

Worship August 10, 2025

Prelude

Welcome

Responsive Call to Worship

May every family in heaven and on earth gather in name and spirit.

May God pour out courage and compassion on our congregation through the Spirit.

May our minds be open, that Christ may dwell within.

May our hearts receive the fullness of our faith.

From generation to generation, God's grace is abundant! Amen.

Opening Prayer:

Parent of All Good, restore your image of love in me; that is the only thing I truly need. You created me for this one end—to love you.

You redeemed me for this one end—to dwell in love.

You continue to work within me for this one end—to perfect my love for you and others. Love is your very image; the brightness of your glory. Love not only makes me like you; love makes me one with you. Fulfill, then, Jesus' vision for me and all your children: "Whoever loves me will keep my word. My Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them." Make your home in my heart, beloved Lover of my soul. Amen.

--Chilcote, More Praying in the Wesleyan Spirit, 51

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

Affirmation of Faith: A Modern Affirmation, UMH 885

Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is the one true church, apostolic and universal, whose holy faith let us now declare:

We believe in God the Father, infinite in wisdom, power, and love, whose mercy is over all his works, and whose will is ever directed to his children's good. We believe in Jesus Christ, Son of God and Son of man, the gift of the Father's unfailing grace, the ground of our hope, and the promise of our deliverance from sin and death.

We believe in the Holy Spirit as the divine presence in our lives, whereby we are kept in perpetual remembrance of the truth of Christ,

and find strength and help in time of need. We believe that this faith should manifest itself in the service of love as set forth in the example of our blessed Lord, to the end that the kingdom of God may come upon the earth.

Passing the Peace

Sharing Joys & Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Scripture: John 13:34-35 NRSVue

(reader) *The Word of the Lord!*

(All) Thanks be to God!

Song of Praise: *Change My Heart O God*

TFWS #2152

Scripture: Ephesians 3:14-19 NRSVue

(reader) *The Word of the Lord!*

(All) Thanks be to God!

Message: *Wesleyan Rooted: Grow Deeply*

Hymn of Response: *Breathe on Me, Breath of God*

UMH #420

Invitation to Offering

Offertory:

Doxology – Hymn 94

Offertory Prayer

Opportunities Coming Soon! (Announcements)

Blessing (Benediction)

Closing Hymn: *Lord, I Want to Be a Christian*

UMH #402

***Please join us for Coffee Fellowship
after the service!***

Our Staff:

*Pastor: Rev. Kim Poer
Office Administrator: Nancy Volgamore
Music Director: Matthew Compton
Accompanist: Josh Billings
Family Ministries: Tiffiney Nordby
Preschool Director: Ashley Skelton*

TODAY'S SERVANTS:

***Reader:** Lynne Kingsley
Greeters: Jim & Betty Selby
Ushers: Jean Berkheiser & Elaine Gilbert
Coffee Hosts: Kathy Bachman & Suzy Clayton
A/V Booth: Bill Berta & Dan Kingsley
Information Desk: Sandy Bippes
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*We are a welcoming United Methodist Church congregation that
worships together as disciples of Jesus Christ,
uniting in fellowship, missions and service.*