

UKAMA SUNDAY II: WORSHIP with  
FOCUS on UKAMA & CHIKANGA CHURCH  
May 18, 2025 ~ 10:30am

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**Mission Statement:** As a community of faith, we welcome all who seek understanding. • As a community of hope, we offer friendship and comfort to those in need. • As a community of love, we provide caring support and shared fellowship to all

WE ARE A COMMUNITY CHURCH. OUR FRIENDS, NEIGHBORS AND MEMBERS COME FROM MANY PLACES AND MULTIPLE FAITH TRADITIONS. EVERYONE IS WELCOME TO FIND A SPIRITUAL SANCTUARY HERE.

PRELUDE *Sharon Novak*

— PASSING the PEACE & ANNOUNCEMENTS —

— WELCOME —

CENTERING MUSIC *Sharon Novak*

CALL to WORSHIP *Adapted from Janet Morley's  
Bread for Tomorrow (Africa)*

One: Holy One, enlarge my heart,  
People: *That it may be big enough to receive  
the greatness of your love.*

One: O Holy One, stretch my heart,  
People: *That it may take into it all those,  
who with me around the world, believe.*

One: Then stretch it again  
People: *That it may take into it all those who  
do not know Christ, but who are  
my brothers and sisters, because I know your Love.*

One: And stretch it still,  
People: *That it may take in all those who are not lovely  
in my eyes and all those hands I do not want to touch.*

All: *Enlarge my heart, O God. Amen.*

SONG #366 *Walking in the Light of God* *Sharon Novak*

— PRAYING —

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & MOMENT OF SILENCE  
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 sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, the power, and glory forever. *Amen.*

— REFLECTING —

READING *Psalms 118:21-23 & Isaiah 28:16-17  
Acts 4:10 & 1 Peter 2:4-5*

REFLECTION *Plumbing & Cornerstones* *Rev. Gail Doktor*

SONG #353 *Called as Partners* *Sharon Novak*

OFFERING

DOXOLOGY *Sharon Novak*

PRAYER of DEDICATION *Prayer from Zimbabwe*

God of All Good, our gifts we bring to you. May they be multiplied and blessed, as the fish and the loaves were. Little though our offering is, but meaningful in love, may it be. May they be received as tokens of our love. *Amen.*

— CLOSING —

BENEDICTION *Sharon Novak*

*May the love of God live in us today, May the love of God live in us today.*

*May the warmth we feel within us show in all we do and say.*

*May the love of God live in us today.*

*May the peace of God be with us today,*

*May the peace of God be with us today.*

*May it guide us and protect us, as we go our separate ways.*

*May the peace of God be with us, May the love of God live in us,*

*May the love of God shine through us today.*

POSTLUDE *Sharon Novak*

**PRAYERS for PEOPLE:** *Focus this week:* Ann C., Bilo, Bob G., Bunny C & Bob C., Cindi, Dave & Beth, Dave, Deb L & John L., Irene, Jack, Kailee, Karen, Kilmar, Larry, Linda, Nancy, Rob, Ruth, Sascha & her family, Steve, Tom, Tyler, Val.

*Continuing:* Alice, Annie, Alexis, Arden, Barbara, Bob, Bruce, Cal, Cameron, Carl, Corey, Dean, David, Dawson S., Deb W., Don, Ed, Emmie, George, Karen, Kevin, Jan, Jean, Jim H., Joe, Joan, John, John H., Joyce, Jonathan, Judy, Karen, Kim, Kathy, Ian, Laurie, Marcia, Matteo, Maureen, Mary, Meg, Michelle, Parker, Petros, Phaedra, Robert G., Sally, Sarah, Spencer Elizabeth, Tom, Tony, Rob, Robert, Val, Wayne, Lori's niece & nephew, Dawson W.'s sister.

**PRAYERS for PLACES:** For climate-related occurrences around the world. For places affected by natural disasters: earthquakes, floods, fires, droughts, famine, eruptions, storms and other phenomena. For places struggling with conflict, systemic oppression, or violence. For places with which we have partnership, including Chikanga Church in Mutare, Zimbabwe and communities in Honduras.

**Psalm 118:21-23** — I will give you thanks, for you answered me; you have become my salvation. The stone the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; the Lord has done this, and it is marvelous in our eyes.

**Isaiah 28:16-17** — So this is what the Sovereign Lord says: “See, I lay a stone in Zion, a tested stone, a precious cornerstone for a sure foundation; the one who relies on it will never be stricken with panic. I will make justice the measuring line and righteousness the plumb line.”

**Acts 4:10** — Jesus is ‘the stone you builders rejected, which has become the cornerstone.’

**1 Peter 2:4-5** — As you come to him, the living Stone—rejected by humans but chosen by God and precious to him—you also, like living stones, are being built into a spiritual house.

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*celebrating partnership with  
Chikanga Church, Mutare, Zimbabwe*

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