

Sunday, August 9, 2026

Welcome *Pastor Adam will give announcements and welcome*

****Call to Worship** (*Worship Leader read Leader and with People*)

****Good morning, I am Barb Perry, and will be serving as Worship Leader today. Would you please stand as you are comfortable and able to join me in the responsive Call to Worship?**

L. The realm of God has come near. Enter this time of worship with joyous expectation.

P. We will extol you, O God, for you have drawn us up. You rescued us from the pit and restored us to life.

L. Sing praises to God, all faithful ones. Give thanks to God's holy name.

P. We have known your favor, O God, in many ways. You have healed us and turned our mourning to dancing.

L. Rejoice in the work you are given to do. Give thanks that your names are known to God.

P. We will praise you, O God, and not be silent. We will give thanks to you forever.

****Will you join us in our opening song, "I Am Thine O Lord", hymn #419, and the words will be on the screen.**

****Would you join with me in our Opening Prayer?**

Gracious God, our helper, we greet you this morning with joy and thanksgiving. We feel your welcome and anticipate your teaching. Show us this day what you would have us do. Whether it be great or small, we want to do what you command. Let our ears be attentive to your Word, and our hearts be responsive to the

opportunities you grant us to bear one another's burdens in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

Children's Time

Community Notes

Prayers, the Lord's Prayer and Offering of Gifts

(Pastor Adam will first do the prayers, Worship leader will read Offering Invitation & prayer)

****Invitation:** Our offerings support the ministry of this church as we reach out together to announce the better way God intends for all of us. In our giving, we extend a welcome, practice hospitality, offer healing, become reapers in God's harvest, and extend the peace of God to the world. May our offerings honor the one who gives us all we have.

****Will you pray with me?** With gratitude for your gracious favor, we dedicate these gifts. May they help others as we have been helped. May they reach out in a spirit of gentleness to restore to community those who are alienated. May they announce to the world that the realm of God is among us, waiting to be claimed. By these resources, may your name be praised here and in many other places. Amen.

Special Music "Can't Help Falling in Love (Adapted)" Dick & Jemery Palmer

****Scripture Reading Ephesians 4:1-16 MSG**

In light of all this, here's what I want you to do. While I'm locked up here, a prisoner for the Master, I want you to get out there and walk—better yet, run!—on the road God called you to travel. I don't want any of you sitting around on your hands. I don't want anyone strolling off, down some path that goes nowhere. And mark that you do this with humility and discipline—not in fits and starts, but

steadily, pouring yourselves out for each other in acts of love, alert at noticing differences and quick at mending fences. You were all called to travel on the same road and in the same direction, so stay together, both outwardly and inwardly. You have one Master, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who rules over all, works through all, and is present in all. Everything you are and think and do is permeated with Oneness. But that doesn't mean you should all look and speak and act the same. Out of the generosity of Christ, each of us is given his own gift. The text for this is, He climbed the high mountain, He captured the enemy and seized the plunder, He handed it all out in gifts to the people. Is it not true that the One who climbed up also climbed down, down to the valley of earth? And the One who climbed down is the One who climbed back up, up to highest heaven. He handed out gifts above and below, filled heaven with his gifts, filled earth with his gifts. He handed out gifts of apostle, prophet, evangelist, and pastor-teacher to train Christ's followers in skilled servant work, working within Christ's body, the church, until we're all moving rhythmically and easily with each other, efficient and graceful in response to God's Son, fully mature adults, fully developed within and without, fully alive like Christ. No prolonged infancies among us, please. We'll not tolerate babes in the woods, small children who are easy prey for predators. God wants us to grow up, to know the whole truth and tell it in love—like Christ in everything. We take our lead from Christ, who is the source of everything we do. He keeps us in step with each other. His very breath and blood flow through us, nourishing us so that we will grow up healthy in God, robust in love.

This is the word of God for the people of God. Thanks be to God!

Message Luke 10:25-37 – The parable of the Good Samaritan -Pastor Adam Woods

Closing Song “Love Devine All Loves Excelling” Hymn #384

Blessing for the Week

Choral Benediction

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