

Welcome! We are so glad you’ve chosen to worship with us today. This is the Lord’s house, and here everyone is truly welcome. Our doors, our hearts, and our minds are open to you. We invite you to make yourself at home in this sacred space, and to join fully in worship as we sing, pray, and praise God together. When you see an asterisk (*) in the bulletin, please stand as you are able—your presence and participation bring life and joy to our worship.

Gathering “O How He Loves You and Me” TFWs 2108

O how he loves you and me! O how he loves you and me! He gave his life. What more could he give? O how he loves you; O how he loves me; O how he loves you and me!

Jesus to Calv’ry did go; his love for sinners to show. What he did there brought hope from despair. O how he loves you; O how he loves me; O how he loves you and me!

Welcome and Announcements Sandi Vanacore

Prelude and Receiving the Light of Christ Jill Jones-Lazuka & Acolyte

*Call to Worship written by Dr. Lisa Hancock Sandi Vanacore

Leader: Wherever you go, from the top of the highest mountain or into the deep abysses of the earth, God knows you.
People: Wherever we go, God knows our name.
Leader: Whatever you do, from the time you wake up until you lay your head down again, God knows you.
People: Whatever we do, God knows our name.
Leader: However, you live, from your inner thoughts to your public acts and everything in between, God knows you.
People: However we live, God knows our name.
Leader: We gather to worship God, who loves us, knows us, and calls us by name.
People: We gather to worship God, for we are fearfully and wonderfully made by God who knows our name!

* Hymn of Praise “Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise” UMH 103
You may be Seated

Chorus “O How He Loves You and Me” TFWs 2108

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Prayer of Confession Sandi Vanacore

Holy God,
We confess that we do not always love our neighbors and have sometimes despised others. We struggle to forgive and to seek reconciliation, yet we know nothing is impossible with You. Heal us, O Lord, and help us live in peace with others. For Your Son, who was betrayed, denied, and put to death, rose again with a message of peace. May we walk in His ways. Amen.

Hymn of Preparation “As a Fire Is Meant for Burning” TFWs 2237

**As a fire is meant for burning with a bright and warming flame,
So the church is meant for mission, giving glory to God’s name.
Not to preach our creeds or customs, but to build a bridge of care,
We join hands across the nations, finding neighbors everywhere.**

**We are learners; we are teachers; we are pilgrims on the way.
We are seekers; we are givers; we are vessels made of clay.
By our gentle loving actions, we would show that Christ is light.
In a humble, listening spirit, we would live to God’s delight.**

**As a green bud in the springtime is a sign of life renewed, so may we be
signs of oneness ‘mid earth’s peoples, many hued. As a rainbow lights the
heavens when a storm is past and gone, may our lives reflect the
radiance of God’s new and glorious dawn.**

* Scripture Reading Psalm 139:1-6 13-18 Pastor Fabian
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Message "God Knows My Name" Pastor Fabian

* Hymn of Response “What Feast of Love” W&S 3170

**What feast of love is offered here, what banquet come from heaven?
What food of everlasting life, what gracious gift is given?
This, this is Christ the king, the bread come down from heaven.
Oh, taste and see and sing! How sweet the manna given!**

**What light of truth is offered here, what covenant from heaven?
What hope of everlasting life, what wondrous word is given?
This, this is Christ the king, the sun come down from heaven.
Oh, see and hear and sing! The Word of God is given!**

**What wine of love is offered here, what crimson drink from heaven?
What stream of everlasting life, what precious blood is given?
This, this is Christ the king, the sweetest wind of heaven.
Oh, taste and see and sing! The Son of God is given!**

Thanksgiving & Communion Pastor Fabian

*Offertory Prayer Sandi Vanacore

Gracious God, you know us fully and love us still. We offer these gifts from hearts seeking you. Use them to reflect your love in the world and shape us to be more open, generous, and faithful. In Christ’s name we pray. Amen.

Offertory Music Jill Jones-Lazuka

* Congregational Response “Doxology” UMH 94

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!

* Sending Forth “What Feast of Love” verse 2 Jill Jones-Lazuka & Acolytes

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* Blessing and Benediction Pastor Fabian

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Prayer Updates 8/31/2025

Marlon Lazuka

Messages & Other Notes

Grandparents Day

Today we celebrate and give thanks for grandparents, great-grandparents, and older mentors who share wisdom and love. We also honor all who, whether by family or friendship, bless others with the care and guidance of a grandparent. Happy Grandparents Day!



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Sundays	Small Group	9:45 a.m.	-	10:45 a.m.
	Worship	11:00 a.m.	-	12:00 p.m.
	Choir Rehearsal	12:00 p.m.	-	1:00 p.m.
	AA Group	6:00 p.m.	-	7:00 p.m.
Mondays	Lunch Bunch	11:30 a.m.	-	12:30 p.m.
Fridays	Lunch Bunch	11:30 a.m.		12:30 p.m.

For the choir director: A psalm of David.

1. O Lord, you have examined my heart and know everything about me.
2. You know when I sit down or stand up. You know my thoughts even when I'm far away.
3. You see me when I travel and when I rest at home. You know everything I do.
- 4 You know what I am going to say even before I say it, Lord.
- 5 You go before me and follow me. You place your hand of blessing on my head.
6. Such knowledge is too wonderful for me, too great for me to understand!
13. You made all the delicate, inner parts of my body and knit me together in my mother's womb.
14. Thank you for making me so wonderfully complex! Your workmanship is marvelous—how well I know it.
15. You watched me as I was being formed in utter seclusion, as I was woven together in the dark of the womb.
16. You saw me before I was born. Every day of my life was recorded in your book. Every moment was laid out before a single day had passed.
17. How precious are your thoughts about me, O God. They cannot be numbered!
18. I can't even count them; they outnumber the grains of sand! And when I wake up, you are still with me!