

Morning Worship

May 1, 2022, 10:00 am

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

Worship Theme: Grace Upon Grace

WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

Prelude "Jesus, I Come To Thee" Robert W. Thygerson

Welcome & Announcements (see insert) Anita Stabler-Hussey

*Call to Worship (*Responsively*) Psalm 30 Leader

Leader: I will exalt you, Lord, for you lifted me out of the depths and did not let my enemies gloat over me.

People: **Lord my God, I called to you for help, and you healed me.**

Leader: You, Lord, brought me up from the realm of the dead; you spared me from going down to the pit.

People: **Sing the praises of the Lord, you his faithful people; praise his holy name.**

Leader: For his anger lasts only a moment, but his favor lasts a lifetime;

People: **weeping may stay for the night, but rejoicing comes in the morning.**

*Opening Hymn "Cry of My Heart" TFWS #2165

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

Dear Jesus, through your death and resurrection that we just celebrated, *we have all received, grace upon grace.* You've invited us into your kingdom with the words, "Follow me." You've empowered us with the Holy Spirit. You protect us and even give us the words that we need to do your work. But when times get tough, Lord, we go our own way. We retreat to the comforts of life that we can control and your blessings are all but forgotten. Forgive us, we ask, and grant us the strength to continue to Follow You - in the good times - and in the bad times. You are the same *yesterday and today and forever.* We thank you and love you. Amen.

Words of Assurance

Offering One Another the Peace of Christ

CHOIR ANTHEM "Come to the Water" Pepper Choplin

A Time for Children of All Ages

WE PROCLAIM THE WORD OF GOD

New Testament Lesson: Revelation 5:11-14 (NRSV) Leader

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

*Gospel Lesson: John 21:1-19 (NRSV)

Lector: The Word of God for the People of God

People: **Thanks be to God!**

Sermon "Comfort Zone" Pastor Chuck

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

Hymn of Response "Amazing Grace/My Chains are Gone" W&S #3104

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, while we just lifted our voices to you in song, may we also lift our lives - and these gifts - to you as well. Just as you have already blessed us, please bless these gifts and multiply them to your use so that they may *feed your lambs and tend your sheep.* To you *be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!* 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 “Joy in the Morning” TFWS #2284

*Benediction

*Benediction Resp. “Great is the Lord” TFWS #2022

Coffee Hour Host: Thanks to Dotti Hostler!!

Join us Wednesday's @ 7:30am for
Wednesday-Wakeup Devotional & Fellowship
Next up: [John 10:22-30](#)



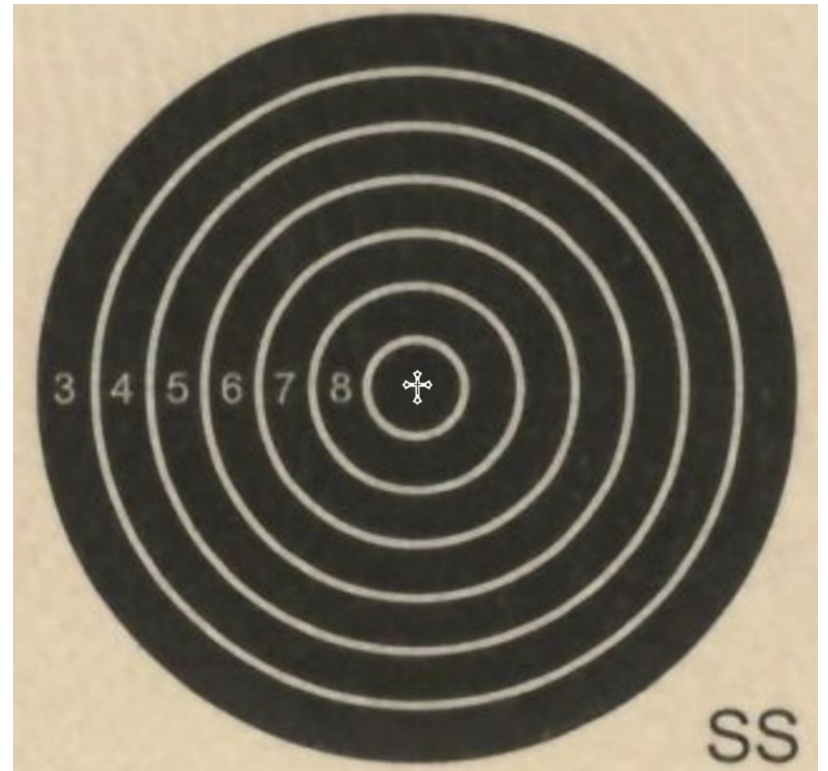
[Zoom Link](#)
(Live Meeting)



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

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Worship Livestream Zoom link:

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“Growing in the Body of Christ”