

Morning Worship
September 26, 2021, 10:00 am

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

Worship Theme: The Seriousness of Sin

WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

Prelude "Jesus, Lover of My Soul" Arr. John Tesh

Welcome & Announcements Darlene Dobler-Palin

***Call to Worship** (*Responsively*) *Psalm 124* Leader
Leader: If it had not been the Lord who was on our side, when our enemies attacked us,

People: **then they would have swallowed us up alive, when their anger was kindled against us;**

Leader: then the flood would have swept us away,

People: **the torrent would have gone over us;**

Leader: then over us would have gone the raging waters.

People: **Blessed be the Lord, who has not given us as prey to their teeth.**

Leader: We have escaped like a bird from the snare of the fowlers; the snare is broken, and we have escaped.

People: **Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth.**

***Opening Hymn** "Praise To the Lord, the Almighty" UMH #139

***Opening Prayer/Prayer of Confession** (*Unison*) Leader
Heavenly Father, we thank you for this day of worship. We enter this space with our joys and our concerns, with our brokenness and our triumphs. We confess that we often ignore our broken nature. We forget that Jesus taught us that even the thought of a sinful act is equivalent to the sin itself. We all need you. We all need a savior. Allow us to bring both our brokenness and our triumphs to you today, *for a time such as this*. Allow us to be Your light in this darkened world. We pray this in Jesus' name.
Amen.

Words of Assurance

Offering One Another the Peace of Christ

Recognition & Thanks – Bill Smith

A Time for Children of All Ages

Poem Letter to a Teacher Ethel Abraham

WE PROCLAIM THE WORD OF GOD

Old Testament Esther 7:1-6, 9-10, 9:20-22 (NRSV) Leader
Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

***Gospel Reading** Mark 9:38-50 (NRSV)
Lector: The Word of God for the People of God

People: **Thanks be to God!**

Sermon Now it's getting serious... Pastor Chuck

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

Hymn of Response "Jesus, Lover of My Soul" UMH #479

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)

Dear Lord, we once again approach Your alter with our gifts. We're standing in honor. We're giving in trust. We know that *you know the plans you have for us, plans to give us a future with hope*. We also trust that you have plans for these treasures. Use them as You will to heal the broken, feed the hungry, and spread Your Word. Allow Your people to be Your ambassadors as we offer ourselves to You today. We pray this in Jesus' name.
Amen.

WE CARRY THE LIGHT OF CHRIST INTO THE WORLD

*Sending Hymn "God of Grace & God of Glory" UMH #577

*Benediction

*Benediction Response "Shalom To You" UMH #666

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



Zoom Link
(Live Meeting)



YouTube Channel
(Recorded Sessions)

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