

Sunday Worship

October 12, 2025 10:00 am

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

Worship Theme: Faith Saves

WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

Prelude "Deep River" (Spiritual) Robert W. Thygerson

Welcome & Announcements (see insert) Anita Stabler-Hussey

***Call to Worship (Responsively)** Psalm 111 Leader

Leader: Praise the Lord! I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart, in the company of the upright, in the congregation.

People: **Great are the works of the Lord, studied by all who delight in them.**

Leader: Full of honor and majesty is his work, and his righteousness endures forever.

People: **He has gained renown by his wonderful deeds; the Lord is gracious and merciful.**

Leader: He provides food for those who fear him; he is ever mindful of his covenant.

People: **He has shown his people the power of his works, in giving them the heritage of the nations.**

Leader: The works of his hands are faithful and just; all his precepts are trustworthy.

People: **They are established forever and ever, to be performed with faithfulness and uprightness.**

***Opening Hymn** "Lord, Speak to Me" UMH #463
(v. 1,4,5)

***Opening Prayer (Unison)** by Brian Sherwood Leader
Heavenly Father, we come before You today as a church family, recognizing how great You are. We acknowledge that Your plan is better than ours, even though it's often easy for us to forget. Help us today to lean into Your Word and the teaching we receive—to humble ourselves before You.

Show us that Your ways are always the best ways, even when they make no sense to us. Too often we try to solve our problems without You, reasoning our way away from You. Today, help us search our hearts for the places where we are being stubborn, where we resist Your influence and direction in our lives.

As we tear down those walls, let us be amazed by the power and works that You do. Strengthen our faith in You, Lord, and deepen our resolve to obey You instead of ourselves.

We pray this in Jesus's name. Amen.

Words of Assurance

Offering One Another the Peace of Christ

CHOIR ANTHEM "God's Love and Mercy" Tom Fettke

A Time for Children of All Ages

WE PROCLAIM THE WORD OF GOD

Old Testament Lesson: [2 Kings 5:1-15](#) (NRSV) Leader

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

***Gospel Lesson:** [Luke 17:11–19](#) (NRSV)

Lector: The Word of God for the People of God

People: **Thanks be to God!**

Message Making the 2nd Decision Pastor Chuck

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

***Hymn of Response** "I'm So Glad Jesus Lifted Me" TFWS #2151

We Lift Up to God Our Prayers and Concerns Pastoral Prayer

***Doxology** The Offering of our Gifts

Holy Jesus, just as the one healed leper returned to you to give praise to God, we approach your altar desiring that same fire and joy in our hearts. You call us to be saved as well, and all it takes is faith in you. Still, we come to sing “glory words” to you and to “*Praise God from whom all blessings flow.*” May we also offer these gifts into your service so that you may continue your mission through us and this church to seek and save the lost. We pray this in your holy name. Amen.

*Sending Hymn	“Give Thanks” (sing twice)	TFWS #2036
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***Benediction Response** “People Need the Lord” TFWS #2244

Join Us for Coffee Hour

October 19th. - Sunday Worship Service @10am - Join us LIVE or ONLINE as we continue to study God's Word ([Luke 18:1-8](#)) - How do you call on God?



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(Recorded Sessions)

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