



September 28, 2025

Traditional Worship

8:15 am Sanctuary

**Please stand or lift your heart*

WELCOME

Rev. Sarah Slack



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OPENING PRAYER

PRELUDE

Leaning on the Everlasting Love
arr. Shelton Ridge Love
Dr. Jenny Anderson, piano

*HYMN No. 557

Blest Be the Tie That Binds
DENNIS

*CALL TO WORSHIP No. 887

Affirmation from Romans 8

*LEADER: Who shall separate us from the love of Christ?
Shall tribulation or distress, or persecution or famine, or
nakedness or peril or sword?*

**ALL: No! In all things we are more than conquerors
through the One who loved us. We are sure that
neither death nor life, nor angels, nor principalities,
nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers,
nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation,
will be able to separate us from the love of God in
Christ Jesus our Lord. Thanks be to God! Amen.**

*GLORIA PATRI No. 70

Glory Be to the Father
MEINEKE

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen. Amen.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING

Romans 13:8-10 (NRSV)

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14 For the whole law is summed up in a single commandment,
"You shall love your neighbor as yourself."

LEADER: All scripture is inspired by God.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Rev. Jonathan Jonas
Law Abiding Neighbors

VIOLIN MUSIC

How Can We Name a Love
arr. Duane Funderburk

"Within our daily world, in every human face, Love's echoes sound
and God is found, hid in the commonplace."

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH No. 885**

A Modern Affirmation

LEADER: Where the Spirit of the Lord is,
there is the one true church, apostolic and universal,
whose holy faith let us now declare:

**ALL: We believe in God the Father,
infinite in wisdom, power, and love,
whose mercy is over all his works,
and whose will is ever directed to his children's good.**

**We believe in Jesus Christ,
Son of God and Son of man,
the gift of the Father's unfailing grace,
the ground of our hope,
and the promise of our deliverance from sin and death.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit
as the divine presence in our lives,
whereby we are kept in perpetual remembrance
of the truth of Christ,
and find strength and help in time of need.**

**We believe that this faith should manifest itself
in the service of love
as set forth in the example of our blessed Lord,
to the end that the kingdom of God
may come upon the earth. Amen.**

TIME OF PRAYER

OFFERING MOMENT

OFFERTORY

Make Me a Channel of Your Peace
arr. Lloyd Larson

"Make me a channel of your peace.
Where there is hatred let me bring your love.
Where there is injury, your pardon, Lord
And where there's doubt, true faith in you."

***DOXOLOGY No. 94** *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow
Praise God, all creatures here below. Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God, the source of all our gifts.
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts.
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

***PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

***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.

***HYMN No. 408**

Gift of Love
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***BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE**

Blest Be the Tie That Binds
arr. Mark Limburg

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10:30 Sanctuary

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OPENING PRAYER

BRINGING IN THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

Piper Tillman, acolyte
Finleigh Tillman, acolyte

PRELUDE

Meditation on "Ubi Caritas"
arr. Douglas E. Wagner
Dr. Jenny Anderson, organ

Where Charity and Love Prevail

INTROIT

I Will Sing
Priscilla Murphy
Elementary, Intermediate, and Youth Choirs
Sara Lee-Cho, violin
Dr. Dwight Dockery, conductor

O for a thousand tongues to sing my great Redeemer's praise,
the glories of my God and King, the triumphs of His grace.

I will sing of my Savior; I will tell of His grace.
I will shout out His mercy to every race.
I will give my life to Him as an offering.
As long as I have breath, I will sing!

He breaks the power of darkest sin,
He sets the prisoner free;
His blood can make the foulest clean;
His blood has rescued me.

So now, Your blessed name I love,
Your will I make my own.
Had I a thousand hearts to give,
they would be Yours alone.

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TIME WITH CHILDREN

CHILDREN DISMISSED TO KIDS OWN WORSHIP

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SERMON

Rev. Jonathan Jonas
Law Abiding Neighbors

ANTHEM

But By Love
Dan Forrest
Chancel Choir

Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus.
That ye be like-minded, having the same love.
Of one accord, of one mind: Let nothing be done through strife,
but by love serve one another.

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***BENEDICTION**

***BENEDICTION RESPONSE**

He Came Down
Traditional Cameroon

He came down that we may have love;
Hallelujah forevermore.

***POSTLUDE**

Variations on "Where Charity and Love Prevail"
arr. James Pethel

Contemporary Worship

10:30 am | Asbury Hall

WELCOME MUSIC

The Band

Waking Up
We the Kingdom

WELCOME

Ralph Jeffers

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WORSHIP

Put a Little Love in Your Heart
Amy Grant

Good Neighbor
Evan Craft

The Jesus Way
Phil Wickham

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TIME OF PRAYER

Rev. Don Jones

OFFERING

This Is Love
Anchor Hymns

SCRIPTURE

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SERMON

Rev. Jones
Living by the Commandments: Love Your Neighbor

CLOSING WORSHIP

Hold Us Together
Matt Maher

BENEDICTION



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OCTOBER 15th

KICKOFF EVENT!

COME SEE WHAT'S NEW AS WE
CELEBRATE A NEW SEASON OF RECOVERY!

THE GOOD WE DO

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You serve in countless ways in the church,
the community and the world. We want to
know where you are making a difference.

Just fill out the form at the link (or QR
code) so we can get a better idea of
The Good We Do together.



Where do you Go Do?

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Volunteers needed

FALL Festival

OCTOBER 26TH
4:00 TO 6:00 PM

- Decorate a trunk
- Help with the Spider Hunt
- Help with inflatables
- and more...

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WELCOME TABLE

SHARING MEALS SHARING COMMUNITY

THURSDAYS

5:00 to 6:00 pm

Free dinner served.
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