

Sunday, August 24, 2025

Welcome *Pastor Jeff will give announcements and welcome*

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

****Good Morning, I am Chris Ritter, 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: Hear the choices God sets before us: life and prosperity or death and adversity.**

People: O God, you have searched us and known us. You know our thoughts and every move we make.

****Leader: Listen to the ordinances of our God; love God and walk in the way God commands.**

People: O God, we will listen for your words. We will seek to walk on the paths you intend.

****Leader: Happy are those who delight in God's law; blessed are all who meditate on God's Word.**

People: Wonderful are all your works, O God. We are your creation; we are in your hands.

****Will you join us in our opening song, "Sweet, Sweet Spirit", hymn #334, and the words will be on the screen.**

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

Like a skilled potter, O God, you have shaped each one of us as a unique design. You know us better than we know ourselves. You value us more highly than we can imagine. You weep when we are marred or broken through our own misdeeds or the world's cruelty.

- 2 **We gather now to assemble our prayers for one another and all the world's people in a chorus of devotion. Hear us, gracious God. 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: When we perceive all the good we may do for Jesus Christ, we are eager to share. Jesus welcomes into discipleship those willing to give up all their possessions. What we give today is a symbol of our fuller devotion of all we have and all we are toward the realization of God's reign among us.**

****Will you pray with me? Loving God, there is no way we can settle accounts with you. We have no way to repay you for all we have received from your hands. Yet we want to give our best to the work you call us to do through this community of seekers. We enter, with renewed commitment and confidence, the costly venture of spreading love through your world. Amen.**

Praise Song "Alleluia" -Praise Team

****Scripture Reading Leviticus 26:1-13 NRSV**

"You shall make for yourselves no idols and erect no carved images or pillars, and you shall not place figured stones in your land, to worship at them, for I am the Lord your God. You shall keep my Sabbaths and reverence my sanctuary: I am the Lord. "If you follow my statutes and keep my commandments and observe them faithfully, I will give you your rains in their season, and the land shall yield its produce, and the trees of the field shall yield their fruit. Your threshing shall overlap the vintage, and the vintage shall overlap the sowing; you shall eat your bread to the full and live securely in your land. And I will grant peace in the land, and you shall lie down, and no one shall make

you afraid; I will remove dangerous animals from the land, and no sword shall go through your land. You shall give chase to your enemies, and they shall fall before you by the sword. Five of you shall give chase to a hundred, and a hundred of you shall give chase to ten thousand; your enemies shall fall before you by the sword. I will look with favor upon you and make you fruitful and multiply you, and I will maintain my covenant with you. You shall eat old grain long stored, and you shall have to clear out the old to make way for the new. I will place my dwelling in your midst, and I shall not abhor you. I will be your God, and you shall be my people. I am the Lord your God who brought you out of the land of Egypt, to be their slaves no more; I have broken the bars of your yoke and made you walk erect. This is the word of God for the people of God. Thanks be to God!

Message “Shalom” Pastor Jeff Williams

Closing Song *“Savior, Again to Thy Dear Name”* Hymn #663

Blessing for the Week

Choral Benediction

Gathered by Love, pages 136 and 137