

Morning Worship

March 27, 2022, 10:00 am

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

Worship Theme: The Power of God's Forgiveness

WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements (see insert) Lynn Abbott

***Call to Worship (Responsively)** Psalm 32 Leader

Leader: Blessed is the one whose transgressions are forgiven,
whose sins are covered.

**People: Blessed is the one whose sin the Lord does not count
against them and in whose spirit is no deceit.**

Leader: When I kept silent, my bones wasted away through my
groaning all day long.

**People: For day and night your hand was heavy on me; my
strength was sapped as in the heat of summer.**

Leader: Then I acknowledged my sin to you and did not cover up
my iniquity. I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the
Lord." And you forgave the guilt of my sin.

**People: Therefore let all the faithful pray to you while you may
be found; surely the rising of the mighty waters will
not reach them.**

Leader: You are my hiding place; you will protect me from trouble
and surround me with songs of deliverance.

**People: Rejoice in the Lord and be glad, you righteous; Sing, all
you who are upright in heart!**

***Opening Hymn** "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling" UMH #384
(v. 1,3,4)

***Opening Prayer/Prayer of Confession (Unison)** Leader
Dear Lord, we thank you for allowing us to be here in this time of
worship. We thank you for allowing us to serve you both inside and
outside of this church. Please forgive us when we make the work more
about us, and less about you. Allow this time of worship to remind us
that *You* are the loving Father who forgives. Show us again that *You*
are the one who runs to us the moment we decide to turn to you. You

are too good to us. As the Psalmist states, "*Let the words of my mouth
and the meditation of my heart be acceptable to you, O Lord, my rock
and my redeemer.*" We pray this in Jesus' name. Amen.

Words of Assurance

Offering One Another the Peace of Christ

CHOIR ANTHEM "Without the Cross" Jeff Ferguson
Rebecca Peck

A Time for Children of All Ages

WE PROCLAIM THE WORD OF GOD

Old Testament Lesson: 2 Corinthians 5:16–21 (NRSV) Leader

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

***Gospel Lesson:** Luke 15:1–3, 11–32 (NRSV)

Lector: The Word of God for the People of God

People: Thanks be to God!

Sermon "Intent" Pastor Chuck

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

Hymn of Response "This is the Day of New Beginnings" UMH #383
(v. 1,2,4)

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)

Heavenly Father, we rise to sing "Glory Words" to you. As we lift
our voices, give us the strength to lift up our offering, and our
lives, to Your purposes. You spoke to us through the prophet
Isaiah, saying, "*As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are*

my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.” May you do abundantly more with our lives, and this offering, than any of us could ever imagine. Your ways are always amazing. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.

WE CARRY THE LIGHT OF CHRIST INTO THE WORLD

*Sending Hymn “Softly & Tenderly Jesus is Calling ” UMH #348
(v. 1-3)

*Benediction

*Benediction Resp. “You Are My Hiding Place” TFWS #2055

Coffee Hour Host: Thanks to Donna Young!

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

Next up: [Philippians 3:4b-14](#); [John 12:1-8](#)



[Zoom Link](#)
(Live Meeting)



[YouTube \(https://bitly.com/WWakeup\)](https://bitly.com/WWakeup)
(Recorded Sessions)

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Worship Livestream Zoom link:

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Sunday, March 27, 2022

“Growing in the Body of Christ”