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“Worship God, Love One Another, Serve the World”



**August 17, 2025
8:25 a.m. Daymark Worship**

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Daymark Worship

GATHERING

Welcome and Announcements

First-time guests, please text "WELCOME" to (910) 460-9998

Prelude

"Sing Praises to God"

*Call to Worship

(inspired by Isaiah 5 and Ps. 80)

Long ago a vineyard was planted.

The ground was prepared, and all was made ready.

But the vines grew wild,

the ground was unable to support the wild grapes.

What happened in that place of promise?

People forgot the One who planted the vineyard.

They chose their own ways and failed.

Let us again turn to the Lord,

who will again plant, prune, and cause us to grow in faithfulness.

Let us open our hearts to God,

trusting in God's ways and God's word. Amen.

*Hymn

"Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee"

UMH #89

*Opening Prayer

O God, our hope and trust, you form us and know us, consecrate us and appoint us: to go and speak words of challenge and comfort; to pluck up and pull down selfishness and hatred; to destroy and overthrow systems of oppression and injustice; to build and to plant hope and peace. Fill us with your Spirit, and give us the words we need, for we are here in Jesus' name. Amen.

*Passing the Peace

Welcome! Please take the next 60 seconds and find someone you did not come to church with and greet them in Jesus' name!

PRAISE AND PROCLAMATION

Scripture Lesson

Hebrews 11:29-12:2

Mary Behan

*Apostles' Creed

UMH #881

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth;**

And in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord

who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,

born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,

was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he rose

from the dead; he ascended into heaven,

**and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.**

*Gloria Patri

UMH #71

SwanKids Worship

All kids are welcome to follow our staff for SwanKids Worship during the sermon.

Anthem

"Sing Unto the Lord"

arr. by Courtn

*Gospel Lesson

Luke 12:49-56

Sermon

Rev. Elias Ballew

RESPONSE

Congregational Sharing: Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer

Giving of our Tithes, Offerings, and Connection Cards

Offertory Song

"In Christ Alone"

Getty, Townend

*Doxology

UMH #94

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

SENDING

*Hymn

"God of Grace and God of Glory"

UMH #577

*Dismissal with Blessing

*Postlude

"Shalom to You"

UMH #666

**Shalom to you now, shalom my friends. May God's full mercies
bless you my friends. In all your living and through your loving,
Christ be your shalom, Christ be your shalom.**

** Please stand as you are able.*