

Laity Sunday, October 19, 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
"My Tribute" Andraé Crouch/John Innes

**Call to Worship (Based on Psalm 119)

Oh, how I love your will, dear Lord. I meditate on your wisdom all day long.

Your teaching makes me wiser each day. Your instruction helps me become my truest self.

How sweet are your words to my taste, sweeter than honey to my mouth.

Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light that shines on my path.

**Opening Hymn "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling" UMH #384

Opening Prayer (unison)

Come, Holy Spirit, and renew us in this hour of celebration. We rejoice that you make us your partners in pursuit of a just and peaceful world. With Jesus, we ask the question, "Will there be faith on earth?" Will we settle for mere beliefs, or will we yield to the deep longing for your will to be done, here and now? Teach us to hope, work, and cry out for your justice and peace to be made real. Walk with us, Jesus, until we joyfully reach that day when all God's children belong to your eternal family. Amen.

Children's Moments

Prayer Hymn
"Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart" (v.1,4,5) UMH #500

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
"I Asked the Lord" Johnny Lange and Jimmy Duncan

**Doxology UMH #95

**Prayer of Dedication

Loving God, receive these gifts as acts of our faith—faith that keeps moving, faith that keeps hoping, faith that keeps working for justice, even when the world says it's too late or too little. Shape our prayers into action and our generosity into grace, until your kingdom comes—on earth, as it is in heaven. In the name of Christ, Amen.

**Gospel Reading Matthew 14:13-21

Ministry of Music Chancel Choir
"Great Is Thy Faithfulness" Jack Schrader

Sermon
"Celebrating the Abundance of God" Guest Speaker: Suzanne Bandy

**Closing Hymn "Here I Am, Lord" UMH #593

**Sending Forth

Postlude Carol Stewart
"Count Your Blessings" Edwin O. Excell

Scripture Reading - Matthew 14:13-21 (NIV)

Jesus Feeds the Five Thousand

¹³ When Jesus heard what had happened, he withdrew by boat privately to a solitary place. Hearing of this, the crowds followed him on foot from the towns. ¹⁴ When Jesus landed and saw a large crowd, he had compassion on them and healed their sick.

¹⁵ As evening approached, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a remote place, and it's already getting late. Send the crowds away, so they can go to the villages and buy themselves some food."

¹⁶ Jesus replied, "They do not need to go away. You give them something to eat."

¹⁷ "We have here only five loaves of bread and two fish," they answered.

¹⁸ "Bring them here to me," he said. ¹⁹ And he directed the people to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish and looking up to heaven, he gave thanks and broke the loaves. Then he gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the people. ²⁰ They all ate and were satisfied, and the disciples picked up twelve basketfuls of broken pieces that were left over. ²¹ The number of those who ate was about five thousand men, besides women and children.

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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Laity Sunday, October 19, 2025 Worship Team

Guest Speaker

Suzanne Bandy

Ushers

Wanda Boeckerman, Sandy Pramer,
Debbie Spitler, Sally Wallace

Greeter

Janet Adkins

Liturgist

Mike Engle

Organist

Carol Stewart

Chancel Choir Director

Glen Shaw

Handbell Choir Director

Jim McPeck



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