

Sunday Worship

September 1, 2024, 10:00 am

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

Worship Theme: A Gift from God

WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements (see insert) Anita Stabler-Hussey

***Call to Worship** *Psalm 45*

Leader: My heart overflows with a noble theme; I address my verses to the king; my tongue is like the pen of a ready scribe.

People: **You are the most handsome of men; grace is poured upon your lips; therefore God has blessed you forever.**

Leader: Your throne, O God, endures forever and ever. Your royal scepter is a scepter of equity; you love righteousness and hate wickedness.

People: **Therefore God, your God, has anointed you with the oil of gladness beyond your companions;**

Leader: your robes are all fragrant with myrrh and aloes and cassia. From ivory palaces stringed instruments make you glad;

People: **daughters of kings are among your ladies of honor; at your right hand stands the queen in gold of Ophir.**

***Opening Hymn** "He Has Made Me Glad" TFWS #2270

***Opening Prayer (Unison)** Leader
God, our Father, your Scripture instructs us to "*love one another, for love comes from God.*" However, you are not only the God who provides, but you are the God who IS, for it also says that "*God is love.*" Since we are all born in your image, we have that love, and we know that love. But we come here today to know that love more deeply. Teach us through your Word. Allow your Holy Spirit to draw us closer to you, and to your love. We pray this in Jesus' name. Amen.

Words of Assurance Offering One Another the Peace of Christ

A Time for Children of All Ages

WE PROCLAIM THE WORD OF GOD

Old Testament Lesson: [Song of Solomon 2:1-17](#) (ESV)

Lector: The Word of God for the People of God

People: **Thanks be to God!**

Epistle Lesson: [Ephesians 5:22-33](#) (ESV)

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

Message "My Wife Is A Gift From God" Brian Sherwood

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

Hymn of Response "I Sing the Almighty Power of God" UHM #152

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, your love is a gift to all of us, free for the taking. We can do nothing to earn it, or nothing to deserve it, because then it wouldn't be a gift. We accept that gift today. We also accept the lessons that you've placed in our hearts today through the reading of your Word, the message, and the music. May they allow us to be as generous as you. We offer our love to you and to your children as a gift. In the same way, we offer these treasures as a gift, no strings attached. Use them as you will so that others can know, and feel, your abundant and generous love. We pray this in your son's 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 "Together We Serve" TFWS #2175

*Benediction

*Benediction Response "Make Me a Servant" TFWS #2176
(sing twice)

Postlude

Join us for Coffee Hour

Coming Up:

September 8th - Sunday Worship Service @10am - Join us LIVE or ONLINE as we resume our study of God's Word to learn of more miraculous words and deeds of Jesus as captured in the Gospel of Mark ([Mark 7:24-37](#)). Come and be amazed!

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"