

Sunday Worship

May 4, 2025 10:00 am

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

Worship Theme: Restoration

WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

Prelude "Festive Toccata" Robert W. Thygerson

Welcome & Announcements (see insert) Rose Aiello

***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.**

Leader: You turned my wailing into dancing; you removed my
sackcloth and clothed me with joy, that my heart may sing
your praises and not be silent.

People: Lord my God, I will praise you forever.

***Opening Hymn** "Amazing Grace" UMH #378
(v. 1, 2, 4, 6)

***Opening Prayer (Unison)** Leader

Holy God, we bring to you this day a new voice to deliver your message. May his heart be calm, and may our minds and hearts be open to receive it. We are all made in Your image, with the ability to commune with You and share that experience with our Brothers and Sister here in this Church Family. Let Your praises be heard so that we can share this moment, and our relationship with you, with others. It's in Jesus' name that we pray. Amen.

Words of Assurance

Offering One Another the Peace of Christ

CHOIR ANTHEM "We Remember You" Hal Wright

A Time for Children of All Ages

WE PROCLAIM THE WORD OF GOD

New Testament Lesson: [Acts 9:1-16](#) (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!

Message Dylan Palin

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

We Lift Up to God Our Prayers and Concerns Pastoral Prayer

***Doxology** The Offering of our Gifts

Offering Prayer (Unison)

Holy and gracious Jesus, thank you for the gift of today! You've delivered it to us wrapped in the light of the sun, and presented it to us with the songs of the birds that you have created. What a wonderful gift! May our songs, prayers, and time in Your Word maximize that gift so that we can be "recharged" and better prepared to face this next week. Please use these gifts to similarly recharge and strengthen Your Church here in Monroe. May our impact be felt by all those You choose to touch with these funds, and our lives. We pray this in Jesus' 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 "Great is the Lord" TFWS #2022
(V. 1-3 - use short ending)

*Benediction

*Benediction Response "Alleluia, Alleluia" UMH #162
(refrain only sing twice)

Postlude

Join Us for Coffee Hour Hosted by Rebecca Denike and Ethel Abraham

Coming Up:

May 11th - Sunday Worship Service @10am - Join us LIVE or ONLINE as we resume our study of God's Word ([John 10:22-30](#)). Do you hear - and follow - the Shepherd's voice?

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=OEVTYXdlLzBucDR4YzBvdEwvSlkyQT09>

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"Growing in the Body of Christ"