

September 21, 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 "He Hideth My Soul" William B. Bradbury/Don Hustad Carol Stewart

**Call to Worship

God sees the hurt of all God's people.

Praise the God of our salvation!

God wants everyone to be saved.

Praise the God of our salvation!

God sent Jesus to give himself for all.

Praise the God of our salvation!

**Opening Hymn "To God Be the Glory" UMH #98

Opening Prayer (unison)

God of our salvation, you see your world laid waste with false worship, injustice, and indifference, and we tremble at your anger. Only in your tears, born out of vast love, do we find hope. Open to us the way of your tears—the way that leads us back to your love. Teach us to serve you and you alone, that you may deliver, forgive, and renew our world at last. Amen.

Children's Moments

Prayer Hymn "I Need Thee Every Hour" (v.1,3,4) UMH #397

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

"Christ Returneth" Carol Stewart
James McGranahan

**Doxology

UMH #95

**Prayer of Dedication

You call us to be wise with our riches, O God, that your realm may be blessed for the benefit of all. May we be found faithful in a little, that you may entrust us to be faithful in much. We offer you these gifts in gratitude for your love. May they bring your healing and light to those within our reach. Amen.

Ministry of Music

Chancel Choir
"Make Me a Channel of Your Peace" Sebastian Temple

Scripture Reading

Psalm 79:1-9

Sermon "The Hard and the Hope" Guest Speaker Suzanne Bandy

**Closing Hymn "There Is a Balm in Gilead" UMH #375

**Sending Forth

Postlude

Carol Stewart
"Let There Be Peace on Earth" Sy Miller and Jill Jackson



*The Altar flowers are given by Bob and Amy Schalle
in memory of Amy's brother, Ken Fox.*

Scripture Reading – Psalm 79: 1-9 (CEB)

- 79** The nations have come into your inheritance, God!
They've defiled your holy temple.
They've made Jerusalem a bunch of ruins.
- ² They've left your servants' bodies
as food for the birds;
they've left the flesh of your faithful
to the wild animals of the earth.
- ³ They've poured out the blood of the faithful
like water all around Jerusalem,
and there's no one left to bury them.
- ⁴ We've become a joke to our neighbors,
nothing but objects of ridicule
and disapproval to those around us.
- ⁵ How long will you rage, LORD? Forever?
How long will your anger burn like fire?
- ⁶ Pour out your wrath on the nations
who don't know you,
on the kingdoms
that haven't called on your name.
- ⁷ They've devoured Jacob
and demolished his pasture.
- ⁸ Don't remember the iniquities of past generations;
let your compassion hurry to meet us
because we've been brought so low.
- ⁹ God of our salvation, help us
for the glory of your name!
Deliver us and cover our sins
for the sake of your name!

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.

The Hard and the Hope



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We are a Stephen Ministry Congregation

Sunday, September 21, 2025 Worship Team

Guest Speaker	Suzanne Bandy
Ushers	Mike Tittle, Don Wolf Butch Smith, Rick Smith
Greeters	Doug Wickline, Julie Wickline
Liturgist	Sandy Pramer
Organist	Carol Stewart
Chancel Choir Director	Glen Shaw
Handbell Choir Director	Jim McPeck



Monday 22	SPRC Cub Scouts Boy Scouts	7:00 pm 7:00 pm 7:00 pm	Library FH 15A-B FH 15C
Tuesday 23	Tuesday Bible Study DS 1 on 1 Interviews Stephen Ministry Training	10:00 am 10:00 am 1:00 pm	Library Parlor Library
Wednesday 24	Handbell Choir Practice Chancel Choir Practice	6:15 pm 7:30 pm	Music Room Chapel /Sanctuary
Thursday 25	Prayer Shawl	11:00 am	Parlor
Friday 26			
Saturday 27	Double I Dinner	6:00 pm	FH 15A, Kitchen
Sunday 28	Sunday School Hospitality Time Worship Service	9:00 am 10:00 am 10:30 am	Rm 8, 11, CC 16A, Parlor Narthex Sanctuary

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