

# 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?

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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=OEVTYXdILzBucDR4Yz  
BvdEwvSlkyQT09](https://zoom.us/j/96540669674?pwd=OEVTYXdILzBucDR4YzBvdEwvSlkyQT09)

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***“Growing in the Body of Christ”***