

**Sunday Worship**  
**July 5, 2026 10:00 am**

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

**Worship Theme:** Find Rest for Your Souls

**WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE**

**Prelude** "America (My Country, 'Tis of Thee)" Cindy Berry

**Welcome & Announcements (see insert)** Anita Stabler-Hussey

**\*Call to Worship (Responsively)** Psalm 145 Leader

Leader: The Lord is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

**People:** **The Lord is good to all, and his compassion is over all that he has made.**

Leader: All your works shall give thanks to you, O Lord, and all your faithful shall bless you.

**People:** **They shall speak of the glory of your kingdom, and tell of your power, to make known to all people your mighty deeds, and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.**

Leader: Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and your dominion endures throughout all generations.

**People:** **The Lord is faithful in all his words, and gracious in all his deeds.**

**\*Opening Hymn** "Love Divine, All Love's Excelling" UMH #384  
(v. 1-3)

**\*Opening Prayer (Unison)** Leader  
Holy Jesus, thank you for welcoming us into your house. While we might come *weary and carrying heavy burdens*, we trust that you are the one that can give us rest. Prepare our hearts. Unclutter our minds. Allow us to be empty vessels that can be filled by the one who is truly *gentle and humble in heart*. Allow us to be filled by you. It's in your name that we pray. Amen.

**Words of Assurance** Offering the Peace of Christ

A Time for Children of All Ages

**WE PROCLAIM THE WORD OF GOD**

**Old Testament Lesson:** [Zechariah 9:9-12](#) (NRSV) Leader

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

**People:** **Thanks be to God!**

**\*Gospel Lesson:** [Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30](#) (NRSV)

Lector: The Word of God for the People of God

**People:** **Thanks be to God!**

**Message** **The Yoke's on You** Pastor Chuck

**WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD**

**We Lift Up to God Our Prayers and Concerns** Pastoral Prayer

**\*Doxology** **The Offering of our Gifts**

**The Apostles' Creed (Unison)**

I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic\*\* church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.

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**GREAT THANKSGIVING**

**Pastor Chuck**

**Giving of the Bread and Cup**

**Prayer of Thanksgiving**

**WE CARRY THE LIGHT OF CHRIST INTO THE WORLD**

**\*Sending Hymn** "Come, Thou Font of Every Blessing" UMH #400

**\*Benediction**

**\*Benediction Response** "God Be with You till We Meet Again" (v. 1) UMH #672

**Postlude**

*Join us for Coffee Hour*

**Coming Up:**

**July 12th - Sunday Worship Service @10am** - Join us LIVE or ONLINE as we resume our study of God's Word ([Matthew 13:1-9](#), [18-23](#)) to learn from Jesus some divine "gardening" tips! 😊

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Join us Wednesday's @ 7:30am for

**Wednesday-Wakeup** Devotional & Fellowship



[Zoom Link](#)  
(Live Meeting)



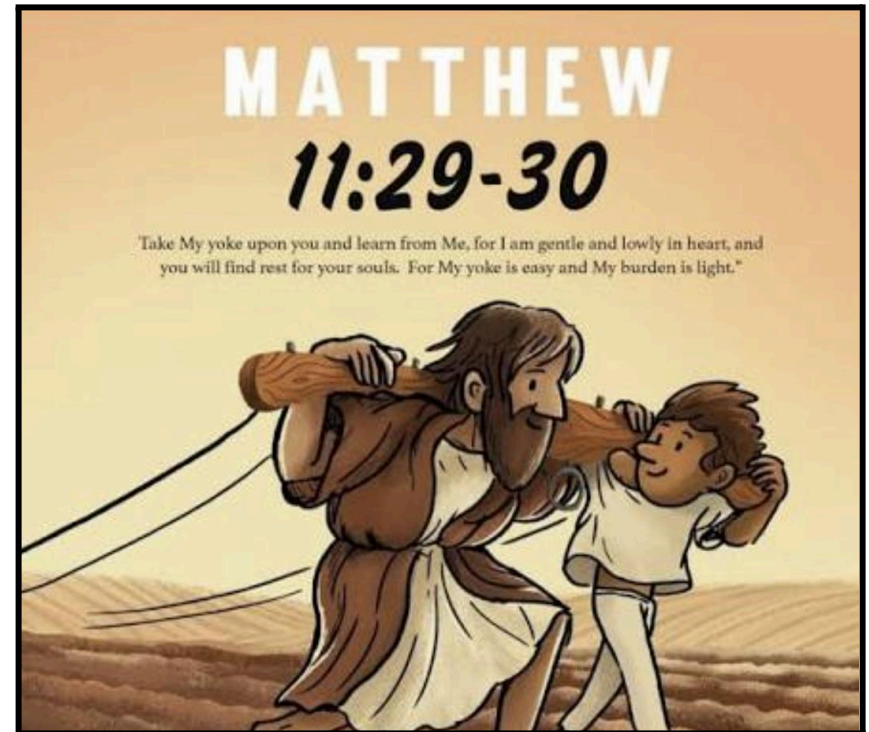
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(Recorded Sessions)

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**Worship Livestream Zoom link:**



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