

July 20, 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
"People Need the Lord" Phill McHugh and Greg Nelson

**Call to Worship

Children of God, in Jesus, Love became flesh and moved into the neighborhood.

We gather to worship Christ, the image of the invisible.

In Jesus, we meet the fullness of God with no barriers to access.

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Children of God, come! Come, let us worship God, whose power makes Love visible to us so that we might reflect Love to the world.

Come, let us worship Christ, Love who came to dwell among us and within us!

**Opening Hymn "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise" UMH #103

Opening Prayer (unison)

Jesus, our Savior, in response to your call to be your faithful disciples, we are baptized in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Open our lives and teach us how to follow your great commission to make disciples of all nations, to baptize and teach them your ways. Let us know the full blessings of our God—Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer. Amen.

Children's Moments Children of VBS

Prayer Hymn "Trust and Obey" (v.1,4) UMH #467

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

"I Love to Tell the Story" Carol Stewart
William G. Fischer

**Doxology

UMH #95

**Prayer of Dedication

Loving God, like baskets of summer fruit, you fill our lives to overflowing. May the offering we return to you this day reflect our gratitude for your many blessings. May they show our commitment to love our neighbors as we love ourselves. Through your goodness and the sharing of these gifts, may the world come to know the richness of your love. Amen.

**Gospel Reading

Matthew 28:16-20

Ministry of Music

Pam Colbrunn and Glen Shaw, vocal duet
"You Raise Me Up" arr. by Roger Emerson

Sermon

"Finding Our Way" Joyce Smith

**Closing Hymn

"Victory in Jesus" UMH #370

**Sending Forth

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, be with all of you. Go in Peace. Amen.

Postlude

"Pass It On" Carol Stewart
Kurt Kaiser



Thank you to everyone who volunteered their time and/or donated money to make VBS 2025 an amazing experience. It truly takes many hands and hearts to provide this experience for over 65 children from our community. A very special thank you to Joyce Smith and Betsy Murray for their hard work for the last few weeks putting it all together.



Gospel Reading - Matthew 28:16-20 (NIV)

The Great Commission

¹⁶ Then the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had told them to go. ¹⁷ When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. ¹⁸ Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹ Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."



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We are a Stephen Ministry Congregation

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.

Sunday, July 20, 2025 Worship Team

Ushers

Ed Stidham, Margaret Stidham
Rick Smith, Joyce Smith

Greeters

Jerry Mahan, Judy Mahan

Liturgist

Will Mossing, Micah Fleming

Organist

Carol Stewart



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