

ORDER OF WORSHIP

SEPTEMBER 21, 2025

Prelude "I Surrender All" *Emily Mathys, Instrumentalist*

Welcome *Linda Rinehart*

Please sign and pass the black pew pad.

Gathering "There's a Quiet Understanding" *Junior Choir*

*Call to Worship:

Leader: People of God—listen to the trumpet's call!

People: We come from near and far to kneel before the Holy One.

Leader: Children of God—listen to the voice of your Creator!

People: We return to God with open hearts and minds ready to be transformed.

Leader: Beloved of God—listen to the good news!

People: The Lord is merciful and kind, full of faithful love and ready to forgive.

ALL: Let us worship God!

*Hymn of Praise "I Want to Walk As a Child of the Light"
Hymn #377

Call to Confession *Linda Rinehart*

Prayer of Confession

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me. God of our life, through all the circling years You are with us. We praise You for Your presence, at our beginning and at our ending. You have made us creatures of time. We grow old, and we confess that we often fear that. We wonder if Your grace will indeed be sufficient for life's last chapter. We look with dismay at the possibility of failing health and resources. We are nervous that "final exams" are often the hardest. Increase our faith and give us confidence that Your love and faithfulness outlasts every human condition; in the Name of Jesus who is our only hope in life and in death. Amen.

Time of Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Response of Praise "Praise to God the Father"
Hymn #605

*Passing of the Peace

May the peace of Christ be with you.

And also, with you.

Children's Focus *The Atwoods*

1st Scripture Reading *Acts 18:1-11*

Anthem "A Child Like Me" *Junior Choir*

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2nd Scripture Reading *John 4:5-30*
 Sermon "Jesus Sees Her" *Rev. Marion R. Stenner*
 *Affirmation of Faith *On Screen*
 Service Prayer *Kathi Kinney*
 Pastoral Prayer (with the Lord's Prayer)

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.

Announcements

*Doxology "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"
Hymn #608

*Offertory Prayer

O Lord, keep us mindful that our gold, silver, and all our treasures are yours. You have entrusted the wealth of creation to our care and called us to your service. Guide our giving and use of the gifts we treasure, that your justice and ways may be made known in the world. We ask in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

*Closing Hymn "Will You Come and Follow Me"
Hymn #726

*Benediction "There's a Quiet Understanding" *Junior Choir*

Postlude "Holy Forever" *Emily Mathys, Instrumentalist*



IN OUR PRAYERS: Pam Archer, Sarah Bolden, Noah Cassion, Lori Disbennett,
 Rev. Donald Leckrone, Karl Leckrone, Gary and Elesa Thompson.

HOME BOUND: Wilma Miller, and Beverly Shearer.

IN A CARE FACILITY: Jean Bell and Evelyn Rutherford at Heritage; Vivian Lowe at Bluebird;
 and Bob Huffman at Prestige Gardens.