

August 23, 2026

Sunday Worship

Prelude - Gathering as a Community of Faith Marni Wiggins

Welcome (Announcements)

***Greeting One Another in the Spirit of Love**

***Opening Praise Song** “Come Now Is the Time to Worship”

***Prayer**

***Call to Worship**

L: We gather here today, some of us fully awake, and some of us just going through the motions.

C: We bring our tired routines, our heavy steps, and our restless hearts.

L: It is easy to wander through our days alive in body, but asleep in spirit clinging to comfort, and searching for meaning in things that cannot love us back.

C: Forgive us when we choose the comfort of the familiar over the challenge of your call.

L: Christ calls us out of the shadows and into the light. He declares that the old is gone, and the new has come!

C: Awaken us, Lord. Break our routines, stir our souls, and make us a new creation today.

L: Come, let us worship the One who turns graves into gardens and breathes true life into dry bones.

All: Let us worship the living God together!

***Hymn** “Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart” No. 228

Scriptures

2 Corinthians 5:16-21

*Matthew 19:16-21

Prayers of the People

***Hymn**

“Spirit of the Living God”

No. 226

God Moments

(This is a time to share how Jesus Christ our risen Lord has provided you with a moment of blessing and grace)

Praise Song

“He Reigns”

Newsboys

Message

“Zombie Gospel”

James Pennington

Offertory Prayer (Read in Unison)

Lord of Life. we bring these offerings as an act of worship and an act of surrender. We give them gladly, knowing that the old has gone and the new has come. Transform these gifts and transform our hearts so that we might live as your new creation, sharing your life giving love with everyone we meet.
Amen.

Offertory (The offering plates will be passed while music is played)

***Doxology**

***Lord’s Prayer**

***Hymn**

“Spirit Song”

No. 231

***Benediction**

***Benediction Song** “Let There Be Peace on Earth” No. 308
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We exist to reflect the love of Jesus so that others may experience God’s love as we grow together in faith, love and service

Waking the Soul

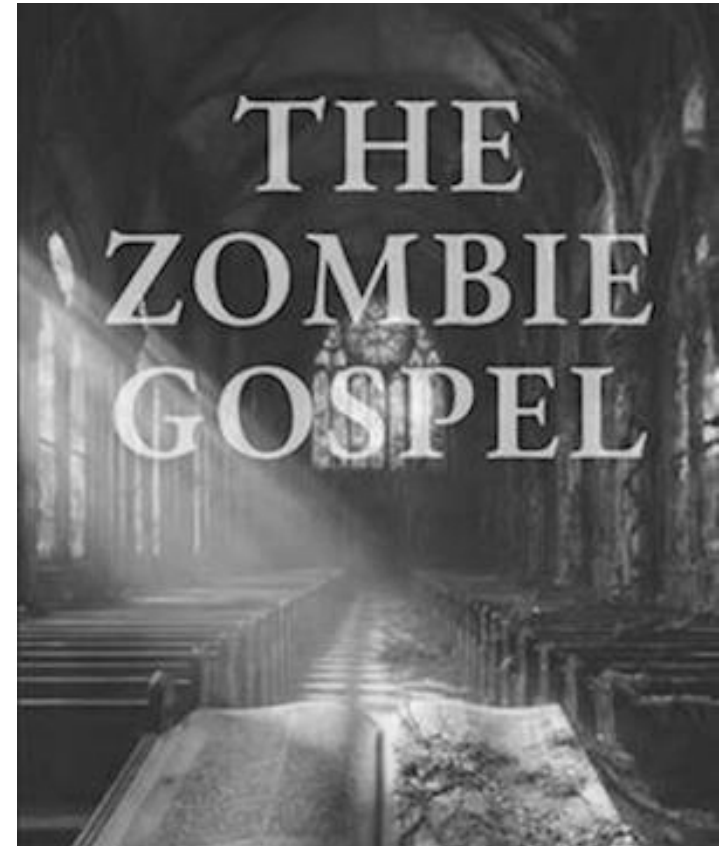
You know that feeling when you're driving and suddenly realize you don't remember the last five miles? It's easy to live chunks of our lives exactly like that just drifting on a sort of spiritual cruise control, hoping no one notices how tired or empty we actually feel inside.

We spend so much energy keeping up appearances and doing what's expected, but our hearts are just tired of the act.

But this morning is an invitation to drop the act. We don't have to stay stuck on autopilot, pretending we have it all together. God sees the exhaustion underneath, and He isn't looking to just patch up our tired routines.

He wants to breathe fresh, vibrant life right back into the places where we've gone numb, waking our souls up and making us truly alive again.

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