

**Sunday Worship**  
**August 31, 2025 10:00 am**

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

**Worship Theme:** When You're Troubled

**WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE**

**Prelude** "Chorale" Frederic Chopin

**Welcome & Announcements (see insert)** Dylan Palin

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

Leader: To know the warmth of love,  
**People:** **To have the assurance that someone cares,**

Leader: To be confident of our worth,  
**People:** **To be bold to love in return,**

Leader: To be washed over with grace,  
**People:** **To be accepted as we are:**

Leader: This is to know a bit of God.  
**People:** **Then let us worship our God.**

**\*Opening Hymn** "I Will Call Upon the Lord" TFWS #2002  
(sing twice)

**\*Opening Prayer** (*Unison*) Leader  
Lord, as we begin this worship service, we ask You to open our hearts and minds to receive Your word and presence. Remove any distractions, doubts, or barriers that hinder us from fully engaging with you. Help us to be teachable and receptive to Your Spirit's leading. We pray for openness to experience Your love and grace anew. Keep our spirits attentive and our hearts surrendered. In Jesus' name, 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:** [Psalm 62:5-8](#) (NRSVUE) Leader  
Lector: The Word of the Lord.  
**People:** **Thanks be to God!**

**\*New Testament Lesson:** [2 Corinthians 1:3-7](#) (CEB)  
Lector: The Word of God for the People of God  
**People:** **Thanks be to God!**

**Message** "Still the Bridge" Rose Aiello

**WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD**

**\*Hymn of Response** "Servant Song" TFWS #2222  
(v. 1,3,4,5)

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

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

**Offering Prayer** (*Unison*)

Help us to be generous givers, dear Lord, both of our money and our lives, that we might make a difference. We ask this through your son, our Saviour Jesus Christ who gave all that he was that we might know life in all its fullness. Amen.

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

**\*Sending Hymn** "Blest Be the Tie that Binds" UMH #557

**\*Benediction**

**\*Benediction Response** "Bridge Over Troubled Water"  
Like a bridge over troubled water,  
I will ease your mind.  
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**Postlude**

***Join Us for Coffee Hour Hosted by Christina Swanson***

**Coming Up:**

**September 7th - Sunday Worship Service @10am** - Join us LIVE or ONLINE as we continue to study God's Word, ([Colossians 3:12-17, 23-24](#)). Who are you working for?

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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:**



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