

SUNDAY WORSHIP

July 12, 2026 ~ 10:30am

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.

— ANNOUNCEMENTS & WELCOME —

CENTERING MUSIC

Sharon Novak

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Amazing Grace, How sweet the sound,

People: **That saved a wretch like me!**

One: I once was lost,

People: **But now am found;**

One: Was blind,

All: ***But now I see.***

*SONG #57

I Sing

the Mighty Power 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.*

*SONG

Day by Day

Sharon Novak

(Godspell)

Day by day, Day by day

Oh Dear Lord, Three things I pray

To see thee more clearly

Love thee more dearly

Follow thee more nearly

Day by day, Day by day, Day by day

— REFLECTING —

SCRIPTURE

Acts 8:1-3, 9:1-22

MESSAGE

VISIONS & VISITORS

Rev Gail Doktor

*SONG #445

Be Thou My Vision

Sharon Novak

— OFFERING —

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Deacons

*SONG 44

Doxology

Sharon Novak

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

— CLOSING —

SONG

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.

BENEDICTION

Rev Gail Doktor

PRAYERS

For PEOPLE: Alex A., Alexis, Allison, Ana, Annie, Ariana, Ashley family, Bette D., Bill M., Bob C., Bob G., Brianna & baby Addie, 'Doc' G. & Cindi G., Cindy K., Corky, Deb L., Hannah, Huntley, Jenn, Jess, Joanne's parents, Kailee, Karen, Kate & Rusty, Larry, Liberty, Mary, baby Miles, Mike, Nancy, Nat & baby June, baby Noelle, Rob, Ruth, Sascha, Steve, Sue D., Tom, and baby Quinn N. For those serving as first responders, for those serving on the front lines of public health and safety, for those deployed and on active military duty. For our leaders. For those grieving. Our adversaries and enemies.

For PLACES: For Chikanga Church in Mutare, Zimbabwe and communities in Honduras. For hurting places in the world, wounded by natural disasters or human-made causes and conflicts.

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ACTS 8:1-3 — Saul Ravages the Church

And Saul approved of his execution. And there arose on that day a great persecution against the church in Jerusalem, and they were all scattered throughout the regions of Judea and Samaria, except the apostles. Devout men buried Stephen and made great lamentation over him. But Saul was ravaging the church, and entering house after house, he dragged off men and women and committed them to prison.

ACTS 9:1-22 — The Conversion of Saul

But Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any belonging to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. Now as he went on his way, he approached Damascus, and suddenly a light from heaven shone around him. And falling to the ground, he heard a voice saying to him, "*Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me?*"

And he said, "*Who are you, Lord?*"

And he said, "*I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. But rise and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do.*"

The men who were traveling with him stood speechless, hearing the voice but seeing no one. Saul rose from the ground, and although his eyes were opened, he saw nothing. So they led him by the hand and brought him into Damascus. And for three days he was without sight, and neither ate nor drank.

Now there was a disciple at Damascus named Ananias. The Lord said to him in a vision, "*Ananias.*"

And he said, "*Here I am, Lord.*"

And the Lord said to him, "*Rise and go to the street called Straight, and at the house of Judas look for a man of Tarsus*

Scripture pg. 2

named Saul, for behold, he is praying, and he has seen in a vision a man named Ananias come in and lay his hands on him so that he might regain his sight."

But Ananias answered, "*Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much evil he has done to your saints at Jerusalem. And here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who call on your name.*"

But the Lord said to him, "*Go, for he is a chosen instrument of mine to carry my name before the Gentiles and kings and the children of Israel. For I will show him how much he must suffer for the sake of my name.*"

So Ananias departed and entered the house. And laying his hands on him he said, "*Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus who appeared to you on the road by which you came has sent me so that you may regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit.*"

And immediately something like scales fell from his eyes, and he regained his sight. Then he rose and was baptized; and taking food, he was strengthened.

Saul Proclaims Jesus in Synagogues

For some days he was with the disciples at Damascus. And immediately he proclaimed Jesus in the synagogues, saying, "*He is the Son of God.*"

And all who heard him were amazed and said, "*Is not this the man who made havoc in Jerusalem of those who called upon this name? And has he not come here for this purpose, to bring them bound before the chief priests?*"

But Saul increased all the more in strength, and confounded the Jews who lived in Damascus by proving that Jesus was the Christ.