

Sunday Worship

September 7, 2025 10:00 am

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

Worship Theme: What will you inherit?

WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

Prelude "O Jesus, Thou Art Standing" Robert Thygerson

Welcome & Announcements (see insert) Michelle Rajpolt

***Call to Worship (Responsively)** Psalm 139 Leader

Leader: O Lord, you have searched me and known me!

People: You know when I sit down and when I rise up; you discern my thoughts from afar.

Leader: You search out my path and my lying down and are acquainted with all my ways.

People: Even before a word is on my tongue, behold, O Lord, you know it altogether.

Leader: You hem me in, behind and before, and lay your hand upon me.

People: Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is high; I cannot attain it.

Leader: I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works; my soul knows it very well.

People: Search me, O God, and know my heart! Try me and know my thoughts! And see if there be any grievous way in me, lead me in the way everlasting!

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

***Opening Prayer (Unison)** Leader

All-knowing God, we gather together with praise and thanksgiving for who You are, and for all that You have done for us. You know us better than we know ourselves—all our thoughts and actions—and yet You love us. No matter where we go or what we do, Your love encircles us—ahead and behind—gently leading and guiding and blessing. We praise You for Your love and Your faithful presence in our lives. May Your Spirit move in our hearts and minds as we worship together—examine our attitudes and actions, lay bare the

things we need to confess, challenge us with Your Word, and guide us on to paths that lead to life. For we are Your people, called by Your 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: [Jeremiah 29:10–14](#) (NRSVUE) Leader

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

***Epistle Lesson:** [Colossians 3:12-17, 23-24](#) (NRSV)

Lector: The Word of God for the People of God

People: Thanks be to God!

Message "Who Am I Anyway?" Anita Stabler-Hussey

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

***Hymn of Response** "Great is Thy Faithfulness" UMH #140

We Lift Up to God Our Prayers and Concerns Pastoral Prayer

***Doxology** The Offering of our Gifts

Offering Prayer (Unison) Anita Stabler-Hussey

Heavenly Father, we come here as your people, hoping to be and do as you would have us be and do. You have blessed us abundantly with so many blessings that we are sometimes overwhelmed by all you do for us. We present these Offerings to you as our way of being your people and asking you to guide each and every one of us to not only do as you would have us do in our world, but also in your World. Please continue to bless each of us and guide each of us as we go forth and try and do our best to be the people you would like us to be. We thank you Lord, in Jesus's Name. Amen

WE CARRY THE LIGHT OF CHRIST INTO THE WORLD

*Sending Hymn "Hymn of Promise" UMH #707

*Benediction

*Benediction Response "Let There Be Peace on Earth" UMH #431

Postlude

Join Us for Coffee Hour

Coming Up:

September 14th - Communion Sunday Worship Service @10am -

Join us LIVE or ONLINE as we continue to study God's Word to realize that YOU are God's Treasure ([Luke 15:1-10](#))!

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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Colossians 3:12-17



Worship Livestream Zoom link:



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"Growing in the Body of Christ"