

This coming week in the life of the church

Today 8/30

9am Worship

1:30pm EV Lunch Fellowship

Monday 8/31

10am Matthew Study Group

1pm UWF Board Meeting

5:30pm Trustee Meeting

5:30pm Soccer Practice

Tuesday 9/1

10am UWF General Meeting

1pm Head Start Meeting

5:30pm Soccer Practice

7pm Boy Scouts

Wednesday 9/2

9am Psalm Sisters Bible Study

10:30am Fitness Class

4:30pm Community Meal

5:30pm Soccer Practice

Thursday 9/3

10am-2pm RRV Blood Drive (parking lot)

5:30pm Soccer Practice

6pm Grief Share

Giving Our Tithes and Offerings to God~

All that we have comes from God; we are caretakers of what belongs to Him. As an act of faith, we return a portion of God's provision for the growing and continuation of His work. There is an offering plate as you enter for tithes and offerings, you can send them through our website, or they may be mailed to the church office.

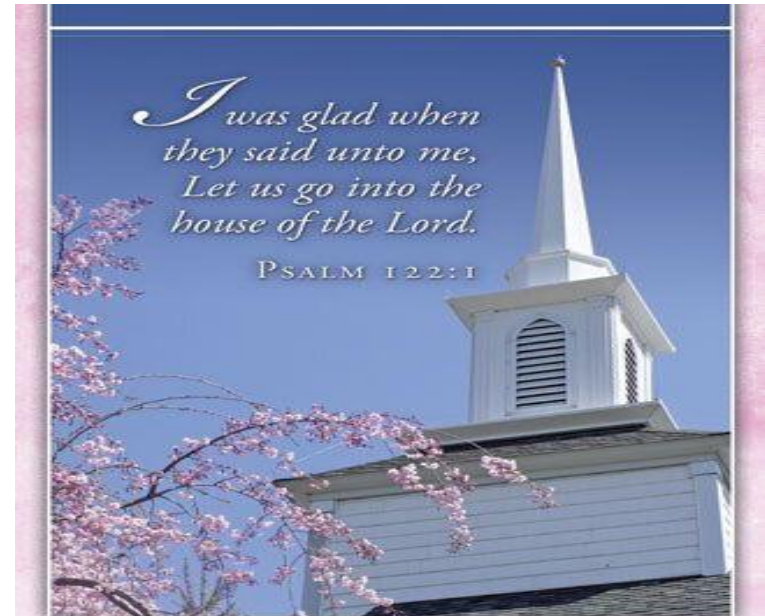


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LOVIN' JESUS  LOVIN' YOU

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Order of Worship for August 30, 2026

Prelude (song/s)

Welcome

***Opening Songs of Praise:** "Holy is the Lord"
"Agnus Dei" Led by Men's Ensemble

***Responsive Reading:** Psalm 122 UMH #845
Liturgist: Richard Bahling

One: I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the Lord!"

Many: Our feet were standing within your gates, O Jerusalem!

One: Jerusalem is built as a city and is bound firmly together, to which the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord, to give thanks to the name of the Lord, as was decreed for Israel.

Many: Thrones for judgment were set there, the thrones of the house of David.

One: Pray for the peace of Jerusalem!

Many: "May they prosper who love you! Peace be within your walls, and security within your towers!"

One: For the sake of my relatives and friends I will say, "Peace be within you!"

Many: For the sake of the house of the Lord our God, I will seek your good.

***Scripture:** Luke 18: 18-30

Discipleship Time: Pastor Jay Shin

Prayer Song: "We are an Offering"

Pastoral Prayer: Pastor Jay Shin

Lord's Prayer (in unison)

Message: Pastor Jim Bell

***Doxology** (UMH #95)

***Prayer of dedication**

God, you are gracious and merciful. You did not require payment or service to welcome us as children. You accepted our faith as if it were holiness and righteousness.

Receive our gifts, not as installments on our contract, but expressions of our love and desire for your Kingdom and all those who will enter. Use them and us to build up your Kingdom in this place and welcome others to your family, in Jesus' name, Amen.

***Closing Song of Praise:** "I'm Gonna Live so God Can Use Me"

***Benediction**

*** = Stand as able**

****Headsets to assist with hearing during the service are available from any usher****

Altar flowers given by Marilyn Weaver in memory of her and Pete's wedding anniversary. It would have been 70 years.

Luke 18:18-30

¹⁸ A certain ruler asked him, “Good teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?”

¹⁹ “Why do you call me good?” Jesus answered. “No one is good—except God alone. ²⁰ You know the commandments: ‘You shall not commit adultery, you shall not murder, you shall not steal, you shall not give false testimony, honor your father and mother.’”

²¹ “All these I have kept since I was a boy,” he said.

²² When Jesus heard this, he said to him, “You still lack one thing. Sell everything you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me.”

²³ When he heard this, he became very sad, because he was very wealthy. ²⁴ Jesus looked at him and said, “How hard it is for the rich to enter the kingdom of God! ²⁵ Indeed, it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God.”

²⁶ Those who heard this asked, “Who then can be saved?”

²⁷ Jesus replied, “What is impossible with man is possible with God.”

²⁸ Peter said to him, “We have left all we had to follow you!”

²⁹ “Truly I tell you,” Jesus said to them, “no one who has left home or wife or brothers or sisters or parents or children for the sake of the kingdom of God ³⁰ will fail to receive many times as much in this age, and in the age to come eternal life.”

This interview sounds just like _____.

I can not be the _____.

“For the sake of the Kingdom could be _____.

or _____

The only things outside the Kingdom: _____

Humans start out _____ & _____

All humans are welcome to _____

Faithfulness is a _____

Faithfulness may cost _____

Faithfulness brings _____

Cost/benefit analysis of faithfulness is _____

Death doesn't change _____

The key to heaven is _____

Eternal life is granted _____