

Sunday Worship

September 27, 2026 10:00 am

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

Worship Theme: Unity

WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

Prelude "The Shores of Galilee" Edward Broughton

Welcome & Announcements (see insert) John Rajpolt

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

Leader: If there is any encouragement in Christ, any comfort from love, any sharing in the Spirit,

People: Let us make our joy complete by being of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind.

Leader: Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves.

People: Lord, open our hearts to look not only to our own interests, but to the interests of others.

Leader: Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who emptied himself and humbled himself, becoming obedient to the point of death.

People: We come to worship the One who holds ultimate authority, yet came to serve and give his life.

Leader: God calls us today not just with our words, but with our lives. Which of us will go and work in the vineyard?

People: Speak, Lord, for your servants are listening. May our actions give glory to God the Father, in truth and obedience!

***Opening Hymn** "Precious Lord, Take My Hand" UMH #474

***Opening Prayer (Unison)** Leader

Heavenly God, we're once again reminded of your presence in this world. Your incarnation and your willingness to live among us in the form of Jesus is not just a Christmas story, but a truth that we can celebrate any time. May we embrace that truth today. Your glory was evident in the humble person of Jesus. Your creative power was displayed in his miracles. Your love was shown in his forgiveness.

Your very presence was witnessed by those apostles. May that truth inspire us to live lives worthy of the gift of yourself; the gift of Jesus. We pray all this in His name. Amen.

Words of Assurance

Offering the Peace of Christ

CHOIR ANTHEM

"Trust & Obey"

Russell Mauldin

A Time for Children of All Ages

WE PROCLAIM THE WORD OF GOD

Epistle Lesson: [Philippians 2:1-13](#) (NRSV)

Leader

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

***Gospel Reading:** [Matthew 21:23-32](#) (NRSV)

Lector: The Word of God for the People of God

People: Thanks be to God!

Message From Humility, to Unity, to Joy Pastor Chuck

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

***Hymn of Response** "Eternal Father, Strong to Save" TFWS #2191
(v. 1,2,4)

We Lift Up to God Our Prayers and Concerns Pastoral Prayer

***Doxology** The Offering of our Gifts

Offering Prayer (Unison)

Holy Jesus, we approach your altar today with our gifts and our song. While we offer these treasures to your kingdom, the challenge is to offer ourselves to your service. Which of the "sons" will we resemble when you call us to "*work in the vineyard today*"? With your Spirit, grant us the courage to truly say "Yes" to your promptings so that our treasures and our service would glorify you. We offer this prayer in the power of Jesus' name. Amen.

WE CARRY THE LIGHT OF CHRIST INTO THE WORLD

*Sending Hymn "Lift Every Voice and Sing" UMH #519

*Benediction

*Benediction Response "First Song of Isaiah" TFWS #2030
(beginning only)

Postlude

Join us for Coffee Hour

Coming Up:

October 4th. - Communion Sunday Worship Service @10am -

Join us LIVE or ONLINE as we resume our study of God's Word
([Matthew 21:33-46](#)). Honor the Son and you honor the Father.

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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