

Announcements |

Garden Room Roof Replacement: The Garden Room roof is being replaced soon. The roof replacement will cost \$28,300, with additional money needed to repair interior damage to the building. Our current building repair fund will not cover the cost of these repairs. So, we are using general operating account funds. If you are able, please consider giving an extra mile gift to help with these repairs.

Nominations Meeting: The nominations team will meet today and September 7 at 2:30 PM

First Responder Appreciation: Let's show our appreciation to the first responders in our area! Please bring in donations of prepackaged snacks, energy drinks, or Gatorade by September 28. Monetary donations can also be made to purchase supplies. Give online to "First Responder" fund. Or, mark your checks with "First Responder."

Connect with Our Homebound Members: Cards and phone calls are a great way to remind our homebound that they are still a beloved part of our church family. Anyone wishing to sign up can do so in the Narthex or by visiting the church office any time between 9:00 AM and noon on Tuesdays through Thursdays.

Spark in the Park September 7 from 5-7 PM at Laurel Park: Spark families join us for a cookout, fellowship and playground time as we kick off the fall season. Please reach out to the church office or Rachel with any questions.

Bible Study: Our next Bible study will begin October 1. We will be using *Christmas from the Backside* by J. Ellsworth Kalas. Books can be ordered online or through the church office for \$7.75 per book. The Bible study will be in-person or on Zoom at 7:00 PM on October 1, 8, 22, 29 and November 5 and 12 and December 3 and 10.

Singers wanted: All singers are invited to practice with the choir on Sunday afternoons at 12:00 PM. All are welcome!

Prayer Group: meets tomorrow, Monday, August 25, at 9:30 AM. Everyone is welcome to join our prayer group in person or in spirit by praying at this time.

Exercise at Maple Avenue: Strength Training on Mondays at 10 AM with Glo Miller. Adaptive Yoga on Fridays at 10 AM with Annie. All are welcome!

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August 24, 2025
Eleventh Sunday of Pentecost

PRELUDE | *Morning Has Broken*

Traditional Gaelic melody, arr. by Marilyn Ham

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP |

HYMN 2032 | *My Life Is in You, Lord*

**My life is in you, Lord;
my strength is in you, Lord;
my hope is in you Lord;
in you, it's in you.
My life is in you, Lord;
my strength is in you, Lord;
my hope is in you, Lord;
in you, it's in you.**

**I will praise you with all of my life,
I will praise you with all of my strength;
with all of my life,
with all of my strength.
All of my hope is in you.**

**My life is in you, Lord;
my strength is in you, Lord;
my hope is in you Lord;
in you, it's in you.
My life is in you, Lord;
my strength is in you, Lord;
my hope is in you, Lord;
in you, it's in you.**

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH | *The Apostle's Creed* (881)

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; And in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

MORNING PRAYER

THE 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 trespasses, As we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, But deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offerings to Maple Avenue can be left in the Narthex. You can also give by texting any dollar amount to 833-315-0263. You can also scan this code to give online.



OFFERTORY | *The Water Is Wide* (O Wally Wally)

English melody, arranged by Brad Adams
Tisa Schuurman, Flute

*DOXOLOGY |

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!**

PASSING THE PEACE | *Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus*

Music by William J. Kirkpatrick, arranged by Marian Kim
Tisa Schuurman, Flute

KID'S SERMON |

*HYMN 600 | *Wonderful Words of Life*

SCRIPTURE READING | Hebrews 6:1-3, John 15:1-8

Therefore let us go on toward perfection, leaving behind the basic teaching about Christ, and not laying again the foundation: repentance from dead works and faith toward God, instruction about baptisms, laying on of hands, resurrection of the dead, and eternal judgement. And we will do this, if God permits. Hebrews 6:1-3

I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples. John 15:1-8

SERMON | *Where Am I Going?*

*HYMN 733 | *Marching to Zion*

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE |

* Please stand as able

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PRAYER CONCERNS |

Family of Mark Peninck, Family of Kathy Mraz, Pete Werner, Alan Greene, Anson Senter, Trent Senter, Cherokee Walker, Briggs Weeks, Christine Weeks, Keith Harmeyer, Dean Greenway, Joyce Long, Charles Hood, Sharron Hendricks, Gaines Law, the Stephens family, Barbra Potter, Jeremy Bolt, Deborah Nelson, Zoe Vickery, Ben Vickery, Val May, Caroline Connor, Steve Machen, Gary & Carol Godfrey, John Barnette, Brodie Burge, Hudson Sumner, Sherry Bolding, Erica Mitchell Roberts, Jim McDonald, Craig Leming, Bill Casey, Joe W., Al Hough

Please share any new prayer concerns using the back of the connect card.