

SUNDAY WORSHIP

September 27, 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 Galatians

One: Throughout the ages, disciples have said,
“I will follow you wherever you go.”

People: *Lord, give us the freedom to follow you
in the ways of love.*

One: We come from busy homes, filled with little time
to consider Christ in our lives.

People: *Lord, give us the strength to follow you
in the ways of peace.*

One: In times of struggle, we look to God for help.

People: *Lord, give us the opportunity to follow you
in the ways of kindness.*

One: Today, we celebrate the Holy Spirit, who shows us
the joy of following God.

All: *Lord, give us the patience to follow you
in the ways of faith. Amen.*

*SONG #9

*Come, Thou
Almighty King*

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

Galatians (excerpts)

MESSAGE

FREEDOM &
SERVITUDE

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.

*ADD most current PRAYER LIST. Add initials **CB** to the list also.*

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Galatians 1:1-2, 10-17—*Salutation*. Paul an apostle—sent neither by human commission nor from human authorities but through Jesus Christ and God the Father, who raised him from the dead—² and all the brothers and sisters with me...

To the churches of Galatia: ¹⁰Am I now seeking human approval or God's approval? Or am I trying to please people? If I were still pleasing people, I would not be a servant of Christ.

Paul's Vindication of His Apostleship—¹¹ For I want you to know, brothers and sisters, that the gospel that was proclaimed by me is not of human origin, ¹² for I did not receive it from a human source, nor was I taught it, but I received it through a revelation of Jesus Christ. ¹³ You have heard, no doubt, of my earlier life in Judaism. I was violently persecuting the church of God and was trying to destroy it. ¹⁴ I advanced in Judaism beyond many among my people of the same age, for I was far more zealous for the traditions of my ancestors. ¹⁵ But when the one who had set me apart before I was born and called me through his grace was pleased ¹⁶ to reveal his Son to me, so that I might proclaim him among the gentiles, I did not confer with any human, ¹⁷ nor did I go up to Jerusalem to those who were already apostles before me, but I went away at once into Arabia...

Galatians 2:11-16, 20-21—*Paul Rebukes Peter at Antioch*

¹¹ But when Cephas [Peter]] came to Antioch, I opposed him to his face because he stood self-condemned, ¹² for until certain people came from James, he used to eat with the gentiles. But after they came, he drew back and kept himself separate for fear of the circumcision faction. ¹³ And the other Jews joined him in this hypocrisy, so that even Barnabas was led astray by their hypocrisy. ¹⁴ But when I saw that they were not acting consistently with the truth of the gospel, I said to Cephas [Peter] before them all, "*If you, though a Jew,*

live like a gentile and not like a Jew, how can you compel the gentiles to live like Jews?"

Jews and Gentiles Are Saved by Faith—¹⁵ We ourselves are Jews by birth and not gentile sinners, ¹⁶ yet we know that a person is justified not by the works of the law but through the faith of Jesus Christ...I have been crucified with Christ, ²⁰ and it is no longer I who live, but it is Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me. ²¹ I do not nullify the grace of God, for if righteousness comes through the law, then Christ died for nothing.

Galatians 3:23-29—²³ Now before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed. ²⁴ Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be reckoned as righteous by faith. ²⁵ But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian, ²⁶ for in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith. ²⁷ As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. ²⁸ There is no longer Jew or Greek; there is no longer slave or free; there is no longer male and female, for all of you are one in Christ Jesus. ²⁹ And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to the promise.

Galatians 5:1, 13-14—¹ For freedom Christ has set us free. Stand firm, therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery...

The Nature of Christian Freedom—¹³ For you were called to freedom, brothers and sisters, only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for self-indulgence, but through love become enslaved to one another. ¹⁴ For the whole law is summed up in a single commandment, "*You shall love your neighbor as yourself.*"