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



September 21, 2025
8:25 a.m. Daymark Worship

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Daymark Worship

GATHERING

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude "Let It Be" Angie Cooper
& Debbie Rosser

*Call to Worship

Come, people of God—our hearts are heavy with the brokenness of the world.

Yet we gather in hope, for the Lord is our comfort and strength.

God calls us to faithfulness in all things—great and small.

We long to be trustworthy stewards of God's grace.

Lift up holy hands in prayer, in supplication, in thanksgiving.

We lift our hearts to the One who is worthy of our trust.

Come, let us worship the living God, who alone is our Savior and our Lord.

*Hymn "The God of Abraham Praise" UMH #116

*Opening Prayer

Merciful God,

You see the struggles of our hearts and the pain of our world.

You call us to faithfulness, to prayer, to lives shaped by your justice

and mercy. When we are tempted to trust in wealth, status, or

power—turn our eyes back to you. When our spirits are weary and our

souls lament, breathe your comfort upon us. Teach us to serve you

with integrity, to use all that we have for your glory, and to trust in the

riches of your grace, through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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

Old Testament Lesson Jeremiah 8:18-9:1 Joanne Scholl

Epistle Lesson 1 Timothy 2:1-7 Rev. Elias Ballew

*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 "Colors and Crossroads"

*Gospel Lesson Luke 16:1-13

Sermon Rev. Laura Thompson

RESPONSE

*Hymn of Response "For the Healing of the Nations" UMH #428

Congregational Sharing: Joys and Concerns

Call to Prayer "I Thought About You Lord"

Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer

Giving of our Tithes, Offerings, and Connection Cards

Offertory Song "Beautiful Altar of Prayer"

*Doxology UMH #94

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

SENDING

*Hymn "I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me" FWS #2153

*Dismissal with Blessing

*Postlude "Rule of Life" W&S 3117

Do all the good you can, by all the means you can, in all the ways you can,

In all the places you can. At all the times you can, to all the people you can,

As long as ever, you can.

** Please stand as you are able.*