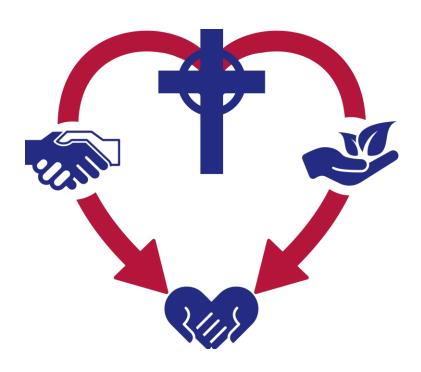
We are imperfect believers, passionate about sharing the love of Christ:

by Connecting, Growing, and Serving.



A Service of Worship for the Lord's Day Tenth Sunday after Pentecost August 17, 2025

Welcome! If you are visiting, please use the QR code on the visitor card found in the pew rack to share your information online or fill out the back of the card and drop it in the offering plate. Prayer cards, with the same options, are also available and we invite you to share your concerns and allow us to pray with you.



We Gather to Worship God

*Congregation stands as noted

Chiming of the Hour

Welcome and Announcements

Introit

Call to Worship (Daniel 7)

Leader: I saw one like a human being coming with the clouds of heaven.

People: And he came to the Ancient One and was presented before him.

Leader: To him was given dominion and glory and kingship, that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve him.

People: His dominion is an everlasting dominion that shall not pass away, and his kingship is one that shall never be destroyed. Amen.

Invocation

*Opening Hymn #771

"What Is the World Like"

We Acknowledge Our Brokenness and Seek Reconciliation with God

Preparing Our Hearts for Confession - "Confession" Words/Music by Kenneth Jones (front cover of hymnal)

Lord, I come before you, asking your forgiveness. I am broken, I have faltered. I have turned from you. Create in me a new heart. Fill me with your love. Grant that I receive your grace, I pray.

Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Amen.

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

God of truth and love, you reveal yourself to us through your Spirit, in water, in bread and cup, and through our scriptures. Though you invite us into your story, we so often think it is our story alone. Though you speak to us your instructions for righteousness, we too often use your Law as a weapon against one another. Though you call us to lives of righteousness through the words of the prophets, we are too often deaf to your cries for justice and peace. Though you reveal your heart through the writings of the faithful, we ignore the cries of wisdom. Though we hear your good news, we do not trust it to be good. May we, like trees planted by streams of water, be deeply rooted in the word and wisdom you have revealed to us. Amen.

Time of Silent Reflection and Personal Prayer of Confession

Leader: And all the people of Christ say,

People: Amen.

*Assurance of Pardon (Ezekial 36)

Leader: This is that the Sovereign LORD says, "I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit in you; I will remove from you your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh". Friends, believe the Good news of the Gospel, in Jesus the Christ we have been redeemed!

People: Thanks be to God!

*Thanks for God's Forgiveness (#647; no repeats)

Give thanks with a grateful heart; give thanks to the Holy One; give thanks because we're given Jesus Christ, the Son. And now let the weak say, "We are strong"; let the poor say, "We are rich because of what the Lord has done for us!" Give Thanks! Give Thanks!

*Passing of the Peace

Leader: Grace to you, and peace from God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. The peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

*Transition Hymn #646

"Sing Out My Soul"

We Respond to God's Faithfulness in Our Life

Offering Our Lives to Jesus through Our Time, Gifts, and Resources (see the 'Giving' card in the pew rack for information about options for digital giving)

*Doxology (#606)

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God all creatures here below; Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

God's Word Is Read and Proclaimed

Time for Young Disciples

(Children are dismissed at this time for Children's Church and Bible Builds)

Special Music "Revelation Song"

by Kari Jobe

AJ Ochart

Scripture Reading Revelation 12:1-17

Leader: This is the word of God for the people of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

Proclamation of God's Word Rev. AJ Ochart

"Apocalyptic"

Responding to God's Word

Remembrance of Baptism

Lord's Prayer

Our Father who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kin(g)dom 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 kin(g)dom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Sending Out Into the World

*Sending Hymn #749

"Come! Live in the Light!"

*Charge and Blessing

*Congregational Benediction #543 (v.5)

"O Christ, Surround Me"

*Postlude

Thank you for choosing to worship with us today. We hope you were blessed so you can go and be a witness to Christ's love in the world. May your spirits be renewed for the days ahead.



Rev. AJ Ochart, Pastor Kenneth Jones, Director of Music Shannon Bryan, Accompanist Kellen Jones, Lay Leader

