

Sunday, September 14, 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: Tell the whole congregation of God's people: This is a day for new beginnings.**

People: This is a time of God's appearing. This is the moment for faithful response.

****Leader: Praise God in the assembly of the faithful. Make melody to God and sing a new song.**

People: Praise God for life enriched by love. Praise God for love that fulfills God's law.

****Leader: This is the hour to wake from our sleep. The energy of God's love fills this place.**

People: Here we claim our identity as Christians. Here we become the church of Jesus Christ.

****Will you join us in our opening song, "I Will Sing of the Mercies", and "Thou Art Worthy"; the words will be on the screen.**

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

This is a festival day, glorious God, a day of remembering your faithfulness through the centuries, a time for celebrating your vibrant presence with us, a pause of anticipation for the seasons yet to be. We rejoice at the assurance that you take pleasure in us, that we are

known by you, called by you, empowered by you to live honorably and humbly, in the spirit of Christ. We would exalt your name and sing for joy, knowing that we can trust you for the guidance and direction we need. 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:** Our Hebrew ancestors offered the best of their flocks and crops to honor God. We bring symbols of our labor, dedicating them and ourselves to upholding the highest values of human life. May our offerings be a joyous expression of worship.

****Will you pray with me?** May these offerings help to free your people, O God, from bondage to sin. Unite us in a community of mutual caring in which differences are resolved as we listen to one another and seek to offer understanding. May the light of your love shine through all our efforts to share your good news. Keep us in the light when we are tempted to ignore and violate your commandments. With these prayers, we dedicate our gifts. Amen.

Praise Song *"Lord, Reign in Me"* -Praise Team

****Scripture Reading** Deuteronomy 6:1-9 NRSV

"Now this is the commandment—the statutes and the ordinances—that the Lord your God charged me to teach you to observe in the land that you are about to cross into and occupy, so that you and your children and your children's children may fear the Lord your God all the days of your life and keep all his decrees and his commandments that I am commanding you, so that your days may be long. Hear therefore, O Israel, and observe them diligently,

so that it may go well with you and so that you may multiply greatly in a land flowing with milk and honey, as the Lord, the God of your ancestors, has promised you. “Hear, O Israel: The Lord is our God, the Lord alone. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. Keep these words that I am commanding you today in your heart. Recite them to your children and talk about them when you are at home and when you are away, when you lie down and when you rise. Bind them as a sign on your hand, fix them as an emblem on your forehead, and write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.

****Scripture Reading Micah 6:8 NRSV**

He has told you, O mortal, what is good, and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice and to love kindness and to walk humbly with your God? This is the word of God for the people of God. Thanks be to God!

Message “Love” Pastor Jeff Williams

Closing Song “O Love That Will Not Let Me Go” Hymn #480

Blessing for the Week

Choral Benediction