

# Sunday Worship

## September 14, 2025 10:00 am

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

**Worship Theme:** Joy in Heaven

### WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

**Prelude** "Praise Him with Pipes" Ben Logan

**Welcome & Announcements (see insert)** Ed Hendricks

**\*Call to Worship (Responsively)** Psalm 51 Leader

Leader: Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love;

**People:** according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions.

Leader: Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin.

**People:** For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me.

Leader: Against you, you alone, have I sinned, and done what is evil in your sight,

**People:** so that you are justified in your sentence and blameless when you pass judgment.

Leader: Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities.

**People:** Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me.

**\*Opening Hymn** "Come, We That Love the Lord" UMH #732

**\*Opening Prayer (Unison)** by Patti Early Leader  
*Immortal God, we come together this morning with gratitude to worship and honor you seeking to be renewed and strengthened in your love and mercy. Forgive us for the times we stray away from you like the lost sheep. We praise you for always welcoming us back into the fold knowing that you rejoice in our seeking to live according to your will, turning away from the temptations of this earthly world. Help us to display the utmost patience with all those around us and to be living examples of Christ as we seek to bring your kingdom to others in your name. May all honor and glory be yours forever and ever. Amen*

**Words of Assurance**

**Offering One Another the Peace of Christ**

**CHOIR ANTHEM** "Shepherd Your Flock" Nan & Dennis Allen

**A Time for Children of All Ages**

### WE PROCLAIM THE WORD OF GOD

**New Testament Lesson:** [1 Timothy 1:12–17](#) (NRSV) Leader

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

**People:** Thanks be to God!

**\*Gospel Lesson:** [Luke 15:1–10](#) (NRSV)

Lector: The Word of God for the People of God

**People:** Thanks be to God!

**Message** "How to Kick-off a Party in Heaven" Pastor Chuck

### WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

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

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

**Offering Prayer (Unison)** by Dotti Hossler

Lord, we are so grateful that you continually search our hearts and bend them towards your will. Thank you for the gifts that you have so generously bestowed upon us. Gifts that enable us to provide for our families and plenty to share. It is with gratitude that we offer a portion back to your church that it may continue to spread the gospel to this congregation and beyond. Help us to store our treasures in heaven as we strive to honor your holy name. In Jesus's name. Amen.

## GREAT THANKSGIVING

Giving of the Bread and Cup Pastor Chuck

Prayer of Thanksgiving

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

\*Sending Hymn "God of Great and God of Small" WS #3033  
(v. 1-3)

\*Benediction

\*Benediction Response "I'm So Glad Jesus Lifted Me" TFWS #2151  
(v. 1)

Postlude

*Join Us at the Ice-Cream Truck!*

#### Coming Up:

**September 21st. - Sunday Worship Service @10am** - Join us LIVE or ONLINE as we continue to study God's Word ([Luke 16:1-13](#)) - Can you serve God and Wealth at the same time?

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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"***