

Sunday Worship

August 3, 2025 10:00 am

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

Worship Theme: Being Rich Toward God

WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

Prelude "O, How I Love Jesus" Robert Thygerson

Welcome & Announcements (see insert) Patti Early

***Call to Worship (Responsively)** Ecclesiastes 5 Leader

Leader: Whoever loves money never has enough;

People: **whoever loves wealth is never satisfied with their income.**

Leader: As goods increase, so do those who consume them.

People: **And what benefit are they to the owners except to feast their eyes on them?**

Leader: The sleep of a laborer is sweet, whether they eat little or much,

People: **but as for the rich, their abundance permits them no sleep.**

Leader: This is what I have observed to be good: that it is appropriate for a person to eat, to drink and to find satisfaction in their toilsome labor under the sun during the few days of life God has given them—for this is their lot.

People: **Moreover, when God gives someone wealth and possessions, and the ability to enjoy them, to accept their lot and be happy in their toil—this is a gift of God.**

***Opening Hymn** "Great is Thy Faithfulness" UMH #140
(v. 1-3)

***Opening Prayer (Unison)** by Ed & Betty Hendricks Leader
Good morning, Father. In our Scripture readings today, we are reminded of the folly of centering our lives in the attainment of earthly riches. Help each of us during this service in which Jesus gives himself to us in a very real and meaningful way through

Communion, to acknowledge that You provide us with all we need. May we accept these things with great thanksgiving and trust that you will provide all that is good for us! Help ME today to become more Christ-like. We ask all this through Jesus our 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

Old Testament Lesson: [Deuteronomy 8:11-18](#) (NRSVUE) Leader

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

***Gospel Lesson:** [Luke 12:13–21](#) (NRSV)

Lector: The Word of God for the People of God

People: **Thanks be to God!**

Message **Where Your Treasures are...** Pastor Chuck

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

***Hymn of Response** "Come Share the Lord" TFWS #2269

We Lift Up to God Our Prayers and Concerns Pastoral Prayer

***Doxology** The Offering of our Gifts

Offering Prayer (Unison) by Ed & Betty Hendricks

Oh Lord our God, Creator of heaven and earth. Creator of all things - visible and invisible. You have blessed each of us in so many ways, and you have given us riches beyond measure. And, yet we still want more. Help us to hear, to believe, and to live the words of the prayer of Saint Ignatius Loyola in which he asks: "Take, Lord, and receive all my liberty, my memory, my understanding, and my entire will. All I have and call my own – You have given me. To you, Lord, I return it. Everything is yours; do with it what You will. Give me only your love and your grace, that is enough for me." 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 "Christ Has Broken Down the Wall" WS #3122

*Benediction

*Benediction Response "Whatever You Do" WS #3128
(v. 1)

Postlude

Join Us for Coffee Hour

Coming Up:

August 10th - Sunday Worship Service @10am - Join us LIVE or ONLINE as we reflect on what we truly treasure ([Luke 12:32-40](#)). The Master is coming!

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:

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"Growing in the Body of Christ"