

Sunday Worship

September 28, 2025 10:00 am

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

Worship Theme: Restoration Through Christ

WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

Prelude "Devotion" Robert W. Thygerson

Welcome & Announcements (see insert) Kathy Schmalkuche

***Call to Worship (Responsively)** *Romans 12* Leader

Leader: I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God,

People: **which is our spiritual worship.**

Leader: Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds,

People: **so that we may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect.**

Leader: For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function,

People: **so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another.**

***Opening Hymn** "Take My Life and Let It Be" UMH #399

***Opening Prayer (Unison)** *The Serenity Prayer (R.Niebuhr)* Leader
God, grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change, courage to change the things I can, and wisdom to know the difference. Living one day at a time, enjoying one moment at a time, accepting hardship as the pathway to peace, taking, as He did, this sinful world as it is, not as I would have it, trusting that He will make all things right if I surrender to His Will, that I may be reasonably happy in this life and supremely happy with Him forever in the next. Amen.

Words of Assurance

Offering One Another the Peace of Christ

CHOIR ANTHEM "I Will Bless Your Name" Kris Crunk

A Time for Children of All Ages

WE PROCLAIM THE WORD OF GOD

New Testament Lesson: [2 Corinthians 5:16-21](#) (NRSV) Leader

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

***Gospel Lesson:** [Luke 15:11-24](#) (NRSV)

Lector: The Word of God for the People of God

People: **Thanks be to God!**

Message **Adult & Teen Challenge**

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 Cody A.*

Dear Lord God, We ask you to bless this offering. We thank you God for all the gifts and blessings that you give to us. We know that all good things come from you, so we give these gifts generously and joyfully knowing that they will prosper and grow your kingdom and will go on to bring your word and salvation to those who need saving. We thank you for saving us and for transforming all of our lives, and we give these offerings knowing that they will go on to help facilitate the same transformation for others. Amen.

WE CARRY THE LIGHT OF CHRIST INTO THE WORLD

***Sending Hymn** “On Eagle’s Wings” UMH #143
(sung twice)

***Benediction**

***Benediction Response** "Rule of Life" WS #3117

Postlude

Join Us for Coffee Hour Hosted by Marsha Cohen

Coming Up:

October 5th. - Communion Sunday Worship Service @10am -

Join us LIVE or ONLINE as we continue to study God's Word ([Luke 17:5-10](#)) - How will Jesus increase your faith?

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”