

Sunday Worship

June 29, 2025 10:00 am

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

Worship Theme: Building on the Rock

WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

Prelude "What a Friend We Have in Jesus" Charles C. Converse

Welcome & Announcements (see insert) Darlene Dobler-Palin

***Call to Worship (Responsively)** Psalm 16 Leader

Leader: Protect me, O God, for in you I take refuge.

People: I say to the Lord, "You are my Lord; I have no good apart from you."

Leader: The Lord is my chosen portion and my cup; you hold my lot.

People: The boundary lines have fallen for me in pleasant places; I have a goodly heritage.

Leader: I bless the Lord, who gives me counsel; in the night also my heart instructs me.

People: I keep the Lord always before me; because he is at my right hand, I shall not be moved.

Leader: You show me the path of life.

People: In your presence there is fullness of joy; in your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

***Opening Hymn** "Swing Low, Sweet Chariot" UMH #703
(v. 1,3,4)

***Opening Prayer (Unison)** Leader
Heavenly Father, we thank you for this house of worship. It was engineered, built, and maintained to provide shelter from all the storms that have hit since it was built. However, we also realize that it is ultimately temporary. Our worship should not be based on a building. Lord, teach us today what it means to follow you. Allow us to understand what it means to build our Spiritual house on a rock, so that even when the rain falls, the floods come, and the wind

blows, we will not fall because we've put our trust in you. We love you, Jesus. Amen.

Words of Assurance

Offering One Another the Peace of Christ

A Time for Children of All Ages

Sue Simmons

WE PROCLAIM THE WORD OF GOD

Old Testament Lesson: [Isaiah 40:28-31](#) (NRSVUE) Leader

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

***Gospel Lesson:** [Matthew 7:24-29](#) (NRSVUE)

Lector: The Word of God for the People of God

People: Thanks be to God!

Message "Christ as our Rock" Brenda Pantalone

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

***Hymn of Response** "My Hope is Built" UMH #368

We Lift Up to God Our Prayers and Concerns Pastoral Prayer

***Doxology** The Offering of our Gifts

Offering Prayer (Unison) by Dylan Palin

Lord Jesus, we offer these gifts as an expression of our love for you, and a commitment to your kingdom. We know that the foundation of love and wisdom you have given us, on which we stand, can never be repaid. Only by your hand we are able to pay tribute in keeping this church steadfast through the winds and the rain. We are forever indebted to you, and with these gifts we also offer ourselves and praise, for all glory belongs to you. We love you Lord. Amen.

WE CARRY THE LIGHT OF CHRIST INTO THE WORLD

***Sending Hymn** "Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart" UMH #500
(v. 1,4,5)

***Benediction**

***Benediction Response** "Children of the Heavenly Father" UMH #141
(v.1)

Postlude "Because He Lives" William J. Gaither

Join Us for Coffee Hour hosted by Bob and Sue Baker

Coming Up:

***July 6th - Communion Sunday Worship Service @10am - Join us
LIVE or ONLINE as we resume our study of God's Word to see what
happens when you're sent by Jesus ([Luke 10:1-12](#), [17-20](#))!***

Join us Wednesday's @ 7:30am for
Wednesday-Wakeup Devotional & Fellowship



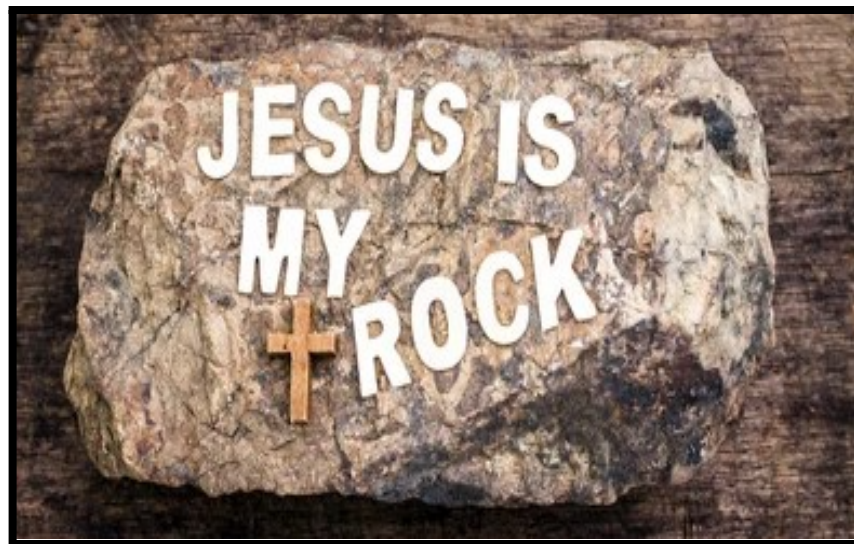
[Zoom Link](#)
(Live Meeting)



[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
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"Growing in the Body of Christ"