

Worship Service for August 24, 2025

Welcome and Announcements ~

Jim Comar

Tuesday ~ The Uplift Cancer Support Group will meet at Linda Hulett's home at 2:30 pm.

Next Sunday ~ Rev. Dr. Theresa Taylor will be starting a new series of messages about being the church.

Looking Ahead ~ There will be a church business meeting here at church following the worship service on September 7, 2025 for the following purposes:

1. To vote on the proposed new governance for the church board known as the Church Leadership Council (CLC)
2. Discuss construction and temporary relocation plans,
3. To hear, discuss and act upon any other business proper to come before the congregation.

*Thank you to Debbie Hayes McGraw for the flowers
in loving memory of her parents, Dick and Nadine Hayes*



Word of Preparation ~

Jim Comar

Prelude ~ Please join in singing ***“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”*** (# 25 in the blue hymnal, v.1-3, 5) as we prepare our hearts for worship.

1. *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, who rules all creation
Oh my soul, worship the well-spring of health and salvation
All ye who hear, now to God's temple draw near
Join me in glad adoration*
2. *Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth
Who, as on wings of an eagle uplifted, sustaineth
Hast thou not seen? All that is needful hath been
Granted in what God ordaineth*
3. *Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work and defend thee
Surely God's goodness and mercy here daily attend thee
Ponder anew what the Almighty can do,
Who with great love doth befriend thee*
4. *Praise to the Lord! O let all of earth's peoples and races
all that hath life and breath, give thanks for manifold graces
Let the Amen sound from God's people again
Gladly forever sing praises*

Words ~ Joachim Neander, 1680; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1863

Music ~ Erneueten Gesangbuch, 1665

Call to Worship ~ selected verses from Psalm 145 (NLT).

Please join in reading the bold lines.

I will exalt you, my God and King,
and praise your name forever and ever.

I will meditate on your majestic, glorious splendor
and your wonderful miracles.

Everyone will share the story of your wonderful goodness;
they will sing with joy about your righteousness.

The Lord is close to all who call on him,
yes, to all who call on him in truth.

Song ~ a Medley of “Praise Him, Praise Him” & “Your Name”

*Praise Him! Praise Him! Jesus our blessed Redeemer
Sing, O earth, His wonderful love proclaim
Hail Him! Hail Him, highest archangels in glory!
Strength and honor give to His holy name
Like a shepherd Jesus will guard His children
In His arms He carries them all day long
Praise Him! Praise Him! Tell of His excellent greatness
Praise Him! Praise Him, ever in joyful song*

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*As morning dawns and evening fades, You inspire songs of praise
That rise from earth to touch Your heart and glorify Your Name*

Chorus

*Your Name is a strong and mighty tower
Your Name is a shelter like no other
Your Name, let the nations sing it louder
'Cause nothing has the power to save
But Your Name*

*Jesus in Your Name we pray. Come and fill our hearts today
Lord give us strength to live for You and glorify Your Name*

Chorus

Musical Interlude

Chorus x2

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Praying Together ~

**Our Father, Who Art in Heaven, Hallowed be Thy Name.
Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven
Give us this day our daily bread
and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil
For Thine is the Kingdom, and the power,
and the glory forever, Amen**

Song ~

“The Same Love”

*You choose the humble and raise them high
You choose the weak and make them strong
You heal our brokenness inside and give us life*

Chorus

*The same love that set the captives free
The same love that opened eyes to see is calling us all by name
You are calling us all by name
The same God that spread the heavens wide
The same God that was crucified is calling us all by name
You are calling us all by name*

*You take the faithless one aside and speak the words you are Mine
You call the cynic and the proud ~ Come to Me now*

Chorus

Bridge ~ *You're calling, You're calling, You're calling us to the cross
You're calling, You're calling, You're calling us to the cross*

Chorus

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Introducing the Sermon ~ Pastor Rebecca Sommons

Scripture Text ~ Acts 12:1-17 (NLT)

About that time King Herod Agrippa began to persecute some believers in the church.

² He had the apostle James (John's brother) killed with a sword.

³ When Herod saw how much this pleased the Jewish people, he also arrested Peter.

(This took place during the Passover celebration.)

⁴ Then he imprisoned him, placing him under the guard of four squads of four soldiers each.

Herod intended to bring Peter out for public trial after the Passover.

⁵ But while Peter was in prison, the church prayed very earnestly for him.

⁶ The night before Peter was to be placed on trial, he was asleep, fastened with two chains between two soldiers.

Others stood guard at the prison gate.

⁷ Suddenly, there was a bright light in the cell, and an angel of the Lord stood before Peter.

The angel struck him on the side to awaken him and said, "Quick! Get up!"

And the chains fell off his wrists.

⁸ Then the angel told him, "Get dressed and put on your sandals."

And he did. "Now put on your coat and follow me," the angel ordered.

⁹ So Peter left the cell, following the angel.

But all the time he thought it was a vision.

He didn't realize it was actually happening.

¹⁰ They passed the first and second guard posts and came to the iron gate leading to the city, and this opened for them all by itself.

So they passed through and started walking down the street, and then the angel suddenly left him.

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¹¹ Peter finally came to his senses.

"It's really true!" he said.

"The Lord has sent his angel and saved me from Herod and from what the Jewish leaders had planned to do to me!"

¹² When he realized this, he went to the home of Mary, the mother of John Mark, where many were gathered for prayer.

¹³ He knocked at the door in the gate, and a servant girl named Rhoda came to open it.

¹⁴ When she recognized Peter's voice, she was so overjoyed that, instead of opening the door, she ran back inside and told everyone,

"Peter is standing at the door!"

¹⁵ "You're out of your mind!" they said.

When she insisted, they decided, "It must be his angel."

¹⁶ Meanwhile, Peter continued knocking. When they finally opened the door and saw him, they were amazed.

¹⁷ He motioned for them to quiet down and told them how the Lord had led him out of prison. "Tell James and the other brothers what happened," he said.

And then he went to another place.

Sermon ~ "An Unexpected Ending" ~ Pastor Rebecca

Space for notes

Song ~

“The Goodness of God”

*I love You Lord. Oh Your mercy never fails me
All my days, I've been held in Your hands
From the moment that I wake up until I lay my head
I will sing of the goodness of God*

Chorus

***All my life You have been faithful
All my life You have been so, so good
With every breath that I am able
I will sing of the goodness of God***

*I love Your voice. You have led me through the fire
In darkest night, You are close like no other
I've known You as a father. I've known You as a friend
I have lived in the goodness of God*

Chorus

***Bridge ~ Your goodness is running after, It's running after me
Your goodness is running after, It's running after me
With my life laid down, I'm surrendered now. I give You everything
Your goodness is running after, It's running after me (Repeat Bridge)***

Chorus

I will sing of the goodness of God

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Benediction ~ Genesis 31:49 and Numbers 6:24-26

May the LORD keep an eye on us
while we are separated from each other.
The LORD bless you and keep you;
the LORD make his face shine on you and be gracious to you;
the LORD turn his face toward you and give you peace.