

September 28, 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
"It Is Well With My Soul" Sibelius and Bliss/Melody Bober

**Call to Worship

God is our refuge and our fortress.

In God, we place our trust.

When we are weary,

God lifts us up on wings like eagles.

Come before the Lord with joy and longing.

God is our hope and our salvation.

**Opening Hymn "Rejoice, Ye Pure In Heart" (v.1,2,3,5) UMH #160

Opening Prayer (unison)

Generous Spirit, you call us to share our riches with the poor and disadvantaged, lest we follow self-interest to our ruin and destruction. Teach us to bestow your blessings on those in need, lest we be trapped by selfish desire. Set our hearts on the riches of good works, rather than the allure of earthly treasures. Help us take hold of the life that really is life. Amen.

Children's Moments

Prayer Hymn "God Will Take Care of You" (v.1,3) UMH #130

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
"Springs of Living Water" John W. Peterson

**Doxology

UMH #95

**Prayer of Dedication

Loving God, you protect us from harm and shelter us in your loving arms. Just as you deliver us from evil, may these offerings lead others to find the hope of your salvation. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

Ministry of Music

Chancel Choir
"A Joyful, Jubilant Song" Michael Barrett

Gospel Reading

Luke 16:19-31

Sermon

"Filling the Gap" Pastor Jeff Bandy

**Closing Hymn

"This Is My Father's World" UMH #144

**Sending Forth

Postlude

Carol Stewart
"On Eagle's Wings" Rev. Michael Joncas/Edwin Earle Ferguson



*The Altar flowers are given by Sandy Pramer
in memory of loved ones.*

Gospel Reading – Luke 16:19-31 (NLT)

Parable of the Rich Man and Lazarus

¹⁹ Jesus said, "There was a certain rich man who was splendidly clothed in purple and fine linen and who lived each day in luxury.

²⁰ At his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus who was covered with sores. ²¹ As Lazarus lay there longing for scraps from the rich man's table, the dogs would come and lick his open sores. ²² "Finally, the poor man died and was carried by the angels to sit beside Abraham at the heavenly banquet. The rich man also died and was buried, ²³ and he went to the place of the dead. There, in torment, he saw Abraham in the far distance with Lazarus at his side.

²⁴ "The rich man shouted, 'Father Abraham, have some pity! Send Lazarus over here to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue. I am in anguish in these flames.'

²⁵ "But Abraham said to him, 'Son, remember that during your lifetime you had everything you wanted, and Lazarus had nothing. So now he is here being comforted, and you are in anguish. ²⁶ And besides, there is a great chasm separating us. No one can cross over to you from here, and no one can cross over to us from there.'

²⁷ "Then the rich man said, 'Please, Father Abraham, at least send him to my father's home. ²⁸ For I have five brothers, and I want him to warn them so they don't end up in this place of torment.'

²⁹ "But Abraham said, 'Moses and the prophets have warned them. Your brothers can read what they wrote.'

³⁰ "The rich man replied, 'No, Father Abraham! But if someone is sent to them from the dead, then they will repent of their sins and turn to God.'

³¹ "But Abraham said, 'If they won't listen to Moses and the prophets, they won't be persuaded even if someone rises from the dead.'"

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 28, 2025 Worship Team

Ushers

Mike Tittle, Don Wolf
Butch Smith, Rick Smith

Greeters

Debi Hall, Debbie Swigart

Liturgist

Julie Wickline

Organist

Carol Stewart

Chancel Choir Director

Glen Shaw

Handbell Choir Director

Jim McPeck



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Friday 3			
Saturday 4			
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