

September 14, 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 "The Tallis Canon" Handbell Choir
Douglas E. Wagner

**Call to Worship

Do you hear the whisper of God calling us to worship?

God, help us listen as you call.

Do you sense the beautiful people God is creating us to become?

God, help us to see your image within.

Are we ready to listen, learn, and grow?

God, open our hearts and minds to your loving and challenging guidance.

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

Opening Prayer (unison)

O God of heaven and earth, bless us with your mercy and grace. Enter our hearts and make us holy. Be our Shepherd and guide us in your ways, that we might not wander alone. Hear our cries and gather us to yourself, that we may be one with each other, through the power of your Holy Spirit. Amen.

Children's Moments

Prayer Hymn "Seek Ye First" UMH #405

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
"Only a Sinner, Saved By Grace" David B. Towner

**Doxology UMH #95

**Prayer of Dedication

Most gracious God, we bring these gifts, as we bring ourselves. We are nothing special in ourselves. But you seek us, you gather us together; and in your arms, our lives come together. Bless us and these gifts, that together we may be a blessing and return your glory to you, where it belongs. Amen.

Ministry of Music Handbell Choir
"For the Beauty of the Earth" Conrad Kocher/Kevin McChesney

Scripture Reading 1 Timothy 1:12-17

Sermon "Identifying as Sinner" Pastor Jeff Bandy

**Closing Hymn "Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven" UMH #66

**Sending Forth

Postlude Carol Stewart
"Victory in Jesus" Eugene M. Bartlett

*The Altar flowers are given by Debi Hall
in loving memory of David Jones.*



*The Altar flowers are given by Teresa Weimer
in loving memory of Bonnie Weimer.*

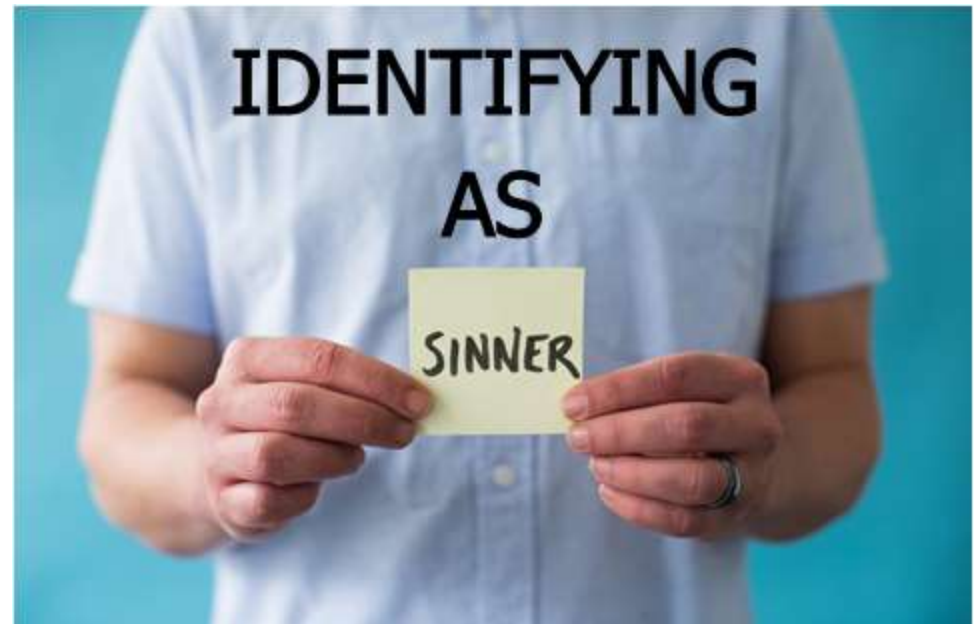
Scripture Reading - 1 Timothy 1:12-17 (CEB)

Thanksgiving

¹² I thank Christ Jesus our Lord, who has given me strength because he considered me faithful. So he appointed me to ministry ¹³ even though I used to speak against him, attack his people, and I was proud. But I was shown mercy because I acted in ignorance and without faith. ¹⁴ Our Lord's favor poured all over me along with the faithfulness and love that are in Christ Jesus. ¹⁵ This saying is reliable and deserves full acceptance: "Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners"—and I'm the biggest sinner of all. ¹⁶ But this is why I was shown mercy, so that Christ Jesus could show his endless patience to me first of all. So I'm an example for those who are going to believe in him for eternal life. ¹⁷ Now to the king of the ages, to the immortal, invisible, and only God, may honor and glory be given to him forever and always! Amen.

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.



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We are a Stephen Ministry Congregation

Sunday, September 14, 2025 Worship Team

Ushers	Mike Tittle, Don Wolf Butch Smith, Rick Smith
Greeters	Bruce Spitler, Debbie Spitler
Liturgist	Suzanne Bandy
Organist	Carol Stewart
Chancel Choir Director	Glen Shaw
Handbell Choir Director	Jim McPeck



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	Men of Faith	6:00 pm	CC 16A
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	Dorcas Circle	1:00 pm	Parlor
	Stephen Ministry Training	1:00 pm	Library
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Wednesday 17	Handbell Choir Practice	6:15 pm	Music Room
	Chancel Choir Practice	7:30 pm	Chapel /Sanctuary
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	Private Event	5:30 pm	FCC
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