

WORSHIP GUIDE

August 24, 2025
11th Sunday after Pentecost
(Hymnsing)

WELCOME

Pastor Beth Snarr

PRELUDE

"And Can It Be"

Instrumental Ensemble

CALL TO WORSHIP

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Friends, we gather today not as solitary travelers, but as a people called to a living faith. Our journey is guided by God's wisdom and our path is illuminated by the rich heritage he has given us.

We come ready to listen, to learn, and to grow.

We open the Scriptures, the Holy Word that speaks directly to our hearts. It is the anchor for our souls and the lamp for our feet.

We will read, we will study, and we will allow God's truth to be our ultimate guide.

We honor our tradition, the faithful witness of all who have walked this path before us. We stand on the shoulders of saints and scholars, learning from their struggles and triumphs.

We remember our spiritual heritage and celebrate the wisdom passed down through generations.

We use the gift of reason, the mind God has given us, to understand our faith.

We wrestle with questions, seeking to love the Lord our God with all our minds.

We will think deeply, discern wisely, and pursue a faith that is both heartfelt and intellectually sound.

We share our experience, the personal and powerful ways God has touched our lives. We testify to the "heart strangely warmed" and the grace that makes our faith real.

We will share our stories, celebrate God's presence, and encourage one another on the journey.

So let us worship with the whole of our being - with open Bibles, with hearts connected to the past, with minds engaged, and with lives transformed by God's love.

Amen. Let us worship God!

HYMN

"Source of Faith"

¹ Source of faith from the beginning, word of truth and hope and grace, tales of glory, tales of sinning all redeemed in love's embrace. From creation to salvation living words proclaim, then call: Come, behold the incarnation of God's love, a gift to all.

² Saints of old gave living witness to the faith that changed their lives, shared with others, loving goodness; and their legacy still thrives. Through tradition people flourished borne by worship, song and creed. Breaking bread they all were nourished, bearing fruit in Christ-like deed.

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- ³ Reason shapes a way to insight as one listens and discerns. Mystery reveals a new light where, with grace, the seeker learns. Intuition, linked with wisdom, binds together mind and heart: linked to knowledge of the kingdom, reason stirs a sacred art.
- ⁴ God has sown a sacred image in the heart of everyone, and the Spirit sends a message that reveals what was begun. Come, experience, discover pathways to transforming grace. Come and learn to love each other, and to share salvation's grace.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH UMH 85 "We Believe in One True God"

- ¹ We believe in one true God, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, ever present help in need, praised by all the heavenly host; by whose mighty power alone all is made and wrought and done.
- ² We believe in Jesus Christ, Son of God and Mary's Son, who descended from his throne and for us salvation won; by whose cross and death are we rescued from sin's misery.
- ³ We confess the Holy Ghost, who from both fore'er proceeds; who upholds and comforts us in all trials, fears, and needs. Blest and Holy Trinity, praise forever be to thee!

GLORIA PATRI UMH 70

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

SCRIPTURE

Hebrews 4:12

Pam Winn

HYMN W&S 3020 "God Of The Bible/Fresh As The Morning"

- ¹ God of the Bible, God in the Gospel, hope seen in Jesus, hope yet to come, you are our center, daylight or darkness, freedom or prison, you are our home.
Fresh as the morning, sure as the sunrise, God always faithful, you do not change.
Fresh as the morning, sure as the sunrise, God always faithful, you do not change.
- ² God in our struggles, God in our hunger, suffering with us, taking our part, still you empower us, mothering Spirit, feeding, sustaining, from your own heart.
- ³ Those without status, those who are nothing, you have made royal, gifted with rights, chosen as partners, midwives of justice, birthing new systems, lighting new lights.
- ⁴ Not by your finger, not by your anger will our world order change in a day, but by your people, fearless and faithful, small paper lanterns, lighting the way.
- ⁵ Hope we must carry, shining and certain through all our turmoil, terror, and loss, bonding us gladly one to the other, till our world changes facing the cross.

WE WELCOME AND AFFIRM THOSE OF EVERY RACE, ETHNICITY, SEXUAL ORIENTATION, GENDER IDENTITY, SOCIO-ECONOMIC CONDITION, FAMILY STRUCTURE, AND MENTAL OR PHYSICAL ABILITY INTO ALL ASPECTS OF THE LIFE OF THIS CONGREGATION.



