

Sunday Worship

July 19, 2026 10:00 am

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

Worship Theme: Faith for Our Future

WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

Prelude "Day of Prayer" James Southbridge

Welcome & Announcements (see insert) Dotti Hossler

***Call to Worship (Responsively)** Micah 6:6-8 Leader

Leader: With what shall I come before the Lord
and bow down before the exalted God?

People: Shall I come before him with burnt offerings,
with calves a year old?

Leader: Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams,
with ten thousand rivers of olive oil?

People: Shall I offer my firstborn for my transgression,
the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?

Leader: He has shown you, O mortal, what is good.
And what does the Lord require of you?

People: To act justly and to love mercy
and to walk humbly with your God.

***Opening Hymn** "O God, Our Help in Ages Past" UMH #117
(v. 1,2,4,6)

***Opening Prayer (Unison)** Leader
Loving God, we thank you for this time of worship and ask that you help us clear our minds of the things that distract us from you. Help us surrender our lives to your purposes rather than to the standards of the world. Forgive us for the times we, like the Israelites in the wilderness, have given into fear and failed to trust your leading. Help us to remember your promise that you go before us, clearing the way, providing for our needs and empowering us with your Holy Spirit. Lord, give us the courage to look past our own comfort and embrace our unique calling to serve others. May our worship this morning be pleasing to you and our hearts be fully open to your will. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

Words of Assurance

Offering the Peace of Christ

Special Music

"How Much Longer"
Composed and Sung

Dotti Hossler

A Time for Children of All Ages

WE PROCLAIM THE WORD OF GOD

Old Testament Lesson: [Deuteronomy 1:26-33](#) (NRSV)

Leader

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

***Epistle Lesson:** [Romans 12:1-8](#) (NRSV)

Lector: The Word of God for the People of God

People: Thanks be to God!

Message

Faith for Our Future

Patti & Sheryl

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

***Hymn of Response**

"Gather Us In"
(v. 1,2,4)

TFWS #2236

We Lift Up to God Our Prayers and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

***Doxology**

The Offering of our Gifts

Offering Prayer (Unison)

Gracious God, we know that all that is good comes from you. We offer not only these gifts, but our very selves – our body, mind and time – in your service. Renew our minds so that we may discern your perfect will. Empower us, as one body in Christ, to use our diverse gifts with the grace you have provided. May we serve humbly, give generously, and lead diligently. Bless these offerings to your use. In Jesus' name. Amen

WE CARRY THE LIGHT OF CHRIST INTO THE WORLD

*Sending Hymn "The Spirit Sends Us Forth" TFWS #2241

*Benediction

*Benediction Response "Rule of Life" WS#3117

Postlude

Join us for Coffee Hour hosted by Rose Aiello

Coming Up:

July 26th - Sunday Worship Service @10am - Join us LIVE or ONLINE as we resume our study of God's Word ([Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52](#)) to learn about the Kingdom of Heaven from Jesus; Seeds & Yeast & Treasures, oh my!

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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