Help us to listen to Jesus in His lesson for us today. We pray this all in Jesus' name.

Amen.

**Words of Assurance**

**Offering One Another the Peace of Christ**

**A Time for Children of All Ages**

### WE PROCLAIM THE WORD OF GOD

**Old Testament** Deuteronomy 6:1–9 (NRSV) Leader

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

**People:** **Thanks be to God!**

**CHOIR ANTHEM** "O the Deep Deep Love of Jesus"

**\*Gospel Reading** Mark 12:28–34 (NRSV)

Lector: The Word of God for the People of God

**People:** **Thanks be to God!**

**Sermon** "How Do YOU Love God?" Pastor Chuck

### WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

**Hymn of Response** "O How He Loves You and Me" TFWS #2108

**We Lift Up to God Our Prayers and Concerns**

**Silent Prayer followed by the Pastoral Prayer**

**The Offering of our Gifts** (*Please mail in your offerings*)

**\*Doxology**

**Offering Prayer** (*Unison*)

We bless your name, *Elohim*, the Creator of heaven and earth, who was in the beginning. *It is You who made us, and not we ourselves*, and You have crowned us with glory and honor. You are the God of might and strength. Hallowed be Your name! Everything we have, and everything we are, is a gift from you. Today we place these gifts

back into Your hands – to better Your kingdom – and to bless Your people. We pray this in Jesus' name.  
Amen.

**WE CARRY THE LIGHT OF CHRIST INTO THE WORLD**

\*Sending Hymn                    “The Gift Of Love”                    UMH #408

\*Benediction

\*Benediction Response    “This Little Light of Mine”                    UMH #585

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Join us Wednesday's @ 7:30am for  
**Wednesday-Wakeup** Devotional & Fellowship



[Zoom Link](#)  
(Live Meeting)



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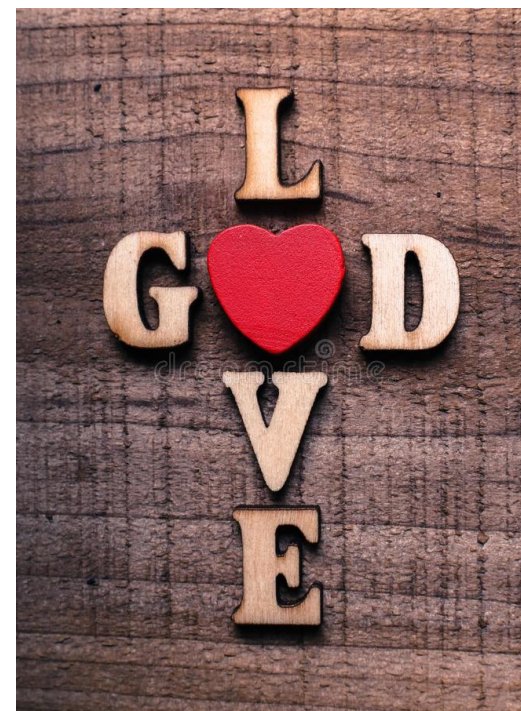
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**Worship Livestream Zoom link:**

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**Sunday, October 31, 2021**

**“Growing in the Body of Christ”**