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



August 31, 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 "Ode to Joy"

*Call to Worship *from Psalm 81*

Sing aloud to God our strength.

**We celebrate our God,
who provides stability in difficult times.**

Shout for joy to the God of Jacob.

**We praise our God,
who loves us more than we can imagine.**

Proclaim the grace and mercy of the God who says,

"I brought you up from the land of Egypt,
so that you would no longer be slaves."

**We praise our God, who gives us freedom to live,
to dance, to thrive in spacious places of rest and comfort.**

Listen to God and walk in the ways of Wisdom.

**We will hear the Words of Life as "honey from the rock"
that sustain us through our journey in this world.**

*We sing songs of joyful praise to God our strength,
to the God of Jacob, who grants us peace.*

*Hymn "Gather Us In" FWS #2236

*Opening Prayer

**Divine host of the heavenly banquet, open our hearts to your
invitation to partake in a festive meal with those who would not be
invited, those whom we would not invite, and those who could
never repay us. Nourish our souls with the Holy Spirit, that we
may extend your welcome to all corners of the earth. In your holy
name we pray, 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 13:1-8, 15-16 Jim Brewster

*Affirmation of Faith

UMH #883

We are not alone, we live in God's world.

**We believe in God: who has created and is creating,
who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh,
to reconcile and make new,
who works in us and others by the Spirit.**

We trust in God. We are called to be the church:

**to celebrate God's presence,
to love and serve others,
to seek justice and resist evil,
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,
our judge and our hope.**

In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us.

We are not alone. Thanks be to God. Amen.

*Gloria Patri UMH #71

SwanKids Worship

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

Anthem "Covenant Prayer" arr. by Locklear, Seate

*Gospel Lesson Luke 14:1, 7-14

Sermon Rev. Laura Thompson

RESPONSE

*Hymn of Response "Jesu, Jesu" UMH #432

Congregational Sharing: Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer

Giving of our Tithes, Offerings, and Connection Cards

Offertory Song "The Lord is My Shepherd"

*Doxology UMH #94

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

SENDING

*Hymn "Christ for the World We Sing" UMH #568

*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.*