

Sunday Worship

July 26, 2026 10:00 am

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

Worship Theme: Jesus' Parables

WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

Prelude "Prelude on "Eventide" Franklin Ritter

Welcome & Announcements (see insert) Leader

***Call to Worship (Responsively)** Psalm 119 Leader

Leader: Your decrees are wonderful; therefore my soul keeps them.

People: **The unfolding of your words gives light; it imparts understanding to the simple.**

Leader: With open mouth I pant, because I long for your commandments.

People: **Turn to me and be gracious to me, as is your custom toward those who love your name.**

Leader: Keep my steps steady according to your promise, and never let iniquity have dominion over me.

People: **Redeem me from human oppression, that I may keep your precepts.**

Leader: Make your face shine upon your servant, and teach me your statutes.

People: **My eyes shed streams of tears because your law is not kept.**

***Opening Hymn** "O Day of God, Draw Nigh" UMH #730
(v. 1,3,4,5)

***Opening Prayer (Unison)** *by Dotti Hossler* Leader
As we bow our heads in worship, Lord May we sense the Holy Spirit within us. How wonderful that even when we can't form the words to pray, the Spirit knows our heart. Open our hearts to your word. Lord help us to use your Word to grow closer to you, knowing that if you seem far away, it is we who have moved. You have promised that nothing, not storms, not trials, nothing can separate us from your love and protection. We praise your name and thank you for sending the Holy Spirit to be our guide and counselor. In Jesus name, Amen.

Words of Assurance

Offering the Peace of Christ

Special Music "You Raise Me Up" Troy Leong
by Josh Groban

A Time for Children of All Ages

WE PROCLAIM THE WORD OF GOD

Epistle Lesson: [Romans 8:26–39](#) (NRSV) Leader

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

***Gospel Reading:** [Matthew 13:31–33, 44–52](#) (NRSV)

Lector: The Word of God for the People of God

People: **Thanks be to God!**

Message **Encouragement or Warning?** Pastor Chuck

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

***Hymn of Response** "Seek Ye First" UMH #405
(v. 1,2, v.1 again)

We Lift Up to God Our Prayers and Concerns Pastoral Prayer

***Doxology** The Offering of our Gifts

Offering Prayer (Unison) *by Denise Wiley*
Loving Jesus, receive our thanks and praise for all your blessings. We marvel at the mysteries of your kingdom. Like the mustard seed, Your work in us often starts small and unnoticed, yet You promise it can grow into a place of refuge and strength. Like the yeast hidden in the dough, may Your truth transform our hearts. Like the pearl of great price, help us joyfully surrender all we have to pursue You above every worldly possession. Like the net, help us to recognize the good from the bad and look toward the final harvest as Your faithful children of light. We ask for your blessings, Lord, upon these gifts. May we as Your scribes use them to help and bless others in accordance to Your will. Amen

WE CARRY THE LIGHT OF CHRIST INTO THE WORLD

***Sending Hymn** "Since Jesus Came Into My Heart" TFWS #2140
(v. 1,3,5)

***Benediction**

***Benediction Response** "Here is Peace" WS#3123
(v. 1, 3)

Postlude

Join us for Coffee Hour hosted by Bob and Sue Baker

Coming Up:

August 2nd. - Communion Sunday Worship Service @10am - Join us LIVE or ONLINE as we resume our study of God's Word ([Matthew 14:13-21](#)) - Join us - Jesus is making lunch! 🍷

Join us Wednesday's @ 7:30am for
Wednesday-Wakeup Devotional & Fellowship



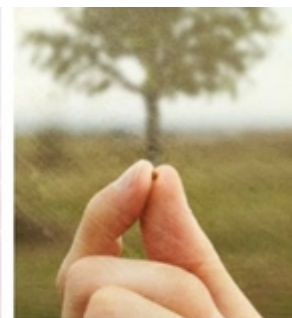
[Zoom Link](#)
(Live Meeting)



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

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Worship Livestream Zoom link:



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