

Sunday Worship

August 25, 2024, 10:00 am

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

Worship Theme: The Whole Armor of God

WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements (see insert) Paula Fromm

***Call to Worship** *Psalm 3 - A Psalm of David*

Leader: O Lord, how many are my foes! Many are rising against me;

People: **many are saying to me, "There is no help for you in God."**

Leader: But you, O Lord, are a shield around me, my glory, and the one who lifts up my head.

People: **I cry aloud to the Lord, and he answers me from his holy hill.**

Leader: I lie down and sleep; I wake again, for the Lord sustains me.

People: **I am not afraid of ten thousands of people who have set themselves against me all around.**

Leader: Rise up, O Lord! Deliver me, O my God! For you strike all my enemies on the cheek; you break the teeth of the wicked.

People: **Deliverance belongs to the Lord; may your blessing be on your people!**

***Opening Hymn** "As the Deer" (*sung twice*) TFWS #2025

***Opening Prayer (Unison)** *by Betty Hendricks* Leader
Father God, so often we are tempted to stray from your loving embrace. But, as said by Peter in today's Gospel, "*To Whom Would We Go?*" There is no one else like you. Help us to remember that you sent your only Son into the world so that we, each and every one of us, might have life to the full through him. We ask you, God, in your fullness as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, to hear our prayer and to protect us from the snares of Satan and all that would draw us away from you. 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: [Ephesians 6:10-20](#) (NRSV)

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

***Gospel Lesson:** [John 6 56-69](#) (NRSV)

Lector: The Word of God for the People of God

People: **Thanks be to God!**

Message "Preparing for the Battle" Ed Hendricks

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

Hymn of Response "Standing on the Promises" UHM #374
(v. 1,3,4)

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 God, we once again approach your altar. People of the past have set up other altars to other gods searching for answers, but those answers never came. You are the Truth, and your son Jesus is the Way, the Truth, and the Life. Why would we worship at any other altar? Thus, we approach to say thanks and to give back, as our worship to you. As Peter told Jesus, "*You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and know that you are the Holy One of God.*" We believe, and we give, so that You may do the work and show us the Truth. We pray this in Jesus' name. Amen.

WE CARRY THE LIGHT OF CHRIST INTO THE WORLD

*Sending Hymn "Sent Forth by God's Blessing" UMH #664

*Benediction

*Benediction Response "Father, I Adore You" TFWS #2038

Postlude

Join us for Coffee Hour

Coming Up:

September 1st - Sunday Worship Service @10am - Join us LIVE or ONLINE as we hear a love poem from God's Word in the Song of Solomon ([Song of Solomon 2:1-17](#)).

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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Worship Livestream Zoom link:

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

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"Growing in the Body of Christ"