HYMN UMH 600 "Wonderful Words Of Life"

- ¹ Sing them over again to me, wonderful words of life; let me more of their beauty see, wonderful words of life; words of life and beauty teach me faith and duty.

Beautiful words, wonderful words, wonderful words of life. Beautiful words, wonderful words, wonderful words of life.

- ² Christ, the blessed one, gives to all wonderful words of life; sinner, list to the loving call, wonderful words of life; all so freely given, wooing us to heaven.

- ³ Sweetly echo the gospel call, wonderful words of life; offer pardon and peace to all, wonderful words of life; Jesus, only Savior, sanctify forever.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

A WORD FROM OUR NORTHWEST DISTRICT CO-LAY LEADER

Brian Myers

RECEIVING GOD'S TITHE AND OUR OFFERINGS

TRADITION

2 Thessalonians 2:15

Roger Carpenter

HYMN

"Give Me Oil In My Lamp"

- ¹ Give me oil in my lamp, keep me burning. Give me oil in my lamp, I pray. Give me oil in my lamp, keep me burning. Keep me burning till the break of day.

Sing hosanna, sing hosanna, sing hosanna to the King of kings! Sing hosanna, sing hosanna, sing hosanna to the King!

- ² Give me love in my heart, keep me sharing. Give me love in my heart, I pray. Give me love in my heart, keep me sharing. Keep me sharing till the break of day.

- ³ Give me joy in my heart, keep me singing. Give me joy in my heart, I pray. Give me joy in my heart, keep me singing. Keep me singing till the break of day.

- ⁴ Give me faith in my heart, keep me praying. Give me faith in my heart, I pray. Give me faith in my heart, keep me praying. Keep me praying till the break of day.

SPECIAL MUSIC

"Here I Am, Lord"
arr. Jack Schrader

Chancel Choir

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Pastor Harold Henderson

LORD'S PRAYER UMH 895

REASON

Romans 12:2

Rachel Carpenter

HYMN UMH 103

"Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"

- ¹ Immortal, invisible, God only wise, in light inaccessible hid from our eyes, most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days, almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.

- ² Unresting, unchanging, and silent as light, nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might; thy justice like mountains high soaring above thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.

- ³ To all, life thou givest, to both great and small; in all life thou livest, the true life of all; we blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree, and wither and perish, but naught changeth thee.

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⁴ Thou reignest in glory; thou dwellest in light; thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight; all laud we would render: O help us to see 'tis only the splendor of light hideth thee.

SPECIAL MUSIC

“Be Thou My Vision”

Jennifer Miller and
Lynn Sandefur-Gardner

EXPERIENCE

1 John 1:1-3

Michael Ekblad

HYMN UMH 400 “Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

- ¹ Come, thou Fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing thy grace; streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise. Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above. Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it, mount of thy redeeming love.
- ² Here I raise mine Ebenezer; hither by thy help I'm come; and I hope, by thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home. Jesus sought me when a stranger, wandering from the fold of God; he, to rescue me from danger, interposed his precious blood.
- ³ O to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be! Let thy goodness, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to thee. Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love; here's my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for thy courts above.

HYMN FWS 2172 “We Are Called”

- ¹ Come! Live in the light! Shine with the joy and the love of the Lord! We are called to be light for the kingdom, to live in the freedom of the city of God!
We are called to act with justice, we are called to love tenderly, we are called to serve one another, to walk humbly with God!
- ² Come! Open your heart! Show your mercy to all those in fear! We are called to be hope for the hopeless so all hatred and blindness will be no more!
- ³ Sing! Sing a new song! Sing of that great day when all will be one! God will reign, and we'll walk with each other as sisters and brothers united in love!

BENEDICTION

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE W&S 3154 “Draw the Circle Wide”

Draw the circle wide, draw it wider still. Let this be our song: no one stands alone. Standing side by side. Draw the circle. Draw the circle wide.

POSTLUDE

“Postlude on AZMON”

Richard A. Williamson

Maggie Tran

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ALTAR FLOWERS

Today's altar flowers are given by Randy and Patty Caton in celebration of Elise and Steve Caton's 21st wedding anniversary.