

Sunday Worship

August 24, 2025 10:00 am

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

Worship Theme: Making the Sabbath a Delight

WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

Prelude "God Will Take Care of You" Walter S. Martin

Welcome & Announcements (see insert) Dotti Hossler

***Call to Worship (Responsively)** Psalm 71 Leader

Leader: In you, O Lord, I take refuge; let me never be put to shame.

People: In your righteousness deliver me and rescue me; incline your ear to me and save me.

Leader: Be to me a rock of refuge, a strong fortress, to save me, for you are my rock and my fortress.

People: Rescue me, O my God, from the hand of the wicked, from the grasp of the unjust and cruel.

Leader: For you, O Lord, are my hope, my trust, O Lord, from my youth.

People: Upon you I have leaned from my birth; it was you who took me from my mother's womb. My praise is continually of you.

***Opening Hymn** "Here I Am, Lord" UMH #593

***Opening Prayer (Unison)** Leader
Heavenly God, we thank you for inviting us into this day, and into Your house. This is our Sabbath, our day of rest. We come to be served and to soak in as much of You as we can. Please help us to keep this day, Your day, Holy. May we not trample it with our many "to-do's" that will distract us from hearing your *still small voice*. May we use this time with You to understand what it means to *delight in the Sabbath*. Whether we work or worship, in following Your will, we *shall take delight in the 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: [Isaiah 58:9b-14](#) (NRSVUE) Leader

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

***Gospel Lesson:** [Luke 13:10-17](#) (NRSV)

Lector: The Word of God for the People of God

People: Thanks be to God!

Message "God's Work - All the Time" Pastor Chuck

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

***Hymn of Response** "Amazing Grace" UMH #378
(v. 1,2,4,6)

We Lift Up to God Our Prayers and Concerns Pastoral Prayer

***Doxology** The Offering of our Gifts

Offering Prayer (Unison)

Glorious Father, you are amazing! You've given us this day. You've allowed us to hear Your Word and sing Your praises. You've given us your Son to point us to You. You've given us the free gift of Your favor and Your love, called Grace. We now approach Your altar to give back to you. It is not in repayment, but to simply thank You for what you've already done for us. Please accept these gifts, and multiply them to Your glory so that more eyes can see, and more hearts can feel, the truth that is Your Love. May Your will be done. Amen.

WE CARRY THE LIGHT OF CHRIST INTO THE WORLD

*Sending Hymn "I'm so Glad Jesus Lifted Me" TFWS #2151

*Benediction

*Benediction Response "Awesome God" TFWS #2040

Postlude "Holy God, We Praise Thy Name" Cindy Berry

Join Us for Coffee Hour Hosted by Patti Early

Coming Up:

August 31st - Sunday Worship Service @10am - Join us LIVE or ONLINE as we continue to study God's Word ([2 Corinthians 1:3-7](#)).
Like a big hug from God!

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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