

Sunday Worship

May 25, 2025 10:00 am

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

Worship Theme: The Sabbath

WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

Prelude "Patriotic Prelude"

Welcome & Announcements (see insert) Lynn Abbott

***Call to Worship (Responsively)** Psalm 92 Leader

Leader: It is good to praise the Lord and make music to your name, O Most High,

People: **proclaiming your love in the morning and your faithfulness at night,**

Leader: to the music of the ten-stringed lyre and the melody of the harp.

People: **For you make me glad by your deeds, Lord; I sing for joy at what your hands have done.**

Leader: How great are your works, Lord, how profound your thoughts!

People: **Senseless people do not know, fools do not understand,**

Leader: that though the wicked spring up like grass and all evildoers flourish, they will be destroyed forever.

People: **But you, Lord, are forever exalted.**

***Opening Hymn** "Holy God, We Praise Thy Name" UMH #79
(v. 1,2,4)

***Opening Prayer (Unison)** by a UMCM Angel Leader
Dear God, today is Sunday, and we have come back here to worship you as a church family. However, once we leave church, what does it mean to continue to honor and worship You? This day is to represent the 7th day, the day You rested and admired what You had created, saying, '*it was good*'. What does that rest look like for us? What did you have in mind for us? Are our Sundays too busy? Are we not doing enough? Are we focused on things not of You? Maybe it's in the quiet place with You, that You will share how we can honor

You. Maybe it changes with each passing Sunday. Maybe the honor and worship is new each Sunday. Draw us each closer to you, we pray. Allow us each to hear Your *still soft voice*, showing us each how to rest in You as we worship and Honor You. In Jesus name we pray. Amen

Words of Assurance

Offering One Another the Peace of Christ

CHOIR ANTHEM "It Is Well with My Soul" Horatio Spafford
Phillip Bliss

A Time for Children of All Ages

WE PROCLAIM THE WORD OF GOD

Old Testament Lesson: [Deuteronomy 5:12-15](#) (NIV) Leader

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

***Gospel Lesson:** [John 5:1-18](#) (NRSV)

Lector: The Word of God for the People of God

People: **Thanks be to God!**

Message "Keep the Sabbath Holy" Pastor Chuck

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

***Hymn of Response** "Down to the River to Pray" WS #3164

We Lift Up to God Our Prayers and Concerns Pastoral Prayer

***Doxology** The Offering of our Gifts

Offering Prayer (Unison)

Holy and Creator God, you are amazing. You created from nothing, and worlds appeared. You spoke light into existence with nothing more than your voice. You designed the seas and the lands and all that inhabit them, and you called it all *good*. But, when you breathed life into humankind, you gave all that you created to us!

In the hopes of being good stewards of those gifts, we offer these treasures back to your use. Use them, and use us, to continue what Jesus started. We pray this in His name. Amen.

WE CARRY THE LIGHT OF CHRIST INTO THE WORLD

*Sending Hymn "Shall We Gather at the River" UMH #723
(v. 1,3,4)

*Benediction

*Benediction Response "I'll Fly Away" TFWS #2282
(v. 1 and refrain)

Postlude

Join Us for Coffee Hour

Coming Up:

June 1st - Communion Sunday Worship Service @10am - Join us LIVE or ONLINE as we resume our study of God's Word on the ascension of Jesus ([Luke 24:44-53](#)). Up, up, and away! 😊

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)

Pastor: Reverend Charles J. Schif Liturgist: Lynn Abbott
Pianist/Organist: RoseAnne Homola Lay Leader: Patti Early
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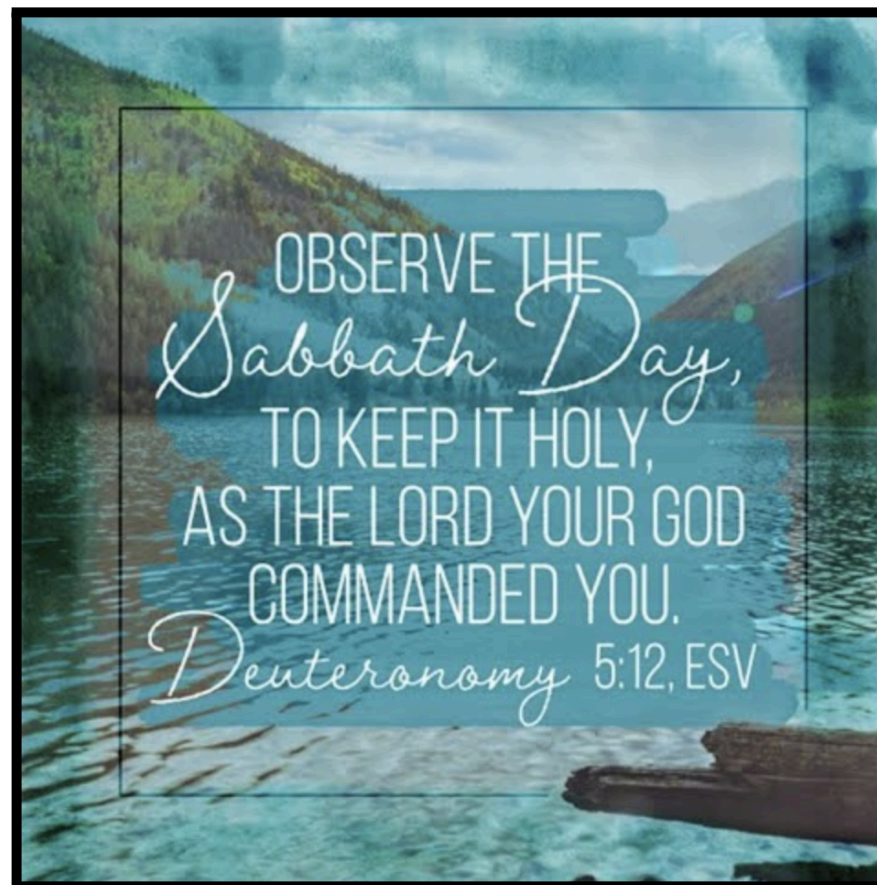
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Worship Livestream Zoom link:

<https://zoom.us/j/96540669674?pwd=OEVTYXdlLzBucDR4YzBvdEwvSlkyQT09>

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