

SUNDAY WORSHIP

September 6, 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

by Beth Merrill Neel

One: God has set this day before us,

People: *A day set apart, a day of rest and praise.*

One: God has set our lives before us,

People: *A span of years in which we love, and learn, and serve.*

One: God has set God's seal upon our hearts,

People: *So that we might live fully in deep love.*

All: *Let us worship God.*

*SONG #258

Morning Has Broken

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 —

SCRIPTURE

Acts & Letters (excerpts)

MESSAGE

GUIDES & GIFTS

Rev. Gail Doktor

*SONG #386

One in the Spirit

Sharon Novak

— COMMUNION —

WELCOME to TABLE & BLESSING of ELEMENTS

PRAYER of CONFESSION ^(unison) — Most merciful God, we confess that we do not always live as the people you call us to be. We have sinned against you and against one another in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us back into your ways of mercy, justice, and peace. Free us to live more fully in your grace, that we may love more courageously and serve more faithfully. *Amen.*

ASSURANCE of PARDON

Rev Gail Doktor

THE SURSUM CORDA and SANCTUS

One: God be with you.

People: *And also with you.*

One: Lift up your hearts.

People: *We lift them to the skies.*

One: Let us give thanks to God Most High.

People: *It is right to give thanks and praise.*

One: It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto you, everlasting God. Therefore, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify your glorious name, evermore praising you, and singing.

THE SURSUM CORDA and SANCTUS cont'd.

*All: Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty,
Early in the morning, our song shall rise to thee;
Holy, holy, holy, Merciful and mighty,
God in three persons, blessed Trinity. — Nicaea 351*

THE SHARING OF BREAD AND CUP

STATEMENT OF THANKSGIVING

One: We are not alone, God made us.

People: We are not alone; we have each other.

One: Can anything separate us from the love of Christ?

People: Can trouble, pain, or persecution?

One: No. In all these things we win an overwhelming victory through the one whose love for us has been proven.

All: Neither death, nor life, neither messenger of heaven nor ruler on earth, neither what happens today nor what may happen tomorrow, neither power from on high nor power from below, nor anything else has power to separate us from the love of God! Thanks be to God! Amen!

**SONG #311 Let Us Break Bread Sharon Novak*

— OFFERING —

**SONG #44 Doxology Sharon Novak*

DEDICATION

— CLOSING —

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.

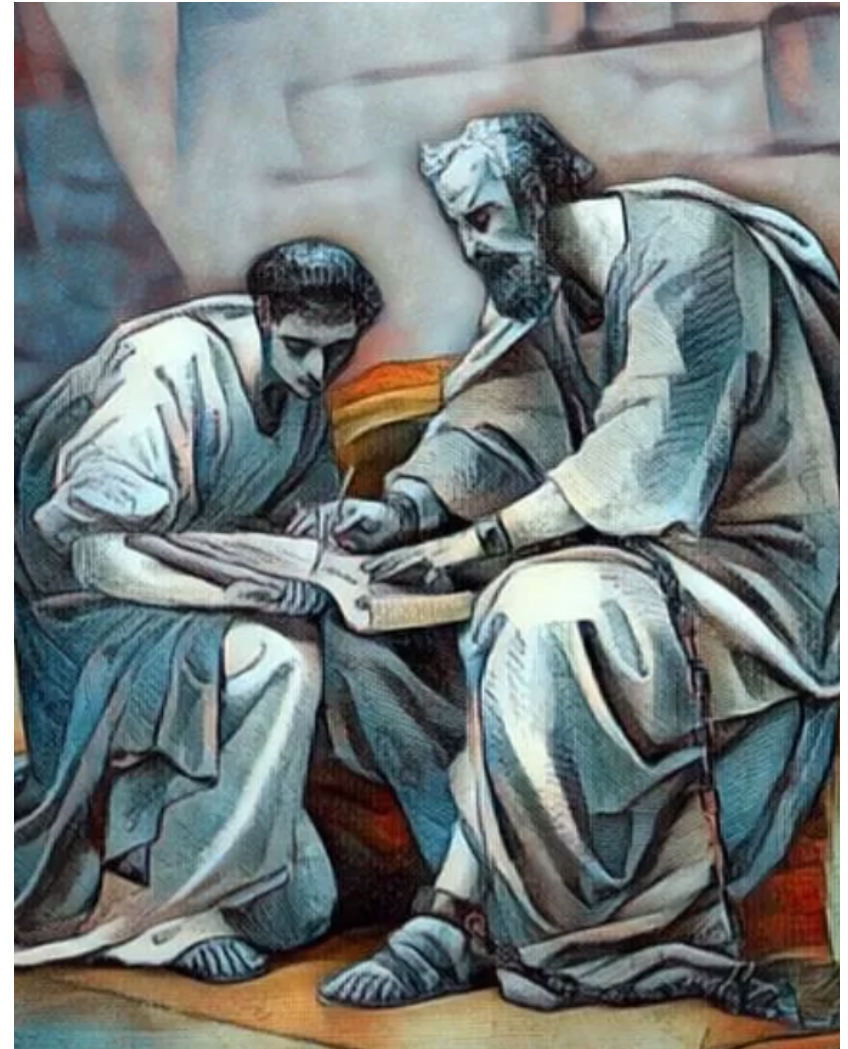
May it guide us and protect us, as we go our separate ways.

