

# Sunday Worship

## July 20, 2025 10:00 am

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

**Worship Theme:** Sitting at the Feet of Jesus

### WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

**Prelude** "Largetto" Mark Davis

**Welcome & Announcements (see insert)** Ed Hendricks

**\*Call to Worship (Responsively)** Psalm 15 Leader

Leader: O Lord, who may abide in your tent? Who may dwell on your holy hill?

**People:** **Those who walk blamelessly, and do what is right, and speak the truth from their heart;**

Leader: who do not slander with their tongue, and do no evil to their friends,

**People:** **nor take up a reproach against their neighbors;**

Leader: in whose eyes the wicked are despised, but who honor those who fear the Lord;

**People:** **who stand by their oath even to their hurt;**

Leader: who do not lend money at interest, and do not take a bribe against the innocent.

**People:** **Those who do these things shall never be moved.**

**\*Opening Hymn** "O Jesus, I Have Promised" UMH #396  
(v. 1,2,4)

**\*Opening Prayer (Unison)** Leader  
Holy Jesus, we enter into this sanctuary today to find peace. In our busy world, we are often distracted by the endless lists of items that we feel *have* to get done. As soon as one task is accomplished, we're faced with the next and the opportunity to rest has eluded us again. But, Jesus, you remind us that you have been with us through it all. Through the stress, and through the busyness. But we never turned to you for rest. Forgive our stubbornness. May this time with you today, in your sanctuary, truly give us *the peace that surpasses all understanding*. More importantly, let us learn how to rest in you, in all circumstances. We love you, Lord. Amen.

**Words of Assurance**

**Offering One Another the Peace of Christ**

**A Time for Children of All Ages**

### WE PROCLAIM THE WORD OF GOD

**New Testament Lesson:** [Colossians 1:15–29](#) (NRSVUE) Leader

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

**People:** **Thanks be to God!**

**\*Gospel Lesson:** [Luke 10:38–42](#) (NRSV)

Lector: The Word of God for the People of God

**People:** **Thanks be to God!**

**Message** "Receive, to Serve" Pastor Chuck

### WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

**\*Hymn of Response** "Open My Eyes That I May See" UMH #454

**We Lift Up to God Our Prayers and Concerns** Pastoral Prayer

**\*Doxology** The Offering of our Gifts

**Offering Prayer (Unison)** by a UMCM Angel

Loving Jesus, we come before you today with many thanks for all your blessings. By your grace we ask your help to cultivate a "*Mary heart in a Martha world*." May you be enough for us, Lord. Lead us to find balance in all we do and to recognize that you are "*the better part*". Bless these offerings today. Let them be rooted in deep love for you and may they produce much holy fruit in Your Holy Name. Amen.

**WE CARRY THE LIGHT OF CHRIST INTO THE WORLD**

**\*Sending Hymn**                      “Together We Serve”                      TFWS #2175  
(v. 1,2,4)

**\*Benediction**

**\*Benediction Response**                  "Rule of Life"                  WS #3117

## Postlude

***Join Us for Coffee Hour hosted by the Sherwood Family***

**Coming Up:**

**July 27th - Sunday Worship Service @10am** - Join us LIVE or ONLINE as we resume our study of God's Word as Jesus teaches US how to pray ([Luke 11:1-13](#)). Ask and ye shall receive.

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=OEVTYXdlLzBucDR4YzBvdEwwSlkyQT09>

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## ***“Growing in the Body of Christ”***