



August 10, 2025

Ordinary Time

GATHERING IN THE LORD'S PRESENCE

Boldface = All speak

❖ = All who are able, please stand.

PRELUDE..... "Steal Away to Jesus" *Spiritual, Arr. by James Pethel*
"Didn't My Lord Deliver Daniel?" *Spiritual, Arr. by James Pethel*

WELCOME

GATHERING SONG "Open the Eyes of My Heart" **#452**
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❖ **CALL TO WORSHIP**

God has delivered our souls from death.

In God our hearts are glad!

God has fashioned all our hearts.

In God our hearts are glad!

God is our help and shield.

In God our hearts are glad!

Let us worship the one in whom we trust.

Let us worship the one in whom we hope!

❖ **HYMN** "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah" **#65**
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❖ **CALL TO CONFESSION AND PRAYER**

**God of the ages, God of the old, old story, we hear of our
ancestors and are astounded by their faith. They trusted you,
but we waver. They believed your promise, but we cling to our
own ideas. (a time for silent confession) Gracious God, forgive us
and free us from our fear, that we may follow with joy
wherever you may lead, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

❖ **ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE**

❖ **AFFIRMING THE PEACE AMONG US**

The peace of Christ be with you!

And also with you!

The children may go back to Sunday School at this time.

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HEARING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

God, your Word directs every step we take. Help us listen closely to your Word as it is read and preached today, so we may understand your message and follow your will. Amen.

SCRIPTURE..... Hebrews 11:1-3 and 8-16, pg. 1715
Holy Wisdom, Holy Word. Thanks be to God.

MESSAGEThe Rev. Sara K. Snowden

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

❖**HYMN** "We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight" **#817**
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❖**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (*from A Brief Statement of Faith*)

We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father. In sovereign love God created the world good and makes everyone equally in God's image, male and female, of every race and people, to live as one community. But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator. Ignoring God's commandments, we violate the image of God in others and ourselves, accept lies as truth, exploit neighbor and nature, and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care. We deserve God's condemnation. Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation. In everlasting love, the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people to bless all families of the earth. Hearing their cry, God delivered the children of Israel from the house of bondage. Loving us still, God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant. Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child, like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home, God is faithful still.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER (*p. 35 in the hymnal*)

OFFERING AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION

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GOING FORTH TO SERVE

OPPORTUNITIES TO CONNECT & SERVE

MINUTE FOR MISSION: Outreach Community Center

❖ **HYMN** "Go, My Children, with My Blessing" **#547**
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❖ **SENDING FORTH**

POSTLUDE..... "Get on Board, Little Children" *Spiritual, Arr. by James Pethel*

Pastor: The Rev. Sara K. Snowden

Lector: Chip Snowden

Greeter: Sue Cory

Worship Pianist: Amy Dickman

Offering Counters: Darly Doyle & Duncan Cory

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Faith

CONFIDENCE IN WHAT WE HOPE FOR AND
ASSURANCE ABOUT WHAT WE DO NOT SEE.
HEBREWS 11:1