

Graduation Sunday

June 1, 2025

Please take a moment to sign our attendance register located in each pew.

(**Indicates, please stand as able)

Greeting/Life of the Church

Prelude Carol Stewart
"Here I Am to Worship" Tim Hughes/Melody Bober

Introit "Earth and All Stars" Chancel Choir

****Call to Worship**
Our help is in God,
who calls us to worship.

Our hope is in love,
that calls us to care.

Come, let us bring our full selves to worship.

Let us worship through the Word and hymns of our faith.

****Opening Hymn** "We Are the Church" (v. 1-4) UMH #558

Opening Prayer (unison)

Gracious and loving God, bless us with your presence as we worship this day. Bless us with your love as we grow in love and mature faith. Bless us with your guidance as we give ourselves to you, to your church, and to your work in the world. Amen.

Children's Moments

Prayer Hymn "Spirit Song" UMH #347

Prayers of the Faithful & the Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy Kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

Offering/Offertory Carol Stewart
"Make Me a Blessing" George S. Schuler

****Doxology** UMH #95

****Prayer of Dedication**

Merciful God, you bless us beyond measure or belief. May the gifts you have poured into our lives overflow, spilling over into the world. May these gifts nourish all who have need. Amen.

Ministry of Music

"The Gift of Love"

Chancel Choir
Hal H. Hopson

Worship through the Word and Hymns

Word Psalm 46:1-3

Hymn "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God" UMH #110

Word Lamentations 3:22-23

Hymn "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" UMH #140

Word James 3:13, 17-18

Hymn "Be Thou My Vision" UMH #451

Word Ephesians 6:13-17

Hymn "Standing on the Promises" UMH #374

Word Romans 12:1-2

Hymn "Take My Life, and Let It Be" UMH #399

Honoring Our Graduates: Kelan Cramer and Isabel Wickline

Sacrament of Holy Communion

****Closing Hymn** "Victory in Jesus" UMH #370

****Sending Forth**

Love one another as Christ loves you. Be filled with the Holy Spirit to witness to the love of Christ in you. And go in peace in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Choral Benediction

"Be Still and Know"

Chancel Choir
arr. by Fred Bock

Postlude

"May the Good Lord Bless You and Keep You" Auld /Wilson/Dino Kartsonakis



The Altar Flowers are given by Sandy Pramer in honor of Richard Montgomery's 90th Birthday.

Scripture Readings (NIV)

Psalm 46:1-3

¹ God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble.
² Therefore we will not fear, though the earth give way and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea, ³ though its waters roar and foam and the mountains quake with their surging.

Lamentations 3:22-23

²² Because of the LORD's great love we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail. ²³ They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.

James 3:13, 17-18

Two Kinds of Wisdom

¹³ Who is wise and understanding among you? Let them show it by their good life, by deeds done in the humility that comes from wisdom.

¹⁷ But the wisdom that comes from heaven is first of all pure; then peace-loving, considerate, submissive, full of mercy and good fruit, impartial and sincere. ¹⁸ Peacemakers who sow in peace reap a harvest of righteousness.

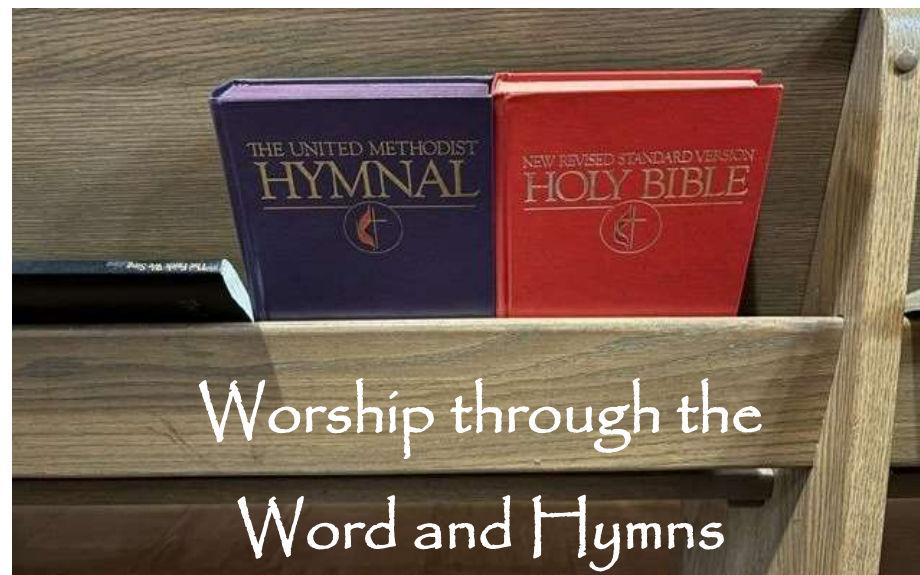
Ephesians 6:13-17

¹³ Therefore put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand. ¹⁴ Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist, with the breastplate of righteousness in place, ¹⁵ and with your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace. ¹⁶ In addition to all this, take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one. ¹⁷ Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

Romans 12:1-2

A Living Sacrifice

12 Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship. ² Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.



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We are a Stephen Ministry Congregation

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Worship Team

Ushers	Bob Whipp, Ed Stidham, Doug Wickline, Rick Smith
Greeters	Butch Smith, Bev Smith
Liturgist	Sandy Pramer
Organist	Carol Stewart
Chancel Choir Director	Melody Kelley
Handbell Choir Director	Jim McPeck



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