



Order of Worship

Sunday, August 2, 2026

Series: *Becoming Whole*

Theme: *Growing Stronger — Whole People · Whole Families · A Whole Church*

Doxology (Opening)

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Collect

Let your continual mercy, O Lord,
cleanse and defend your Church; and,
because it cannot continue in safety
without your help, protect and govern
it always by your goodness; through
Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and
reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.* of

the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and
ever. *Amen.*

Opening Hymn: Holy, Holy, Holy #25

Opening Prayer – Sister Heather Lee

Old Testament Reading: Psalm 17:1-7, 16

New Testament Reading: Matthew 14:13-21

Announcements

Men's Ministry Pressed and Aged Cigar Today!

Worship all 4 Sundays going forward

Birthdays & Anniversaries

Apostle Creed:

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 and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended to heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there, he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Church Universal, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen



Prayer List

Brianna Moody and Kairo, Eliahs, Waggoner Family, Anna Jean Patton, Renita Chadwell, Tonia Miller, Terry Miller, Claude Chadwell, Duanna Chadwell Family, Drs. Quianda Scruggs Ransom Family, Ms. Kara Caruthers and Shayla Boone, Maria Lattimore, Eithel Pardo and Family, Terrance Hood, Alan Carter, Hodges Family, Pricila Cole, Hightower Family, Delmus Massey, Kenya Lewis, Tommie Lee, Charles R. Smith, Roscoe and Latasha, Nikki Hill and Family, Mr. Loyons Jones, and NewWork Fellowship

Sermonic Preparation Song: *I*

Text: **Romans 7:15–25a** (NRSV)

Surrender All Hymn #251

Sermon: “**Control: Who Has It? Better Yet...Who Should Have It?**”

Talk Back Questions:

1. **What does Paul's inner struggle teach us about the reality of the Christian life?** Have you experienced the tension between knowing what is right and struggling to do it?
2. **Where do you see the desire for control showing up in your own life?** How might surrendering that area to Christ change the way you think, act, or respond?
3. **Paul's answer is "Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord."** What does it mean for Christ—not your emotions, your circumstances, or your desires—to be Lord of your life this week?

General Confession: Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, maker of all things, judge of all people: We acknowledge and bewail our manifold sins and wickedness that we from time to time most grievously have committed against your divine majesty. Provoking must justly your wrath and indignation against us. We do earnestly repent and are heartfully sorry for these are misdoings. The remembrance of them is grievous unto us. Have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us, most Merciful Father, for your Son Jesus Christ's sake. Forgive us all that is past and grant that we may here after serve and please you to the glory and honor of your name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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Benediction