

Sunday Worship

August 18, 2024, 10:00 am

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

Worship Theme: Wesley Wisdom

WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements (see insert) Lynn Abbott

***Call to Worship** *Psalm 73*

Leader: When my heart was grieved and my spirit embittered,

People: **I was senseless and ignorant; I was a brute beast before you.**

Leader: Yet I am always with you; you hold me by my right hand.

People: **You guide me with your counsel, and afterward you will take me into glory.**

Leader: Whom have I in heaven but you? And earth has nothing I desire besides you.

People: **My flesh and my heart may fail, but God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever.**

Leader: Those who are far from you will perish; you destroy all who are unfaithful to you.

People: **But as for me, it is good to be near God. I have made the Sovereign Lord my refuge; I will tell of all your deeds.**

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

***Opening Prayer (Unison)** *by John Wesley* Leader
O God, seeing as there is in Christ Jesus an infinite fullness of all that we can want or desire, may we all receive from him, grace upon grace. Grace to pardon our sins, and subdue our iniquities; to justify our persons and to sanctify our souls. To complete that holy change, that renewal of our hearts, which will enable us to be transformed into the blessed image in which you created us. O make us all acceptable to be partakers of the inheritance of your saints in light. Amen.

Words of Assurance Offering One Another the Peace of Christ

A Time for Children of All Ages

WE PROCLAIM THE WORD OF GOD

Epistle Lesson: [2 Timothy 3:12-17](#) (NRSV)

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

***Gospel Lesson:** [John 14:15-21](#) (NRSV)

Lector: The Word of God for the People of God

People: **Thanks be to God!**

Message **Are You a Methodist?**

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

Hymn of Response "In Remembrance of Me" TFWS #2254

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)

Heavenly Jesus, this is your altar. As we stand before your empty cross, we are reminded that just as you enacted your power to make the heart of John Wesley, "strangely warmed," you are just as present here as you were back then. So, we not only approach your altar - but we approach you, our Lord. Take these gifts and put them to work. Take our willingness to know you more, and embolden us *to see you more clearly, to love you more dearly, to follow you more nearly.* Put us to work, for you. Amen.

WE CARRY THE LIGHT OF CHRIST INTO THE WORLD

*Sending Hymn "Shine, Jesus, Shine" TFWS #2173

*Benediction

*Benediction Response "Give Thanks" TFWS #2036
(once through)

Postlude

Join us for Coffee Hour hosted by Rose Aiello

Coming Up:

August 25th - Sunday Worship Service @10am - Join us LIVE or ONLINE as we resume our study of God's Word to be reminded of how to be Prepared for the Battle ([Ephesians 6: 10-20](#)). Join us and "suit-up"!

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)

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Liturgist: Lynn Abbott

Pianist/Organist: RoseAnne Homola

Lay Leader: Rose Aiello

Music Leaders: Patti Early and RoseAnne Homola

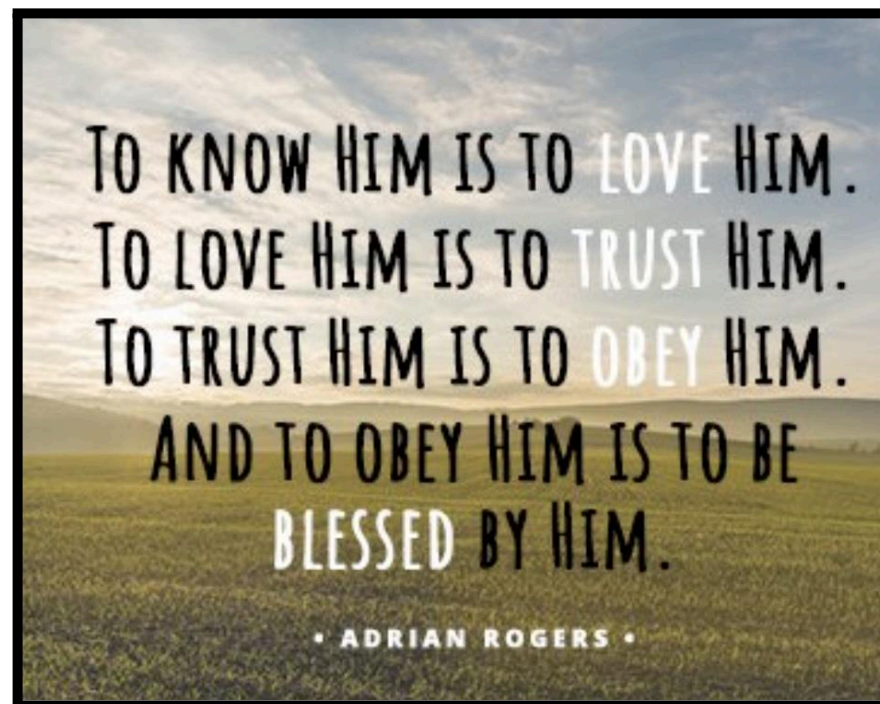
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Worship Livestream Zoom link:

<https://zoom.us/j/96540669674?pwd=OEVTYXdILzBucDR4YzBvdEwwSlkyQT09>

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"Growing in the Body of Christ"