

## ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

### SUNDAY, September 17

Worship Service 8:30 am - Chapel  
Worship Service 10:15 am - Sanctuary and Livestream  
Sunday School  
Gala of Love 5:00 pm

### MONDAY, September 18

Finance Committee 7:00 pm - Pastor's Office

### TUESDAY, September 19

Prayer Walk 9:00 am  
Art Guild 9:30 am - Room 205

### WEDNESDAY, September 20

Prayer Time 11:00 am - Zoom  
Children's Choir 5:00 pm - Choir Room  
TGiW Dinner 5:30 pm Fellowship Hall  
Bell Choir 6:30 pm - Sanctuary  
Jr. High 180 7:00 pm - Jr. High Room  
Chancel Choir 7:30 pm - Choir Room

### THURSDAY, September 21

Yoga 9:00 am - Room 208  
Staff Meeting 1:00 pm - Pastor's Office  
Board of Trustees 6:00 pm - Parsonage

### FRIDAY, September 22

Wesley's Place 7:00 pm - Chapel



**Sunday, September 17, 2023**  
**8:30 am and 10:15 am**

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*Exploring Our Faith, Extending Christ's Reach*

With God's grace, our congregation's hearts, minds and doors are open to people of all races, ethnicities, physical and mental abilities, sexual orientations, gender identities, and economic conditions.



### OUR MINISTRY TEAM Ministers: The Congregation

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**8:30 am Chapel**  
**10:15 am Sanctuary & Livestreamed**

**Prelude** "Scherzo" E. Ashfield

**Welcome & Announcements**

**Staff-Parish Relations Committee (SPRC)** David Cooper  
SPRC Chair

**\*Call to Worship**

**Leader** Sing to God, for God has triumphed gloriously!

**People** **God is our strength and our might!**

**Leader** Long ago God freed the slaves from Egypt,  
opening passage through the Red Sea waters.

**People** **Here and now, God is our salvation,**  
**leading us through dangerous waters.**

**Leader** Who is like our God, majestic in holiness  
and awesome in splendor?

**All** **Every knee shall bow, every voice shall**  
**praise the God of wonder.**

**\*Hymn** "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee" Hymnal 89

**\*Prayer** (unison) Rev. Cerna Castro Rand  
**We sing to you, O God, for you have been our strength. You open**  
**the waters of suffering and lead us safely through. You uphold us**  
**in times of deep distress and we exalt your holy name. Receive our**  
**honor and thanks might God. Amen.**

**\*The Gospel Lesson** Matthew 18:21-35

**One** The word of God for the people of God.

**All** **Thanks be to God.**

**Children's Moment** Jennifer Robison  
**The Lord's Prayer**

**Anthem** "I Want Jesus to Walk With Me" Raymond Haan  
Chancel Choir

**Joys and Concerns** Rev. Cerna Castro Rand  
**Pastoral Prayer**

**Invitation to Offering**  
(You may also text FUMCLG to 73256 to donate.)

**Offertory** "Lord Speak to Me"  
Chancel Choir

**\*Doxology** Hymnal 94

**\*Offertory Prayer** (unison) Rev. Cerna Castro Rand  
**Savior God, you look at our world with compassion. You also look**  
**at our world with clarity and a zeal for justice. Use all we bring to**  
**life and all we bring to you today, to fight for justice with mercy**  
**and compassion. Make us and our gifts part of the healing of the**  
**world. Amen.**

**\*Passing of the Peace**

As we stand before God, accepted and upheld, let us greet one another  
as brothers and sisters in this gathered community.

**Sermon** "To Forgive As Forgiven"  
Rev. Cynthia Zolk

**\*Hymn** "Help Us Accept Each Other" Hymnal 560

**\*Benediction** Rev. Cynthia Zolk

**Choral Response** "May the Grace of Christ Our Savior" Stainer

**Postlude** "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee" Paul Manz

The flowers on the Altar have been donated by  
Hal and Janice Miller in honor of loved ones.

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**Worship Leaders**

Dave Vanderberg 8:30 am

Sue Hahn 10:15 am

**Media Technicians**

MatteaTeolis & Nolan Deines

**Greeters**

Jeff & Ann Lee

**Ushers**

Dave Vanderberg 8:30 am

Gary Leshner, Tim Morgan, Kevin Mikan 10:15 am