

Morning Worship

August 1, 2021, 9:30 am

A Time for Children of All Ages

Pastor Chuck

**Denotes Standing, in body and/or spirit
Please remember to silence your cell phones*

Worship Theme: Bread of Life – Food that Endures

WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

Prelude "Let Us Break Bread Together"
TUNE: African American Spiritual
arr. Joel Raney

Welcome & Announcements Anita Stabler-Hussey

***Call to Worship** (*Responsively*) Psalm 78 Leader

Leader: They tested God in their heart
People: **by demanding the food they craved.**

Leader: They spoke against God, saying,

People: **"Can God spread a table in the wilderness?"**

Leader: Yet He commanded the skies above,

People: **and opened the doors of heaven;**

Leader: He rained down on them manna to eat,

People: **and gave them the grain of heaven.**

Leader: And they ate and were well filled,

People: **for He gave them what they craved.**

Leader: In spite of all this they still sinned;

People: **they did not believe in His wonders.**

***Opening Prayer** (*Unison*) Leader

Lord, we come to you today with open hearts and open hands. While we ask that you fill our hearts this day with your Holy Spirit, we ask your guidance to reach our hands out to you above anything that this world can provide. You are our Provider. You are our Redeemer. You are the lover of our souls. You are all we truly need. Grant that our worship today strengthens our relationship with you.

We pray this in Jesus' name. Amen

***Opening Hymn** "Come, Share the Lord" TFWS #2269

Offering One Another the Peace of Christ

WE PROCLAIM THE WORD OF GOD

Old Testament Exodus 16:2-4,9-15 (NRSV) Leader

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

***Gospel Reading** John 6:24-35 (NRSV)

Lector: The Word of God for the People of God

People: **Thanks be to God!**

Sermon "What are you chasing after?" Pastor Chuck

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

Hymn of Response "Turn Your Eyes upon Jesus" UMH #349
(sing twice)

Prayer of Confession (*Unison*) Leader

Heavenly Father, we confess that we often don't realize your divine hand in our lives. You bless, and we miss it. You give, and we want more. You protect and heal, yet we still complain. Help us to turn our eyes toward you. Give us the strength to realize that our true provision comes only from you. Grant us the wisdom to know that believing in Jesus, the one that you sent, is all we truly need. We thank you for your enduring patience in us, your children. Amen.

Silent Meditation

Words of Assurance

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)

Lord, everything we have, and everything we are, is a gift from you. We faithfully place these offerings back into your hands for your service. May they be used to enhance your kingdom, feed your people, and point all the glory back to you. May you continue to use us and our treasures to open the doors of heaven right here in this world. Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Giving of the Bread and Cup

Pastor Chuck

Prayer of Thanksgiving

WE CARRY THE LIGHT OF CHRIST INTO THE WORLD

***Sending Hymn** “All Who Hunger” TFWS #2126

***Benediction**

***Benediction Response** “Bind Us Together” TFWS #2226

Postlude “We Remember You” Words & Music by Walt Harrah,
Arrg. Joel Raney

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“Growing in the Body of Christ”