Sunday Worship

November 8, 2026 10:00 am

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

Worship Theme: **Families**

WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

Prelude "The Water Is Wide" Edward Broughton

Welcome & Announcements (see insert) Rose Aiello

***Call to Worship** *(Responsively)* Psalm 133 Leader

Leader: How good and pleasant it is when God's people live together in unity.

People: **It is like precious oil poured on the head, running down on the beard, down on the collar of his robe.**

Leader: It is as if the dew of Hermon were falling on Mount Zion.

People: **For there the Lord bestows his Blessing, even life forevermore.**

***Opening Hymn** "Come, Christians Join to Sing" UMH #158

Opening Prayer** ***(Unison) Leader

Heavenly Father, as we gather here today to worship you, Please help us to remember that we are a church family but we are also ALL your children. Help us to listen to your words and always to remember that you are indeed our Father and are always there for us whether we are alone or together. Help us to always remember that we are, no matter whether here or far away, your children and you are always with us. In your name we Thank You and Love you Lord, Amen.

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

CHOIR ANTHEM "Heavenly Father" Dan McGowan

A Time for Children of All Ages

WE PROCLAIM THE WORD OF GOD

Old Testament: Genesis 1:26-30 (NIV) Leader

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

***Gospel Reading:** Luke 2:41-52 (NIV)

Lector: The Word of God for the People of God

People: **Thanks be to God!**

Message **What is a Family?** Anita Stabler-Hussey

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

***Hymn of Response** "Happy the Home" UMH #445

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

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

Offering Prayer (***Unison)***

Heavenly Father: We are here today as your loving Family. You created us in the beginning to go forth and multiply. As your loving children Father, we thank you for all the many Blessings You have given to each of us. Now Lord as your people, we bring forth to you ours for your use. We thank you for this opportunity, Lord, to give back to you as you have always freely given to us. In your name we pray and thank you Lord, Amen.

WE CARRY THE LIGHT OF CHRIST INTO THE WORLD

***Sending Hymn** "In Unity We Lift Our Song" (v. 1,2,4) TFWS #2221

***Benediction**

***Benediction Response** "Awesome God" TFWS #2040

Postlude

Join us for Coffee Hour hosted by Dotti Hossler

Coming Up:

November 15th. - Sunday Worship Service @10am - *Join us LIVE or ONLINE as we resume our study of God's Word (Matthew 25:14–30). What are you doing with your "talents"?*

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

Zoom Link
(Live Meeting)

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

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Worship Livestream Zoom link:

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