

## August 3, 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 Jim McPeek, trombone; Carol Stewart, organ  
"Abide With Me" Craig Curry

\*\*Call to Worship

Give thanks to God,

**for God's steadfast love lasts forever.**

Give thanks to our God,

**for God's steadfast love abides with us.**

Let us enter this time of worship,

**celebrating God's works for humankind.**

\*\*Opening Hymn "Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above" UMH #126

Opening Prayer (unison)

**Spirit of hope and renewal, as the dawn nudges us awake,  
summon us with your presence. As your light breaks the  
horizon this day, help us see the love revealed in your  
realm. Nourish us with your wisdom and guide us with your  
hope, for we hunger to know you better. Amen.**

Children's Moments

Prayer Hymn "Close to Thee" (v.1,2) UMH #407

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 Jim McPeek, trombone; Carol Stewart, organ  
Meditation on "How Great Thou Art" Stuart Hine

\*\*Doxology

UMH #95

\*\*Prayer of Dedication

**God of Goodness, thank you for your steadfast love and your  
wonderful works. Today we stand in front of you with our riches  
in hand: our treasures, time, and talents. May our giving reflect  
the faithfulness of our spirits. And may our offering be  
clothed with your visions and dreams. Amen.**

\*\*Gospel Reading

Luke 12:13-21

Ministry of Music

A.J. Trent, vocal solo  
"He Looked Beyond My Faults" Dottie Rambo

Sermon

"Abundant Life" Pastor Jeff Bandy

Sacrament of Holy Communion

\*\*Closing Hymn

"A Charge to Keep I Have"

UMH #413

\*\*Sending Forth

Postlude

Jim McPeek, trombone; Carol Stewart, organ  
"Rejoice, the Lord is King" John Innes

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*The Altar flowers are given by John & Elaine Grayson  
in honor of their 59<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary.*

## Gospel Reading - Luke 12:13-21 (CEB)

### Warning against greed

<sup>13</sup> Someone from the crowd said to him, "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me."

<sup>14</sup> Jesus said to him, "Man, who appointed me as judge or referee between you and your brother?"

<sup>15</sup> Then Jesus said to them, "Watch out! Guard yourself against all kinds of greed. After all, one's life isn't determined by one's possessions, even when someone is very wealthy." <sup>16</sup> Then he told them a parable: "A certain rich man's land produced a bountiful crop. <sup>17</sup> He said to himself, What will I do? I have no place to store my harvest! <sup>18</sup> Then he thought, Here's what I'll do. I'll tear down my barns and build bigger ones. That's where I'll store all my grain and goods. <sup>19</sup> I'll say to myself, You have stored up plenty of goods, enough for several years. Take it easy! Eat, drink, and enjoy yourself. <sup>20</sup> But God said to him, 'Fool, tonight you will die. Now who will get the things you have prepared for yourself?' <sup>21</sup> This is the way it will be for those who hoard things for themselves and aren't rich toward God."



### Rev. Jeff Bandy

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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, August 3, 2025 Worship Team

Ushers

Chad Mossing, Will Mossing  
Rick Smith, Gerald Mahan,

Greeters

Laura Roby, Becky Cultice

Liturgist

Suzanne Bandy

Organist

Carol Stewart



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