

AUGUST 31, 2025

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**WELCOME, ALL WORSHIPERS**

**WHOEVER YOU ARE,  
AND WHEREVER YOU ARE ON LIFE’S JOURNEY,  
YOU ARE WELCOME HERE.**

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**“I AM THE LORD YOUR GOD, WHO BROUGHT YOU OUT OF THE LAND OF EGYPT,
OUT OF THE HOUSE OF SLAVERY.” EXODUS 20:2**

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(\*) INDICATES WHEN THOSE WHO ARE ABLE MAY STAND.

**PRELUDE:**

**WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

(PLEASE COMPLETE THE FRIENDSHIP BOOK AS IT IS PASSED DURING ANNOUNCEMENTS; THEN PASS IT TOWARD THE CENTER AISLE.)

**A TIME OF REFLECTION**

**\*OPENING HYMN: #31 ALL THINGS BRIGHT AND BEAUTIFUL** (ALL VERSES)

CECIL F. ALEXANDER; 1848; ALT.

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP (RESPONSIVE)**

**LAY READER, LORI MAYER**

LEADER: ALL YOU FAITHFUL, COME NEAR AND GIVE THANKS.

**ALL: FOR GOD LEADS US TO ETERNAL SAFETY.**

**\*OPENING PRAYER (UNISON)**

**ALL: ALMIGHTY GOD, IN THANKSGIVING WE LIFT OUR VOICES. WE PRAISE YOU FOR ALL YOUR  
GIFTS. AS WE GROW IN FAITH, HELP US GROW IN GRATITUDE. AMEN.**

**\*THE GLORIA PATRI (SUNG)**

**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.**

WORDS: ANONYMOUS, 4TH CENTURY. MUSIC: HENRY GREATOREX. THIS SELECTION IS IN THE PUBLIC DOMAIN.

**SCRIPTURE LESSON: EXODUS 20:1-17**

**SERMON: “A NEVER ENDING PROMISE”**

**REV. DICK HOTCHKIN**

**PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD’S PRAYER** (DEBTS AND DEBTORS)

**\*HYMN: #386 THE CHURCH’S ONE FOUNDATION** (ALL VERSES)

SAMUEL J. STONE, 1866; ALT.

**SHARING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

LEADER: LET US GIVE AS EACH IS ABLE FROM THE FULLNESS OF OUR GRATITUDE TO GOD.

OFFERTORY

**\*DOXOLOGY PRAISE GOD FROM WHOM ALL BLESSINGS FLOW.**

**PRAISE GOD, ALL CREATURES HERE BELOW.**

**PRAISE GOD ABOVE, YE HEAVENLY HOST.**

**PRAISE FATHER, SON, AND HOLY GHOST. AMEN.**

**\*UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION (ALL): ALL GOOD GIFTS ARE FROM GOD.**

**WE SHARE OUR GIFTS WITH GRATITUDE. MAY WE GIVE WITH PASSION FOR  
JUSTICE, AND WITH GOD’S LOVE GUIDING OUR PATHS. AMEN.**

**\*CLOSING HYMN: #378 JERUSALEM, MY HAPPY HOME** (ALL VERSES)

F. B. P., C. 16TH CENTURY; ALT.

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*UNISON RESPONSE:**

**AND GOD WILL RAISE YOU UP ON EAGLE’S WINGS, BEAR YOU ON THE BREATH OF DAWN, MAKE  
YOU TO SHINE LIKE THE SUN, AND HOLD YOU IN THE PALM OF GOD’S HAND. AMEN.**

**POSTLUDE**

OUR APPRECIATION IS EXTENDED TO MEMBERS AND FRIENDS  
WHO HAVE PARTICIPATED IN THIS MORNING'S WORSHIP MINISTRY

USHERS: ASHLEY WEDGE & NANCY WEDGE  
GREETER: DEBORAH DESIMONE  
FELLOWSHIP HOSTS: BILL & DOTTIE HAASE  
PENNY ANDERSON

ALTAR GUILD: SANDY JARMUZEWSKI  
LAY READER: LORI MAYER  
COUNTERS: DENNIS & JANET ARTLEY

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

SUNDAY      AUGUST 31      10:00 AM      WORSHIP SERVICE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ❖ PLEASE NOTE: THE OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED ON MONDAY FOR THE LABOR DAY HOLIDAY.
- ❖ MEMBER DECLARATION CARDS ARE AVAILABLE ON THE TABLE IN THE BACK OF THE SANCTUARY. IF YOURS HAS NOT BEEN SUBMITTED, PLEASE COMPLETE ONE, AND PLACE IT IN THE BOX BY THE OFFICE.
- ❖ PLEASE CHECK FOR CARDS AND CARE LETTERS IN THE MIDDLE HALLWAY.
- ❖ THE AREA FOOD PANTRY IS IN NEED OF: TUNA, HAMBURGER & CHICKEN HELPERS; BOXED POTATOES (AU GRATIN, SCALLOPED, CHEESEY); 4 PACK PUDDING, JELLO OR FRUIT CUPS; AND PEANUT BUTTER & JELLY. PLEASE USE THE BAGS ON THE TABLE IN THE MIDDLE HALLWAY FOR YOUR SHOPPING NEEDS.
- ❖ THE LADIES LUNCHEON WILL BE HELD ON FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 12TH AT HUNAN CHINESE RESTAURANT AT 11:30 A.M. SEE BOBBIE ZUBI FOR MORE INFORMATION.

SUNDAY WORSHIP LIVE-STREAMED AND RECORDED -- OUR SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES ARE LIVE-STREAMED, SHOWN ON THE INTERNET, AS THEY ARE HAPPENING AND RECORDED FOR VIEWING ONLINE LATER. PEOPLE IN THE SANCTUARY ATTENDING THE SUNDAY SERVICE MAY BE SEEN AS PART OF THE LIVE-STREAM AND RECORDING.

A UNISEX HANDICAP-ACCESSIBLE RESTROOM IS LOCATED THROUGH THE DOORS TO YOUR LEFT AS YOU EXIT THE SANCTUARY. A HANDICAP ACCESSIBLE LADIES RESTROOM IS NEAR THE LOCKWOOD STREET ENTRANCE. A MEN'S ROOM IS IN THE MIDDLE HALLWAY.

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