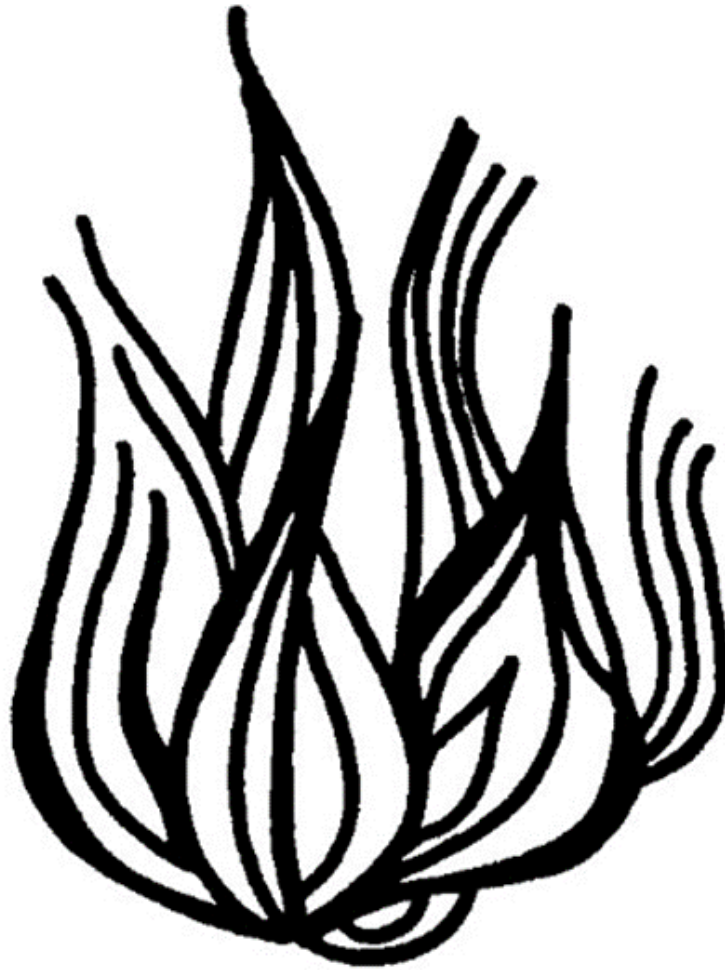




“Why do you not know how to interpret the present time?”

- Luke 12:56

August 17, 2025

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**SUNDAY WORSHIP HOURS
8:30 & 10:00 a.m. and 5:30 p.m.**

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OUR CHURCH AT WORSHIP

August 17, 2025

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*As we gather we hope you will visit quietly with friends.
Please silence cell phones.*

**Standing - if comfortable*

PRELUDE “Adagio for Strings” – Samuel Barber Rachel J. Choe

*CALL TO WORSHIP (adapted from Psalm 80)

Leader: Faithful Shepherd, listen to our cries.

People: Stir up your might and come to save us!

Leader: Look upon us, and see our needs.

People: Give us life, and we will call upon your name.

*HYMN “How Firm a Foundation” vs 1, 2 & 4 #529

**How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,
Is laid for your faith in his excellent word!
What more can he say than to you he hath said,
To you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?**

**“Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dismayed,
For I am thy God and will still give thee aid;
I’ll strengthen and help thee, and cause thee to stand
Upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.”**

**“When through fiery trials thy pathways shall lie,
My grace, all sufficient, shall be thy supply;
The flame shall not hurt thee; I only design
Thy dross to consume, and thy gold to refine.”**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND RENEWAL

**Unison: Gracious God, you have cared for us tenderly, and yet sometimes we wander
away from your love. We deviate from your guidance and neglect your word. Thank
you for continuing your efforts to wake us up. We want to walk in the way that
leads to life. We need your help to keep us on the right path. Amen.**

SILENT PRAYER

WORDS OF ASSURANCE John Fitzgerald

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE #585

**This little light of mine, I’m goin’ a let it shine,
This little light of mine, I’m goin’ a let it shine;
This little light of mine, I’m goin’ a let it shine,
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.**

THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

*Welcome pads are at the seats closest to the center aisle. Please share your name and
any helpful information and pass down the row. Afterward please return to the aisle seat.*

THE WORD FOR CHILDREN

*The children are invited to gather in front of the steps for a brief sermon and prayer.
Afterward, they may leave for Sunday School or stay for the rest of the service.*

ANTHEM *“There Is a Balm in Gilead”* – arr. Mark Hayes Rachel J. Choe
Soloist DeForest Kirkwood

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION Kathy Platnick

THE LORD’S PRAYER

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil,
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

OFFERING OUR GIFTS AND OURSELVES

OFFERTORY Rachel J. Choe

*DOXOLOGY #95

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

SCRIPTURE

Luke 12:49-56 Jesus speaks of his fiery purpose John Fitzgerald
Pg. 92, New Testament

SERMON *“Urgent Care”* April Herron

*HYMN *“God of Love and God of Power”* vs 1, 2 & 4 #578

**God of love and God of power, grant us in this burning hour
Grace to ask these gifts of thee, daring hearts and spirits free.
God of love and God of power, thou hast called us for this hour.**

**We are not the first to be banished by our fears from thee;
Give us courage, let us hear heaven’s trumpets ringing clear.
God of love and God of power, thou hast called us for this hour.**

**God of love and God of power, make us worthy of this hour;
Offering lives if it’s thy will, keeping free our spirits still.
God of love and God of power, thou hast called us for this hour.**

*BENEDICTION AND CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

**God be with you till we meet again, by his counsels guide, uphold you,
With his sheep securely fold you. God be with you till we meet again.**

POSTLUDE *“Toccata”* from Suite Gothique – Léon Boëllmann Rachel J. Choe

New to the Church?

We are grateful that we can worship together. Please use our digital welcome pad by opening the QR code. Thank you!



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Charles Dickerson, III, Music Director
Paula Kuno, 3rd Service Music
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