

July 13, 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
"Bridge Over Troubled Waters" Paul Simon/Carol Tornquist

**Call to Worship

Beloved people of God, welcome to worship.

We come to worship and to praise.

With love for one another, we gather as neighbors.

With love for God, we gather as God's community of love.

**Opening Hymn "God of Grace and God of Glory" UMH #577

Opening Prayer (unison)

Loving God, thank you for being present in our lives and in this time of worship. Speak love to our hearts and wisdom to our minds, that we might grow in your knowledge of love and that our lives might bear the fruit of your knowledge and grace. Amen.

Children's Moments

Prayer Hymn
"Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart" (v.1,5) UMH #500

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

"Make Me a Channel of Your Peace" Carol Stewart
Sebastian Temple

**Doxology

UMH #95

**Prayer of Dedication

Gracious God, bless these gifts. May they bring your love, justice, and compassion to where they are most needed in our world. Help us be good neighbors to everyone we meet. With gratitude and love, we pray. Amen.

**Gospel Reading

Luke 10:25-37

Ministry of Music

Suzanne Bandy, vocal solo; Pam Colbrunn, piano
"Holy Spirit Rain Down" Russell Fragar

Sermon

"Prepared to Serve" Pastor Jeff Bandy

**Closing Hymn

"Open My Eyes, That I May See" UMH #454

**Sending Forth

Postlude

"He Ain't Heavy ... He's My Brother" Carol Stewart
Bobby Scott



*Thank you to everyone who helped decorate the church
and Sanctuary for Vacation Bible School.*

Scripture Reading - Luke 10:25-37 (NIV)

The Parable of the Good Samaritan

²⁵ On one occasion an expert in the law stood up to test Jesus. "Teacher," he asked, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?"

²⁶ "What is written in the Law?" he replied. "How do you read it?"

²⁷ He answered, "'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind'; and, 'Love your neighbor as yourself.'"

²⁸ "You have answered correctly," Jesus replied. "Do this and you will live."

²⁹ But he wanted to justify himself, so he asked Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?"

³⁰ In reply Jesus said: "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, when he was attacked by robbers. They stripped him of his clothes, beat him and went away, leaving him half dead. ³¹ A priest happened to be going down the same road, and when he saw the man, he passed by on the other side. ³² So too, a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. ³³ But a Samaritan, as he traveled, came where the man was; and when he saw him, he took pity on him. ³⁴ He went to him and bandaged his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then he put the man on his own donkey, brought him to an inn and took care of him. ³⁵ The next day he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper. 'Look after him,' he said, 'and when I return, I will reimburse you for any extra expense you may have.'

³⁶ "Which of these three do you think was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of robbers?"

³⁷ The expert in the law replied, "The one who had mercy on him." Jesus told him, "Go and do likewise."

WELCOME VISITORS!

If you are visiting with us today, we welcome you and hope you will come back and worship with us again soon. We would love to get to know you, please take a moment to provide your information in the attendance register located in each pew.

Prepared to Serve



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We are a Stephen Ministry Congregation

Sunday, July 13, 2025 Worship Team

Ushers

Ed Stidham, Margaret Stidham
Rick Smith, Joyce Smith

Greeters

Debi Hall, Deb Swigart

Liturgist

Mike Engle

Organist

Carol Stewart



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