

Sunday Worship

June 2, 2024, 10:00 am

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

Worship Theme: Lord of the Sabbath

WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

Prelude "Psalm of Glory" Dorothy Wells

Welcome & Announcements (see insert) Anita Stabler-Hussey

***Call to Worship** *Psalm 92 - A Song for the Sabbath Day.*

Leader: It is good to give thanks to the Lord, to sing praises to your name, O Most High;

People: **to declare your steadfast love in the morning, and your faithfulness by night,**

Leader: For you, O Lord, have made me glad by your work; at the works of your hands I sing for joy.

People: **How great are your works, O Lord! Your thoughts are very deep!**

Leader: The righteous flourish like the palm tree, and grow like a cedar in Lebanon.

People: **They are planted in the house of the Lord; they flourish in the courts of our God.**

Leader: In old age they still produce fruit; they are always green and full of sap,

People: **showing that the Lord is upright; he is my rock, and there is no unrighteousness in him.**

***Opening Hymn** "Be Thou My Vision" UMH #451

***Opening Prayer (Unison)** *by Dotti Hossler* Leader
The world God has made is a holy place, it is his own Cathedral, filled with birds singing anthems of praise, graced with the ritual of the changing seasons. He has blessed the earth with the rainbow luxury of flowers to lift up our hearts, For they do not toil, neither do they spin. Yet God has stooped from Heaven to fashion their fragile blooms. Every flower is a beautiful sign to us that our world is God's world. And our hearts are filled with joy when we realize that we not only live in this world God created but that we are

part of his creation. Yes, this is God's World, a world he fashioned for us so our lives can reflect his power and glory. The joy and beauty of God, in whose image we are created. Praise be to God. Amen.

Words of Assurance Offering One Another the Peace of Christ

CHOIR ANTHEM "Hungry I Come" Craig Curry

A Time for Children of All Ages

WE PROCLAIM THE WORD OF GOD

Old Testament Lesson: [Deuteronomy 5:12-15](#) (NRSV)

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

***Gospel Lesson:** [Mark 2:23-3:6](#) (NRSV)

Lector: The Word of God for the People of God

People: **Thanks be to God!**

Message Breaking Tradition

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

Hymn of Response "Open My Eyes" UMH #454

We Lift Up to God Our Prayers and Concerns

Silent Prayer followed by the Pastoral Prayer

The Offering of our Gifts

*Doxology

Offering Prayer (Unison)

Loving God, as we opened in prayer recognizing that our world is your world, may we now return to you "our" treasures for your Good use. May they be used to plant seeds of faith that will bloom at their due time; a harvest of souls for you. We pray this in Jesus' precious name. 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 "Here I Am Lord" UMH #593

*Benediction

*Benediction Response "What Does the Lord"
Require of You" TFWS #2174

Postlude

Join us for Coffee Hour

Coming Up:

June 9th - Sunday Worship Service @10am - Join us LIVE or ONLINE as we resume our study of God's Word ([Mark 3:20-35](#)) and learn about [HomeBridge](#) - Whole person healing for the formerly incarcerated.

Join us Wednesday's @ 7:30am for

Wednesday-Wakeup Devotional & Fellowship



[Zoom Link](#)

(Live Meeting)



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

(Recorded Sessions)

Pastor: Reverend Charles J. Schif Liturgist: Anita Stabler-Hussey

Pianist/Organist: RoseAnne Homola Lay Leader: Rose Aiello

Music Leaders: Patti Early and RoseAnne Homola

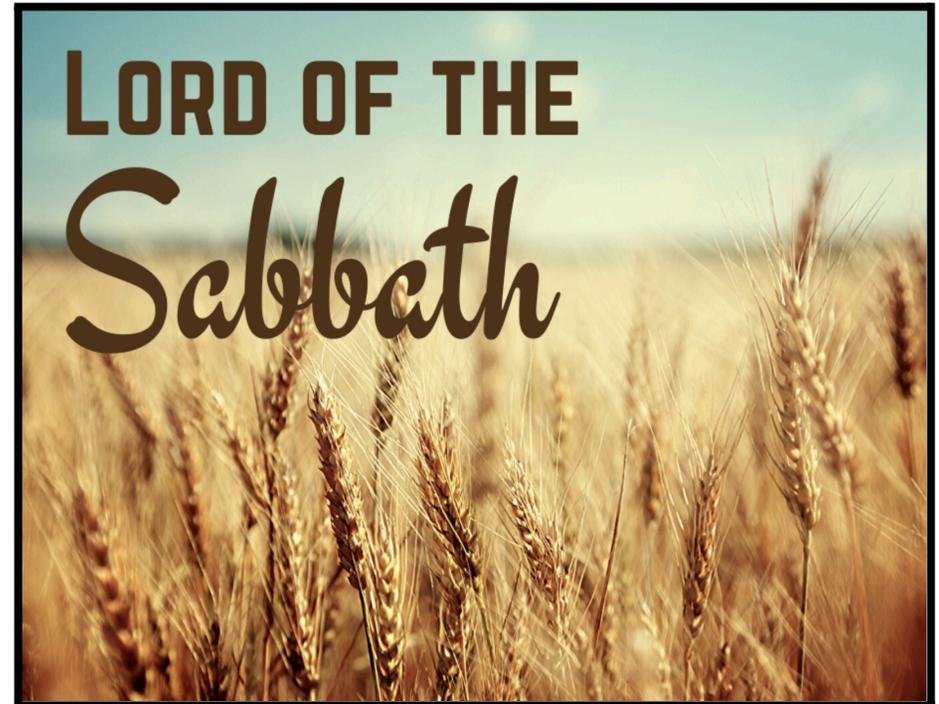
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Worship Livestream Zoom link:

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"Growing in the Body of Christ"