SUNDAY WORSHIP

September 20, 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 *adapted from 1 Thessalonians*

One: Grace to you and peace. Always, you are held in prayer.

People: *We remember our call to the work of faith, labor of love, and steadfastness of hope in Christ.*

One: Now as in the first days, brothers and sisters, beloved by God, you have been chosen.

People: *We receive God's message with joy, empowered through the Holy Spirit, and strive always to become a congregation that serves as an example to all.*

One: So deeply do the folk of our church care for the people of this village and valley, we are determined to share our whole selves.

People: *When we are separated, we long to see each other face to face. During times of distress, this community encourages us.*

One: How can we thank God enough for all the joy that we feel, because of each other?

People: *May God continue to make us abound in love for one another and for all.*

One: Finally, be at peace among yourselves.

All: ***We are called to encourage the fainthearted, help the weak, be patient with all … not to repay evil for evil, but always to do good to one another and to all people. To rejoice always, pray without ceasing, and give thanks in all circumstances. To hold fast to what is good. May the God of peace sanctify us and may our spirits, souls, and bodies be kept sound.***

SONG #10** ***Holy, Holy, Holy! *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 #6** ***Bring Many Names *Sharon Novak*

— REFLECTING —

SCRIPTURE ***1 Thessalonians*** *(excerpts)*

MESSAGE **ACCOMPANIMENT** *Rev. Gail Doktor*

SONG** [Blue Book] ***We Are Called *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.

PRAYER LIST

Pending.

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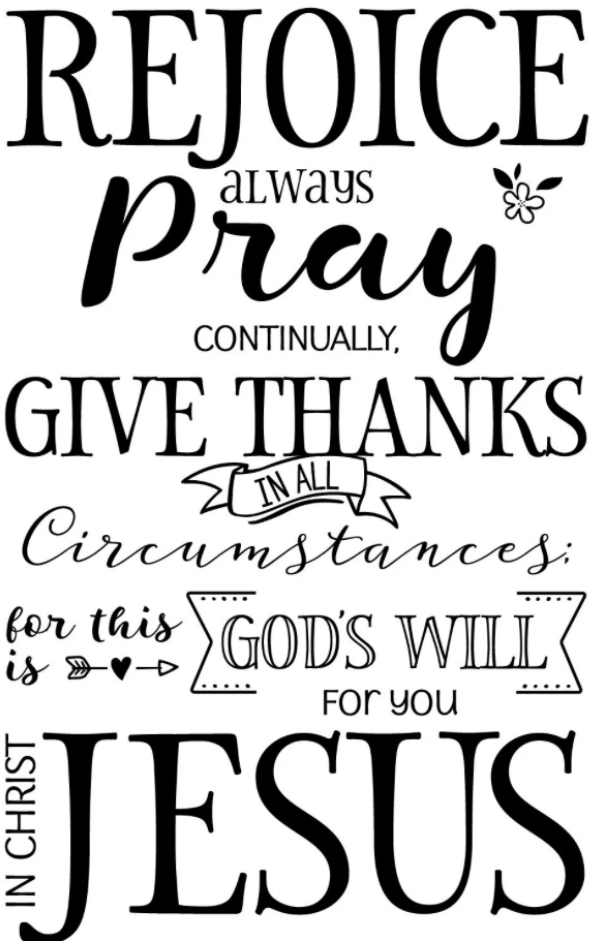

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1 Thessalonians 1:2-5, 9— [2] We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, ... [4] For we know, brothers and sisters beloved by God, that he has chosen you, [5] because our message of the gospel came to you not in word only but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction ... For they report about us what kind of welcome we had among you and how you turned to God from idols to serve a living and true God.

1 Thessalonians 2:1-2,7-8, 10—You yourselves know, brothers and sisters... though we had already suffered and been shamefully mistreated at Philippi, as you know, we had courage in our God to declare to you the gospel of God in spite of great opposition... But we were gentle among you, like a nurse tenderly caring for her own children. [8] So deeply do we care for you that we are determined to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you have become very dear to us.

1 Thessalonians 3:1-3,6—Therefore when we could bear it no longer, we ... sent Timothy, our brother and God's coworker in the gospel of Christ, to strengthen and encourage you for the sake of your faith, [3] so that no one would be shaken by these persecutions... [6] But Timothy has just now come to us from you and has brought us the good news of your faith and love...

1 Thessalonians 4: 1-4,6,9-13, 16-17— Finally, brothers and sisters, we ask and urge you in the Lord Jesus that, as you learned from us how you ought to live and to please God (as, in fact, you are doing), you should do so more and more... [3] For this is the will of God, your sanctification: that you abstain from sexual immorality; [4] that each one of you know how to control your own body in holiness and honor ... [6] that no one wrong or exploit a brother or sister in this matter ... [9] Now concerning love of the brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anyone write to you, for you yourselves have been taught by God to love one another.... But we urge you... [11] to aspire to live quietly, to mind your own affairs, and to work with your hands, as we directed you, [12] so that you may behave properly toward outsiders and be dependent on no one.

[13] But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope... [16] For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. [17] Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will be with the Lord forever.

1 Thessalonians 5: 1-2, 4-6, 11, 13-19, 23— Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters... [2] For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night... [4] But you, brothers and sisters, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief... [6] So, then, let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober... [11] Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

Be at peace among yourselves. [14] And we urge you, brothers and sisters, to admonish the idlers, encourage the fainthearted, help the weak, be patient with all of them. [15] See that none of you repays evil for evil, but always seek to do good to one another and to all. [16] Rejoice always, [17] pray without ceasing, [18] give thanks in all circumstances, for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. [19] Do not quench the Spirit...[23] May the God of peace himself sanctify you entirely, and may your spirit and soul and body be kept sound ...

[26] Greet all the brothers and sisters with a holy kiss. [27] I solemnly command you by the Lord that this letter be read to all the brothers and sisters.