## October 26, 2025

Please take a moment to sign our attendance register located in each pew.

(\*\*Indicates, please stand as able)

Greeting/Life of the Church

Carol Stewart Prelude

"I Will Bless the Lord at All Times" Allen Webber / Dick Torrans

\*\*Call to Worship

Rejoice in the Lord and be glad.

God is our hope and our salvation.

The Lord blesses the earth with rain.

God crowns the year with bounty.

The Lord makes old men dream dreams.

God makes young girls see visions.

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\*\*Opening Hymn "I Sing the Almighty Power of God" UMH #152

Opening Prayer (unison)

Good and gracious God, you promise to pour out your Spirit upon us; you are the hope of the world. Give us strength, that we might serve you; make us humble, that we might live for your glory alone. In the name of Jesus we pray. Amen.

Children's Moments

Prayer Hymn "He Leadeth Me: O Blessed Thought" (v.1,3) UMH #128

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 "Rejoice in the Lord Always" Dino Kartsonakis/Randy Wright

\*\*Doxology UMH #95

\*\*Prayer of Dedication

Humble and merciful God, you do not require perfection, only a heart that is open. Receive these gifts, not as a sign of our righteousness, but as a humble offering from those who know they need your grace. Teach us again that generosity begins not in pride, but in gratitude and love of others. May what we give today grow into mercy, justice, and joy in the lives of others and in our own. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

Ministry of Music Chancel Choir

> "The Lord is My Shepherd" Allen Pote

Carol Stewart

Responsive Reading "Psalm 65" UMH #789

Pastor Jeff Bandy Sermon "Harvest of Praise"

"How Great Thou Art" \*\*Closing Hymn **UMH #77** 

\*\*Sending Forth

Carol Stewart Postlude

> "How Great Thou Art" Stuart K. Hine / Marilynn Ham



The Altar flowers are given by Lisa, Gary and A.J. Trent in honor of Flo Harner's 90th Birthday on Oct 24.

## Scripture Reading – Psalm 65:1-13 (NRSVUE)

<sup>1</sup> Praise is due to you, O God, in Zion, and to you shall vows be performed, O you who answer prayer! To you all flesh shall come. <sup>3</sup> When deeds of iniquity overwhelm us, you forgive our transgressions. <sup>4</sup> Happy are those whom you choose and bring near to live in your courts. We shall be satisfied with the goodness of your house, your holy temple. <sup>5</sup> By awesome deeds you answer us with deliverance, O God of our salvation; you are the hope of all the ends of the earth and of the farthest seas. <sup>6</sup> By your strength you established the mountains; you are girded with might. <sup>7</sup>You silence the roaring of the seas, the roaring of their waves, the tumult of the peoples. <sup>8</sup> Those who live at earth's farthest bounds are awed by your signs; you make the gateways of the morning and the evening shout for joy. <sup>9</sup> You visit the earth and water it; you greatly enrich it; the river of God is full of water; you provide the people with grain, for so you have prepared it. <sup>10</sup> You water its furrows abundantly, settling its ridges, softening it with showers, and blessing its growth. <sup>11</sup> You crown the year with your bounty; your wagon tracks overflow with richness. <sup>12</sup> The pastures of the wilderness overflow; the hills gird themselves with joy; <sup>13</sup> the meadows clothe themselves with flocks;

the valleys deck themselves with grain;

they shout and sing together for joy.





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October 26, 2025 - Worship Team

Debbie Spitler, Sally Wallace, Ushers

Deb Swigart, Joyce Osburn

**Greeters** Sara Gardner, Laurie Krakowiak

Liturgist Sandy Pramer **Carol Stewart** Organist **Chancel Choir Director** Glen Shaw

Jim McPeek Handbell Choir Director



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