

Sunday Worship
May 10, 2026 10:00 am

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

Worship Theme: Hope

WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements (see insert) Darlene Dobler-Palin

***Call to Worship (Responsively)** Psalm 66 Leader

Leader: Bless our God, O peoples, let the sound of his praise be heard,

People: who has kept us among the living, and has not let our feet slip.

Leader: Come and hear, all you who fear God, and I will tell what he has done for me.

People: I cried aloud to him, and he was extolled with my tongue.

Leader: If I had cherished iniquity in my heart, the Lord would not have listened.

People: But truly God has listened; he has given heed to the words of my prayer.

***Opening Hymn** "O Spirit of the Living God" UMH #539
(v. 1-3)

***Opening Prayer (Unison)** Leader
Gracious Jesus, we thank you for this day of worship. We confess that during this week, we have strayed from the path that you have prepared for us. Because of this, we've given up the opportunity to live in your grace. Please forgive us as we prepare to "refresh" and start anew. Allow us to *feel* your love and *experience* your grace. We ask your help to open our hearts to be warmed and softened to *appreciate* why we're all here. It is more than fellowship. It's more than offerings. We're here because we believe. Help us to articulate why we believe, what we believe. You offer so much hope - may we give a reason for that hope - today. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Words of Assurance

Offering the Peace of Christ

CHOIR ANTHEM "A New Commandment" David Schwoebel

A Time for Children of All Ages

WE PROCLAIM THE WORD OF GOD

Epistle Lesson: [1 Peter 3:13-22](#) (NRSV) Leader

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

***Gospel Lesson:** [John 14:15-21](#) (NRSV)

Lector: The Word of God for the People of God

People: Thanks be to God!

Message **My Hope is Built...** Pastor Chuck

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

***Hymn of Response** "O Living God" WS #3089

We Lift Up to God Our Prayers and Concerns Pastoral Prayer

***Doxology** The Offering of our Gifts

Offering Prayer (Unison)

Gracious God, you have given us so many good gifts and today we share these gifts with our neighbors in love. Bless these blankets that they give warmth and shelter, comfort and healing, dignity and hope--wherever your people need care. Bless the hands that gave and the hearts that responded. May their giving reflect your boundless love. Bless Church World Service as they carry these blankets on our behalf. May their work be guided by compassion and purpose. And bless the lives of all who will receive these blankets. Let each person feel your presence and know--through this act of care--that they are not alone. Amen.

WE CARRY THE LIGHT OF CHRIST INTO THE WORLD

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

*Benediction

*Benediction Response "Rule of Life" WS #3117

Postlude

Join us for Coffee Hour

Coming Up:

May 17th - Sunday Worship Service @10am - Join us LIVE or ONLINE as we resume our study of God's Word ([John 17:1-11](#)) to be privileged enough to hear a prayer that Jesus offers up to his Father in heaven for YOU!

Join us Wednesday's @ 7:30am for

Wednesday-Wakeup Devotional & Fellowship



[Zoom Link](#)

(Live Meeting)



[YouTube \(https://bitly.com/WWakeup\)](https://bitly.com/WWakeup)

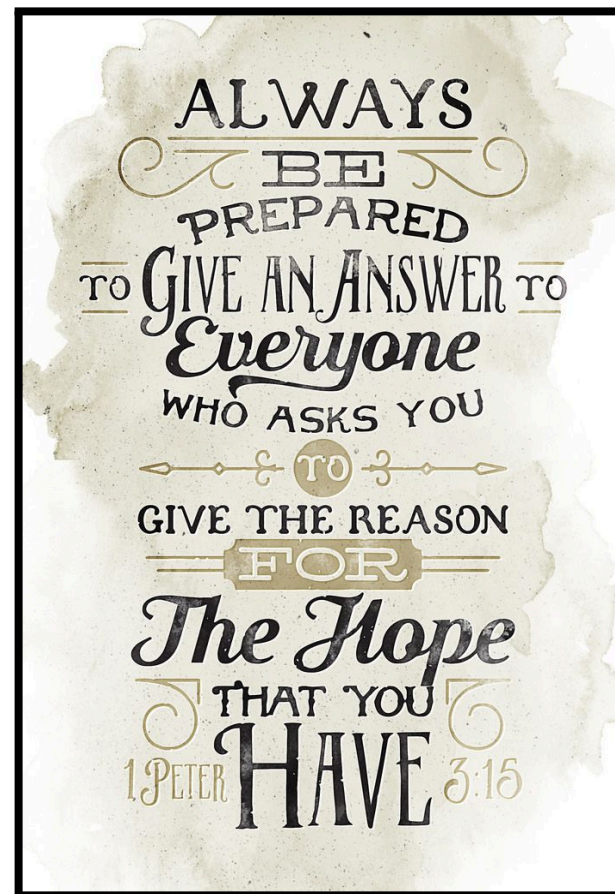
(Recorded Sessions)

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[Worship Livestream Zoom link:](#)



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