

Throughout the Church...

Fall Kickoff - TODAY
Bible Study - Wednesday @ 10:30am
Elder's Meeting - Next Sunday



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church office if you are wanting
to use the church building.
Thank you!*

We are an open and affirming congregation that celebrates all people as sacred creations of a loving God. We embrace the fullness of human diversity - across orientations, identities, experiences, and backgrounds - and seek to follow Christ by offering love, compassion, and acceptance to all. In that spirit, we welcome everyone to participate fully in the life, leadership, and ministry of our church.

September's Theme:



Throughout September, we turn our attention to Stewarding God's Love, considering what it means to faithfully care for all that God has entrusted to us. Stewardship is about more than preserving what we have or simply meeting the needs of the church; it is about recognizing that our time, resources, gifts, and generosity can become part of what God is doing in the world. From a few loaves and fishes becoming enough for thousands, to the challenge of investing rather than burying what we have been given, we will explore a faith that trusts God enough to put our resources to work. On Commitment Sunday, Rev. Dr. Nadine Burton will help us consider The Cost of Compassion and the ways generosity can extend beyond the present moment into generations yet to come. Together, we will ask not simply what we have been given, but what God might make possible when we offer it faithfully.

**WE CREATE BECAUSE
GOD FIRST CREATED**



August 30, 2026
10:30am

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Today's Meditation

Every morning you wake up to something that in all eternity never was before and never will be again. And the you that wakes up was never the same before and will never be the same again either.

-Frederick Buechner

†Please Stand If You Are Able

Fellowship of the Church

Music for Meditation
Morning Has Broken - Hayes/Wagner

†Call to Worship
One: Let us praise God, maker of heaven and earth.
Many: Let us praise the One who has filled the earth with blessings and bounty.
One: Let us sing to the Creator who has filled our lives with joy and purpose.
Many: Sorrows may befall us.
One: Troubles will besiege us, from time to time.
Many: The prophets of the Lord keep complicating our comforts.
All: Yet, we live sustained by God's unbreakable love. Amen.

†Opening Hymn CH #651
God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens

†Opening Prayer
Leader: Let us pray together:
All: Creator God, It is in the rhythms of the world that we hear your pulse, your breath, your footsteps. We gather in this sanctuary not to contain you, but as a reminder that creation is the grandest sanctuary of all. We thank you for the rich environment you created, for the part of us that is made in your image, and for your Spirit which helps guide our return to you. We pray these praises whole-heartedly, as we remember the prayer Jesus taught us to pray, saying: Our Father/Creator...

†Vision Response CH #357
We Call Ourselves Disciples - words on screen

Children's Message Rev. Mason Fitch

Special Music Vocal Quartet
I Will Sing - Phil Barfoot & Cliff Duren

Tithes & Offerings

†Doxology #46

Scripture Reading Psalm 104:10-24, 31-34
The Word of God, for the people of God, thanks be to God.

Sermon Rev. Adam Bradley
We Create Because God First Created

†Hymn of Invitation CH #62
Creator God, Creating Still

A Time of Prayer
Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

The Lord's Supper
Invitation to Christ's Table
All: Here we celebrate that all people are welcome at this table of God's grace.
Communion Hymn CH #426
The Voice of Jesus Calls His People
Elder Meditation & Blessing
Words of Institution

†Congregational Response CH #668
For the Healing of the Nations vs 4

†Benediction

Postlude
Sing Praise to God - arr. Broughton



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Serving in Worship Today

Elders	Kathleen Wheeler Frank Wheeler
Deacons	Chancel Head Geraldine Runkle Laura Buckley Dan Cox Natalie Woods
Lay Reader Acolyte Tech	Larry Weber Natalie Woods Cindy Bridges Debra Kreps Connie Sinn Dave Sinn
Greeters	
Counters	Mike & Laura Buckley

Sunday School

Adult Classes	
The Open Table	Frank Wheeler
Responders Class	Becky Sisk
Youth Classes	
Friends with Jesus (Pre-k)	Jenny Tripses
Growing Disciples (1st-5th)	Kathleen Wheeler

Staff

Rev. Adam Bradley	Lead Pastor
Rev. Mason Fitch	Associate Pastor
Heather Woods	Music Ministry Coordinator
Brian Woods	Organist
Brandy Ganschow	Child Care
Dianna Julien	Office Administrator
Donnie Smith	Custodian