

# Sunday Worship

August 10, 2025 10:00 am

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

**Worship Theme:** Waiting on the Good Shepherd

## WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

**Prelude** "Trumpet Tune" Franklin Ritter

**Welcome & Announcements (see insert)** John Rajpolt

**\*Call to Worship (Responsively)** Psalm 130 Leader

Leader: Out of the depths I cry to you, Lord; Lord, hear my voice.

**People:** **Let your ears be attentive to my cry for mercy.**

Leader: If you, Lord, kept a record of sins, Lord, who could stand?

**People:** **But with you there is forgiveness, so that we can, with reverence, serve you.**

Leader: I wait for the Lord, my whole being waits, and in his word I put my hope.

**People:** **I wait for the Lord more than watchmen wait for the morning, more than watchmen wait for the morning.**

Leader: Israel, put your hope in the Lord, for with the Lord is unfailing love and with him is full redemption.

**People:** **He himself will redeem Israel from all their sins.**

**\*Opening Hymn** "How Firm a Foundation" UMH #529  
(v. 1,2,4)

**\*Opening Prayer (Unison)** *by a UMCM Angel* Leader  
Loving God, we come before you dressed and ready for service. Clothe us in your mercy and righteousness. Transform our wills Lord, so that we are willing, able and ready to let you in and let you lead. For with you we can know better, do better, and love better in your eyes. Let the truth of your Word assure us that we are your precious flock and it is your pleasure to share your blessings with us. Help us to not be afraid, to trust in your provision and to live each day with our lamps lit and our hearts focused on your plan for our lives. In Jesus' beautiful name we pray. Amen.

## Words of Assurance

Offering One Another the Peace of Christ

**Special Music** "Make Me a Channel of Your Peace" Mark Hayes

**A Time for Children of All Ages**

## WE PROCLAIM THE WORD OF GOD

**Old Testament Lesson:** [Ezekiel 34:11-17, 23-26](#) (NRSVUE) Leader

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

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

**\*Gospel Lesson:** [Luke 12:32-40](#) (NRSV)

Lector: The Word of God for the People of God

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

**Message** **Are You Ready?** Pastor Chuck

## WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

**\*Hymn of Response** "We Walk By Faith" TFWS #2196  
(v. 1-3)

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

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

### Offering Prayer (Unison)

Heavenly Father, we once again approach your altar to give of our treasures and ask for your blessing. But, as your Word has reminded us, it is "your pleasure" to give us your Kingdom! Why are you so good to us? Still, we are here to praise you, and to submit ourselves and our treasures to your will. We ask for your strength to change our "worry" to "work" to the betterment of your Kingdom. Open our hearts to your will, and our generosity to your people. Lead us, Good Shepherd. Amen.

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

\***Sending Hymn** “Since Jesus Came Into My Heart” TFWS #2140  
(v. 1,3,5)

\***Benediction**

\***Benediction Response** “What a Mighty God TFWS #2021  
We Serve”  
(sing twice)

**Postlude**

*Join Us for Coffee Hour Hosted by the Baker Family*

**Coming Up:**

**August 17th - Sunday Worship Service @10am** - Join us *LIVE* or *ONLINE* as continue the study of God’s Word ([Luke 12:49–56](#)).  
*Warnings from Jesus!*

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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=OEVTYXdlLzBucDR4YzBvdEwvSlkyQT09>

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***“Growing in the Body of Christ”***