

Morning Worship

August 8, 2021, 9:30 am

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

Worship Theme: “Therefore be imitators of God...”

WE GATHER AS GOD’S PEOPLE

Prelude “Peace Like a River” arrg. John M. DeVries

Welcome & Announcements Bailey Schif

***Call to Worship** (*Responsively*) Psalm 34 Leader

Leader: I will bless the Lord at all times;

People: His praise shall continually be in my mouth.

Leader: My soul makes its boast in the Lord;

People: let the humble hear and be glad.

Leader: O magnify the Lord with me,

People: and let us exalt His name together.

Leader: I sought the Lord, and He answered me,

People: and delivered me from all my fears.

Leader: Look to him, and be radiant;

People: so your faces shall never be ashamed.

Leader: O taste and see that the Lord is good;

People: happy are those who take refuge in Him.

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

Holy God, you are our Spiritual Parent – our Heavenly Father. We enter into worship today with our own ideas of how to care for those around us. However, you are the role-model that we should be striving for. Please allow us to put aside our standards and look to yours. Allow us to be your children that will be “taught by the Lord” today. Put *your* laws into our minds and write them into our hearts. Let everything we do, be a reflection of You. For we ask this is Jesus’ name. Amen.

***Opening Hymn** “Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah” UMH #127

Offering One Another the Peace of Christ

A Time for Children of All Ages

Pastor Chuck

WE PROCLAIM THE WORD OF GOD

Epistle Lesson Ephesians 4:25-5:2 (NRSV) Leader

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

***Gospel Reading** John 6:35, 41-51 (NRSV)

Lector: The Word of God for the People of God

People: Thanks be to God!

Sermon “Be the moon...”

Pastor Chuck

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

Hymn of Response “More Like You” TFWS #2176

Prayer of Confession (*Unison*) Leader

Heavenly Father, we’ve heard your Word and have been reminded of your laws. We know that your thoughts are not our thoughts, nor are your ways our ways. Yet we confess that we often prefer our ways to yours. We model our lives on those around us, instead of on your son, Jesus. Please give us the strength to be more like you. Give us the desire to be taught by you. Allow us to be your children who are drawn to Jesus because we have “heard and learned from the Father.” We thank you once again 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)

Eternal God, just as your son offered Himself up for us, we humbly model Jesus in presenting our offerings back to you. More than our treasures, we offer ourselves as a “holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ’s offering for us.” Please accept these gifts – and accept our lives. Multiply these offerings and let your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. May all the praise and glory go to you, Lord. We pray this in your son’s name. Amen.

WE CARRY THE LIGHT OF CHRIST INTO THE WORLD

*Sending Hymn “Take My Life, and Let it Be” UMH #399

*Benediction

*Benediction Response “I’ve Got Peace Like a River” TFWS #2145
African American Spiritual

Postlude “Nothing But the Blood of Jesus” Robert Lowry
arrg. John M. DeVries

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“Growing in the Body of Christ”