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.

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ACTS 16:1-5—Timothy Joins Paul and Silas

Paul went on also to Derbe and to Lystra, where there was a disciple named Timothy, the son of a Jewish woman who was a believer, but his father was a Greek. ² He was well spoken of by the brothers and sisters in Lystra and Iconium. ³ Paul wanted Timothy to accompany him, and he took him and had him circumcised because of the Jews who were in those places, for they all knew that his father was a Greek. ⁴ As they went from town to town, they delivered to them for observance the decisions that had been reached by the apostles and elders who were in Jerusalem.

ACTS 17:10-12, 14-15—Paul and Silas in Beroea

¹⁴ Then the brothers and sisters immediately sent Paul away to the coast, but Silas and Timothy remained behind. ¹⁵ Those who conducted Paul brought him as far as Athens, and, after receiving instructions to have Silas and Timothy join him as soon as possible, they left him.

ACTS 18:5—Paul in Corinth

After this Paul left Athens and went to Corinth... ⁵ When Silas and Timothy arrived from Macedonia, Paul was occupied with proclaiming the word, testifying to the Jews that the Messiah was Jesus.

ACTS 19:22—So he sent two of his helpers, Timothy and Erastus, to Macedonia, while he himself stayed for some time longer in Asia.

ACTS 20:3-5—³ He was about to set sail for Syria when a plot was made against him ... so he decided to return through Macedonia. ⁴ He was accompanied by Sopater son of Pyrrhus from Beroea, by Aristarchus and Secundus from Thessalonica, by Gaius from Derbe, and by Timothy, as well as by Tychicus and Trophimus from Asia.

1 CORINTHIANS 4:16-18—¹⁶ I appeal to you, then, be imitators of me. ¹⁷ For this reason I sent you Timothy, who is my beloved and trustworthy child in the Lord, to remind you of my ways in Christ Jesus, as I teach them everywhere in every church.

1 CORINTHIANS 16:10-11—¹⁰ If Timothy comes, see that he has nothing to fear among you, for he is doing the work of the Lord just as I am; ¹¹ therefore let no one despise him. Send him on his way in peace, so that he may come to me, for I am expecting him with the brothers and sisters.

2 CORINTHIANS 1:1, 19—Salutation. Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Timothy our brother, To the church of God that is in Corinth, together with all the saints throughout Achaia... For the Son of God, Jesus Christ, whom we proclaimed among you, Silvanus and Timothy and I, was not “Yes and No,” but in him it has always been “Yes.”

PHILIPPIANS 1:1—Salutation. Paul and Timothy, servants of Christ Jesus, To all the saints in Christ Jesus who are in Philippi, with the bishops and deacons...

PHILIPPIANS 2:19, 22—Timothy and Epaphroditus, I hope in the Lord Jesus to send Timothy to you soon, so that I, too, may be consoled by news of you... But Timothy’s worth you know, how like a son with a father he has served with me in the work of the gospel.

COLOSSIANS 1:1-3—Salutation. Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Timothy our brother, ² To the saints and faithful brothers and sisters in Christ in Colossae: Grace to you and peace from God our Father.

1 THESSALONIANS 1:1—Salutation. Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy, To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace to you and peace.

1 THESSALONIANS 3:1-3, 6-7— Therefore when we could bear it no longer, we decided to be left alone in Athens ²and sent Timothy, our brother and God's coworker in the gospel of Christ, to strengthen and encourage you for the sake of your faith...

Timothy's Encouraging Report—⁶But Timothy has just now come to us from you and has brought us the good news of your faith and love. He has told us also that you always remember us kindly and long to see us, just as we long to see you. ⁷For this reason, brothers and sisters, during all our distress and persecution we have been encouraged about you through your faith.

2 THESSALONIANS 1:1-3—Salutation. Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy, To the church of the Thessalonians in God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: ²Grace to you and peace from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

PHILEMON 1:1—Salutation. Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and **Timothy** our brother, To our beloved coworker Philemon, ²to our sister Apphia, to our fellow soldier Archippus, and to the church in your house: ³Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

HEBREWS 13:22-24—Final Exhortation and Greetings

²²I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, bear with my word of exhortation, for I have written to you briefly. ²³I want you to know that our brother Timothy has been set free, and if he comes in time he will be with me when I see you. ²⁴Greet all your leaders and all the saints. Those from Italy send you greetings.

For PEOPLE: 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, Jeremiah, Jess, Kailee, Karen, Kate & Rusty, Larry, Liberty, Mary, baby Miles, Mike, Nancy, Nat & baby June, baby Noelle, Nyesa, Rob, Ruth, **Scamp**, 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, Venezuela, Zimbabwe and communities in Honduras. For hurting places in the world, wounded by natural disasters or human-made causes and conflicts.