

Sunday, October 26, 2025

Welcome *Pastor Jeff will give announcements and welcome*

****Call to Worship** (*Liturgist parts are indicated in BOLD and ***)

****Good Morning, I am Barb Perry, and will be serving as Worship Leader today. Would you please stand as you are comfortable and able to join me in the responsive Call to Worship?**

****Leader: Lift up your eyes, seeking to know your God. Attune your spirit to the One in whom we dwell.**

People: God's love surrounds us here today. God calls us to be children of light.

****Leader: We belong to the day when we have faith. We live confidently in the hope of salvation.**

People: We seek to be faithful to the best we know. We want to invest the talents God gives us.

****Leader: Faithfulness gives us a sense of greater abundance. Doing justice adds to our sense of worth and dignity.**

People: We are here to build up one another. May our worship encourage each of us today.

****Will you join us in our opening song, "Love Devine, All Loves Excelling", hymn #384, and the words will be on the screen.**

****Would you join with me in our Opening Prayer?**

Fill us, gracious God, with a sense of your abiding presence. Awaken our spirits to realities unseen. Turn us from the dullness of our fear-filled grasping for security and help us to live with trust in you. Expand among us such mutual regard and encouragement as will build up community and lead all of us to live in the light. May faith and love

dominate all our relationships as we enter into the joy of serving in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

Children's Time

Community Notes

Prayers, the Lord's Prayer and Offering of Gifts

(Pastor Jeff will first do the prayers, Liturgist will read Invitation & pray)

****Invitation:** God asks us for an accounting of what we have done with the wealth entrusted to us. All that we have and all that we are belong to God. How do we manage our time, talent, and treasure? One goal of our discipleship is to joyfully give with gratitude.

****Will you pray with me?** O Spirit of Holiness, we offer an accounting of our stewardship in and beyond the offering of this day. Reshape our lives for joyous, responsive participation in work that builds up the body of Christ. Use what we offer here to bring encouragement and hope to many who have lost a sense of meaning for their lives. Bless us and our offerings. Amen.

Praise Song *"What Wondrous Love Is This"* -Praise Team

****Scripture Reading** John 3:16-17 NRSV

As this is a reading from the Gospel, please stand in body or spirit.

"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. "Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world but in order that the world might be saved through him.

****Scripture Reading** 1 John 4:13-19 NRSV

By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. And we have seen and do testify that the

Father has sent his Son as the Savior of the world. God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. So we have known and believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgment, because as he is, so are we in this world. There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. We love because he first loved us. This is the word of God for the people of God. Thanks be to God!

Message *“What Wondrous Love Is This?”* Pastor Jeff Williams

Closing Song *“And Can It Be”* Hymn #363

Blessing for the Week

Choral Benediction