# October 5, 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

"I Believe" Drake, Graham, Shirl, and Stillman

\*\*Call to Worship

The Holy Spirit rekindles God's purpose and grace for our lives.

Grace was given to us in Christ Jesus before the ages began.

Christ Jesus, our savior, abolished death and brought life and immortality to light.

This is good news, not just for ourselves, but for the world. Let us worship in thanksgiving and praise.

\*\*Opening Hymn "Standing on the Promises" UMH #374

Opening Prayer (unison)

Holy and Triune God, your table transcends time and space. As your disciples on World Communion Sunday, we join our voices to the songs and prayers offered to your name throughout the world. Increase our faith and give us grace to love and forgive one another, as you have loved and forgiven us. We remember all your beloved children. Help us bear witness to world in need of you. Give us the courage to live in love with you, in you, and for you. For the sake of all your beloved children, we pray. Amen.

Children's Moments

Prayer Hymn "One Bread, One Body" UMH #620

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
"Nothing Is Impossible" Eugene L. Clark

\*\*Doxology UMH #95

\*\*Prayer of Dedication

Faithful God, our source and sustainer, you call us to believe beyond what we see and serve without seeking reward. Take these gifts as seeds of trust, planted in hope and watered with gratitude. Multiply our offering into acts of healing, welcome, and justice. In the name of the one who came to serve, we pray. Amen.

\*\*Gospel Reading Luke 17:5-10

Ministry of Music Erika Stone

"Shout to the North" Martin Smith

Sermon "Measuring Faith" Pastor Jeff Bandy

Sacrament of Holy Communion

\*\*Closing Hymn "Forth in Thy Name, O Lord" UMH #438

\*\*Sending Forth

Postlude Carol Stewart

"I Believe in Miracles" John W. Peterson/Harold De Cou



The Altar flowers are given by Gary & Chris Allen in honor of their children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

## Gospel Reading – Luke 17: 5-10 (NIV)

<sup>5</sup> The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith!"

<sup>6</sup> He replied, "If you have faith as small as a mustard seed, you can say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it will obey you.

<sup>7</sup> "Suppose one of you has a servant plowing or looking after the sheep. Will he say to the servant when he comes in from the field, 'Come along now and sit down to eat'? <sup>8</sup> Won't he rather say, 'Prepare my supper, get yourself ready and wait on me while I eat and drink; after that you may eat and drink'? <sup>9</sup> Will he thank the servant because he did what he was told to do? <sup>10</sup> So you also, when you have done everything you were told to do, should say, 'We are unworthy servants; we have only done our duty.'"

#### 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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# Sunday, October 5, 2025 Worship Team

Ushers Mike Tittle, Don Wolf

Butch Smith, Rick Smith

Greeters Glen Shaw, Carol Shaw

Liturgist Chad Mossing
Organist Carol Stewart
Chancel Choir Director Glen Shaw
Handbell Choir Director Jim McPeek



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6	Boy Scouts	7:00 pm	FH 15C
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