

Sunday Worship
October 26, 2025 10:00 am

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

Worship Theme: The Attitude that Saves

WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements (see insert) Lynn Abbott

***Call to Worship (Responsively)** Psalm 149 Leader

Leader: Praise the Lord!

People: Sing to the Lord a new song, his praise in the assembly of the faithful.

Leader: Let Israel be glad in its Maker;

People: let the children of Zion rejoice in their King.

Leader: Let them praise his name with dancing,

People: making melody to him with tambourine and lyre.

Leader: For the Lord takes pleasure in his people;

People: he adorns the humble with victory.

Leader: Let the faithful exult in glory;

People: let them sing for joy on their couches.

***Opening Hymn** "Lord I Want to be a Christian" UMH #402
(v. 1,2,4)

***Opening Prayer (Unison)** Adapted by Patti Early Leader
Lord God, what a blessing it is to know that when we come before you and confess our transgressions to you with an open, honest and contrite heart, that we may be assured of forgiveness from you. We confess that we so often believe we can do it all ourselves. Forgive us for when we measure our faithfulness by comparing ourselves with others. Forgive us where we fail to see your spirit's work in others. Help us, Lord, to come before you recognizing our own flaws and humbly asking for your mercy as we will hear in this morning's gospel lesson. Help us to humble ourselves by knowing that everything good in us comes from you. Thank you for your unending love and patience with us. We surrender our pride and shortcomings to you, asking for your guidance and strength to walk humbly in your ways. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

Words of Assurance

Offering the Peace of Christ

Gratitude Moment

CHOIR ANTHEM "Put Your Hand in the Hand" Gene MacLellon

A Time for Children of All Ages

WE PROCLAIM THE WORD OF GOD

New Testament Lesson: James 4:1–10 (NIV) Leader

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

***Gospel Lesson:** Luke 18:9–14 (NRSV)

Lector: The Word of God for the People of God

People: Thanks be to God!

Message "Humble & Justified" Pastor Chuck

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

***Hymn of Response** "Humble Thyself" TFWS #2131
(sing twice)

We Lift Up to God Our Prayers and Concerns Pastoral Prayer

***Doxology** The Offering of our Gifts

Offering Prayer (Unison) by Mo O'Brien
God our Father, we come before you today with grateful hearts for your son, Jesus. We are so grateful for the ongoing, unending relationship you offer. We thank you for every gift of life here today. Thank you for the continuation of forgiveness and providing your words of wisdom. Everything we have, from our life, health, our family, friends, furry companions, education, life experiences, housing, finances, car, and to travel the world comes from God and only God. We are nothing without you except a lost and troubled soul. Today we ask to give and give generously as your Father gives abundantly to each and every one of his children. We offer our gifts in honor, praise, and worship to our God. Our God is an Awesome God. Jesus is coming! Amen.

WE CARRY THE LIGHT OF CHRIST INTO THE WORLD

*Sending Hymn "How Great is Our God" WS #3003

*Benediction

*Benediction Response "I Give Myself to You"
(sing twice)

Postlude

Join Us for Coffee Hour Hosted by Kathleen Shope

Coming Up:

November 2nd. - All Saints/Communion Sunday Worship Service

@10am - Join us LIVE or ONLINE as we continue to study God's Word ([Luke 19:1-10](#)) - To seek and save the Wee Little Man! 😊

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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