

# Sunday Worship

## August 17, 2025 10:00 am

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

**Worship Theme:**                      **The Path to Peace**

### **WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE**

**Prelude**                      "Prelude on "Eventide"                      Michael A. Johnson

**Welcome & Announcements (see insert)**                      Anita Stabler-Hussey

**\*Call to Worship (Responsively)**                      Psalm 82                      Leader

Leader:                      God has taken his place in the divine council; in the midst of the gods he holds judgment:

**People:**                      **"How long will you judge unjustly and show partiality to the wicked?"**

Leader:                      Give justice to the weak and the orphan; maintain the right of the lowly and the destitute.

**People:**                      **Rescue the weak and the needy; deliver them from the hand of the wicked."**

Leader:                      They have neither knowledge nor understanding, they walk around in darkness; all the foundations of the earth are shaken.

**People:**                      **Rise up, O God, judge the earth; for all the nations belong to you!**

**\*Opening Hymn**                      "God of Love and God of Power"                      UMH #578  
(v. 1,2,4)

**\*Opening Prayer (Unison)**                      *by Dylan Palin*                      Leader  
Lord, we thank you for the blessing to dwell in your creation, and to experience your love. We are grateful that you remind us to choose you and to follow the path that you have laid out for us. We thank you Lord for when the path is easy, and when it is hard. We pray that you hold us to righteousness, and remind us when we stray. We ask that not our will be done, but yours. In Jesus' Holy Name we pray. Amen.

### **Words of Assurance**

**Offering One Another the Peace of Christ**

**Special Music**                      "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"                      Mark Hayes

**A Time for Children of All Ages**                      Ed Hendricks

### **WE PROCLAIM THE WORD OF GOD**

**Old Testament Lesson:**                      [Jeremiah 23:23–29](#) (NRSVUE)                      Leader

Lector:                      The Word of the Lord.

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

**\*Gospel Lesson:**                      [Luke 12:49–56](#) (NRSV)

Lector:                      The Word of God for the People of God

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

**Message**                      **"The Divide that Delivers"**                      Pastor Chuck

### **WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD**

**\*Hymn of Response**                      "I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light"                      UMH #206

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

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

**Offering Prayer (Unison)**                      *by Dylan Palin*

Lord, thank you for the wonderful world you have put us in. We pray that you may be glorified in the fruits of our pursuit. We ask that you keep us in your holy ways, and deliver us from wickedness. We pray that you continue to lead us in the ways of righteousness, and give us the strength to bear the trials ahead. We dedicate these gifts, and our lives, to your service. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

## WE CARRY THE LIGHT OF CHRIST INTO THE WORLD

\*Sending Hymn "Go to the World" WS #3158

\*Benediction

\*Benediction Response "May You Run and Not be Weary" TFWS #2281

Postlude

*Join Us for Coffee Hour Hosted by Gail Mas*

### **Coming Up:**

**August 24th - Sunday Worship Service @10am** - Join us LIVE or ONLINE as we continue to study God's Word ([Luke 13:10-17](#)) - A healing, an argument, and some cheering - Where do you stand?

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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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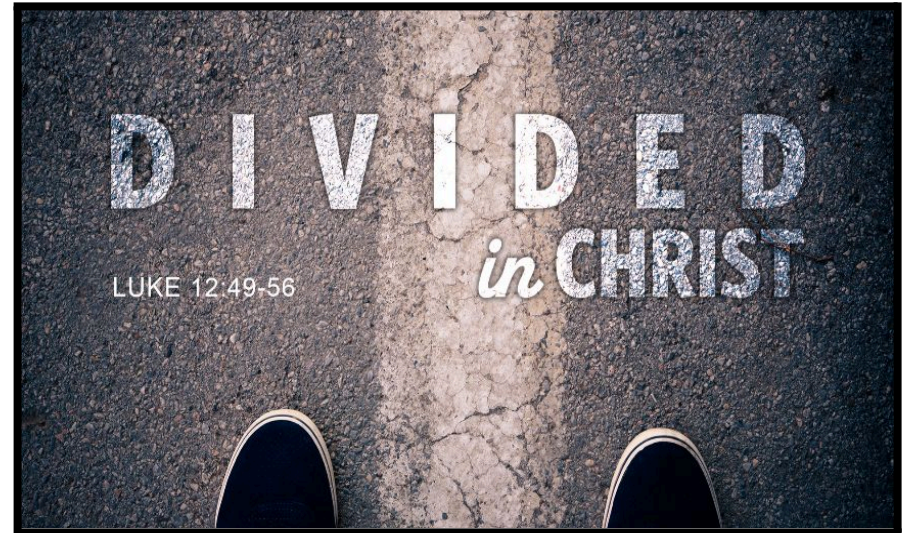
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### **Worship Livestream Zoom link:**

<https://zoom.us/j/96540669674?pwd=OEVTYXdILzBucDR4YzBvdEwvSlkyQT09>

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***"Growing in the Body of Christ"***