

Sunday Worship

September 21, 2025 10:00 am

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

Worship Theme: Disability Awareness Sunday

WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

Prelude "Prelude on "Germany" Tom Birchwood

Welcome & Announcements (see insert) Chris Shope

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

Leader: God of many colors, God of time and space, You know us!

People: We rejoice and give thanks!

Leader: God of grace and God of glory, You know us!

People: We rejoice and give thanks!

Leader: God, the sculptor of the mountains, You know us!

People: We rejoice and give thanks!

Leader: God of love and God of power, You know us!

People: We rejoice and give thanks!

Leader: God of many names, You know us!

People: We rejoice and give thanks!

Leader: God that made the earth and the heavens, the cosmos,
the entirety of everything, and is still creating and making
things new, You know us!

People: We are grateful for this beautiful reality, O God! For
you amaze and inspire as we journey on this earth,
no matter who we are, how we come, or what we do,
we are yours, O God, the One that knows us!

***Opening Hymn** "This is My Song" UMH #437
(v. 1-3)

***Opening Prayer (Unison)** by Pastor Calvin Collins Leader
*All-knowing God, you knit every fiber of our being, so much more
complex than the most delicate and intricate tapestry. You created,
and are creating, and for that we are grateful. God, you amaze us,
because in your infinite wisdom and love you created us and called
us good and called us beloved. You claim us as your own, and for
that we are grateful! We are so grateful for your love and your never*

*ending support on our journey. Whether that journey includes
mobility assistance, visual or hearing devices, accessibility tools,
canes, walkers, or wheelchairs, you see us and delight in your
creation. You delight in us! Whether that journey includes cognitive
differences, seen or unseen disabilities, you know us and delight in
us! Whether that journey includes dealing with long-term illness,
terminal illness, or short-term illness, you know us and delight in us!
Whoever we are, you delight in us and we want to worship you well!
Help us to do so and to create spaces that allow others the space to
do so! Alleluia, Alleluia, Amen!*

Words of Assurance

Offering One Another the Peace of Christ

CHOIR ANTHEM "I Call to You" Hal Wright

A Time for Children of All Ages

WE PROCLAIM THE WORD OF GOD

Old Testament Lesson: [Deuteronomy 15:1-2, 7-11](#) (NIV) Leader

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

***Gospel Lesson:** [Luke 16:1-13](#) (NRSV)

Lector: The Word of God for the People of God

People: Thanks be to God!

Message "The Taming of the Shrewd" Pastor Chuck

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

***Hymn of Response** "Living for Jesus" TFWS #2149
(v. 1,2,4)

We Lift Up to God Our Prayers and Concerns Pastoral Prayer

***Doxology** The Offering of our Gifts

Offering Prayer (Unison)

Holy Jesus, you taught us today the value of our treasures. You've reminded us that we are called to be good stewards of the Time, Talents, Treasures, and Thoughts that you have blessed us with. Today, Lord, we choose to invest them into the betterment of Your Kingdom. Please take these Treasures and guide us to be good stewards so that your Kingdom may increase. Inspire us to continually invest in seeking and saving the lost. We pray this in your precious name. Amen.

WE CARRY THE LIGHT OF CHRIST INTO THE WORLD

*Sending Hymn "Make Me a Channel of Your Peace" TFWS #2171

*Benediction

*Benediction Response "What Does the Lord Require of You" TFWS #2174

Postlude

Join Us for Coffee Hour Hosted by Betty & Ed Hendricks

Coming Up:

September 28th. - Sunday Worship Service @10am - Join us LIVE or ONLINE as we welcome [Adult & Teen Challenge of CT](#) - A local recovery ministry that will bless us with their mission and witness!

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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