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



October 19, 2025

8:30 a.m. Worship

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## 8:30 Worship

### GATHERING

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude "Unclouded Day" Windsong  
(Angie and Friends)

\*Call to Worship *Jer. 31; 2 Tim. 3; Luke 18*  
No matter how far from God we seem to be,  
we do not lose heart:  
**For the days are surely coming, says the Lord.**  
No matter how many obstacles we face in life, in the church,  
we do not lose heart:  
**For the days are surely coming, says the Lord.**  
No matter how hard it is to continually pray and work for justice,  
we do not lose heart:  
**For the days are surely coming, says the Lord,  
when I will forgive and restore my people;  
when I will equip them for every good work;  
and when I will grant justice,  
for I hear their cries day and night.**

\*Hymn "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling" UMH #384

\*Opening Prayer  
**God of justice and mercy,  
We thank you for the gift of the law and all the Scriptures. We  
thank you for establishing justice and for dealing with us not  
according to our faithfulness, but according to your mercy. Put  
your persistent Spirit within us so that we may work tirelessly, and  
cry out day and night, until your will is done in all the earth. We  
pray to you who helps us, in the name of your Son, our Lord, Jesus  
Christ. 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!*

Mission Moment

### PRAISE AND PROCLAMATION

Old Testament Lesson Jeremiah 31:27-34 David Johnson

Epistle Lesson 2 Timothy 3:14-4:5 Rev. Elias Ballew

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

Anthem "Golden Rails"

\*Gospel Lesson Luke 18:1-8

Sermon Rev. Laura Thompson

### RESPONSE

Congregational Sharing: Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer

Giving of our Tithes, Offerings, and Connection Cards

Offertory Song "I'd Rather Have Jesus"

\*Doxology UMH #94

\*Prayer of Thanksgiving

### SENDING

\*Hymn "Lord Whose Love Through Humble Service" UMH #581

\*Dismissal with Blessing

\*Postlude "Shalom to You" UMH #666  
Shalom to you now, Shalom my friend, May God's full mercies  
Bless you my friend. In all your living, and through your loving  
Christ be your shalom, Christ be your shalom.

*\* Please stand as you are able.*