

Welcome

July 20, 2025

*“One Thing Necessary”
Luke 10:38-42*

“To allow oneself to be carried away by a multitude of conflicting concerns, to surrender to too many demands, to commit to too many projects, to want to help everyone in everything is itself to succumb to the violence of our times.”

--Thomas Merton, *Conjectures of a Guilty Bystander*

We Gather for Worship

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Prayers For wellness in our community. For Tom Post, Paulette Booker, Karoline Berg, the family of Joe Napolitano, Lois Wolfe, Robert Pierce, Mary Shelton. For those recovering from natural disasters, Ukraine, all refugees, all elected officials, peacekeepers, change agents, the ICC, and our fellowship community.

Prayer Shawl Ministry Prayer Shawl Ministry will meet on Thursday, July 24 at 2pm to knit, visit, and dedicate some new shawls.

Church Directory We are updating the Church Directory. We need everyone to please fill out an information card located on the table in the narthex.

The Lighting of the Peace Candle

Call to Worship:

One: In Christ the fullness of God was pleased to dwell.

Many: Through Christ God created everything there is.

One: Christ is before all things and holds everything together.

Many: Through Christ God reconciled all things to himself.

One: In Christ we find our beginning, our purpose, and our hope.

Many: Let us always be faithful to the gospel of Christ.

All: Amen!

--Adapted from Colossians 1:15-20

***Hymn: "O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing"**

1 O for a thousand tongues to sing
my great Redeemer's praise,
the glories of my God and King,
the triumphs of his grace.

2 My gracious Master and my God,
assist me to proclaim,
to spread through all the earth abroad
the honors of thy name.

3 Jesus, the name that charms our fears,
that bids our sorrows cease;
'tis music in the sinner's ears,
'tis life and health and peace.

4 He breaks the pow'r of reigning sin,
he sets the pris'ner free;
his blood can make the foulest clean,
his blood availed for me.

We Offer Our Prayer and Praise

Morning Psalm: 52

A Gift of Music: “How Great Thou Art” The Fellowship Choir

Hymn: “More Love to Thee, O Christ” (Red Hymnal, pp. 649)

1 More love to thee, O Christ,
more love to thee!
Hear thou the prayer I make
on bended knee;
this is my earnest plea,

Refrain:
more love, O Christ, to thee,
more love to thee,
more love to thee!

2 Once earthly joy I craved,
sought peace and rest;
now thee alone I seek;
give what is best:
this all my prayer shall be, [Refrain]

3 Let sorrow do its work,
send grief and pain;
sweet are thy messengers,
sweet their refrain,
when they can sing with me, [Refrain]

4 Then shall my latest breath
whisper thy praise;
this be the parting cry
my heart shall raise,
this still its prayer shall be, [Refrain]

Pastoral Prayer
The Prayers of the People
The Lord's Prayer

We Attend to the Word and Come to the Table

Sermon: **“One Thing Necessary”** Dr. Bill Ireland
 Luke 10:38-42

The Observance of Communion

***Hymn: “O Jesus, I Have Promised”** (Red Hymnal, p. 654)

1 O Jesus, I have promised to serve thee to the end;
be thou for ever near me, my Master and my Friend:
I shall not fear the battle if thou art by my side,
nor wander from the pathway if thou wilt be my guide.

2 O let me feel thee near me, the world is ever near;
I see the sights that dazzle, the tempting sounds I hear:
my foes are ever near me, around me and within;
but, Jesus, draw thou nearer, and shield my soul from sin.

3 O Jesus, thou hast promised to all who follow thee
that where thou art in glory there shall thy servant be;
and, Jesus, I have promised to serve thee to the end;
O give me grace to follow, my Master and my Friend.

***Benediction**

***The Irish Blessing**

May the road rise to meet you,

May the wind blow at your back.

May the sun shine warmly on your face,

May the rain fall softly on your field.

And until we meet again, Til' we meet again,

May God hold you in the palm of his hand.

Postlude