

Sunday Morning Worship Service

August 2, 2026

Today, we welcome Emily Dale

Prelude

Greetings and Announcements

***Responsive Call to Worship** (*Based on Malachi 3:1, 6–7, 10, 16–17*)

Leader: "See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me."

People: Lord, we come to meet you — refine us and make us ready.

Leader: The Lord does not change. Because of God's steadfast love, we are not consumed.

People: We return to you, O Lord — return to us!

Leader: From the rising of the sun to its setting, God's name is great among the nations.

People: We gather to honor that name, to speak it to one another, and to write it on our hearts.

Leader: "They shall be mine," says the Lord of hosts, "my special treasure, on the day when I act."

People: We are yours, O God. Refine us, restore us, renew us.

All: Come, let us worship the Lord who is faithful when we have been faithless, and who draws us home again and again.

***Hymn** “All People That on Earth Do Dwell” #101

*Call to Confession

***Prayer of Confession** *(Based on Malachi 3:5–12, 14–15)*

Lord of hosts, you are a God who does not change, whose mercies are new every morning,

whose covenant endures from generation to generation.

We confess that we have not been so faithful.

We have robbed you —not only in our tithes and offerings, but in the withholding of our whole selves:our time, our attention, our devotion.

We have kept for ourselves what was meant to be given, and called it prudence.

We have wearied you with our words, saying, "It is vain to serve God," and, "What do we gain by keeping your commands?"

We have admired those who prosper by wrongdoing and wondered if faithfulness is worth the cost.

We confess the sins your messenger names: sorcery and deceit, the swearing of false oaths,

the exploitation of workers, the oppression of widows and orphans, the turning away of the stranger, and the silencing of those who have no power.

Forgive us, Lord.

**We have closed the windows of heaven not by your withholding,
but by our own unfaithfulness.**

Open us again—to your generosity, to your justice, to your refining fire that burns away what is false and purifies what remains.

Make us a people who fear your name, who speak well of you to one another, and who live as those who are truly yours —your treasured possession, held tenderly in your hand.

We pray this in the name of Jesus Christ, the messenger of the new covenant, who is both the refiner's fire and the one who makes us clean.

Amen.

***Personal Prayer of Confession**

*Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Hear the promise of the Lord: “Return to me, and I will return to you.”

In Jesus Christ, God has come to us —not to condemn, but to refine and restore.

Our sins are forgiven. We are claimed as God's own treasured people.

All: Thanks be to God!

*The Gloria Patri #812

Children's Sermon

Joys and Concerns

Call to Prayer

Pastoral 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Call to Give

Offertory

*The Doxology

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

#815

*Hymn

“Nearer, My God, to Thee”

#553

Scripture reading

Sermon

*Hymn

*Benediction

*Postlude

“The Old Rugged Cross”

#327

*Please stand, if able.

Announcements

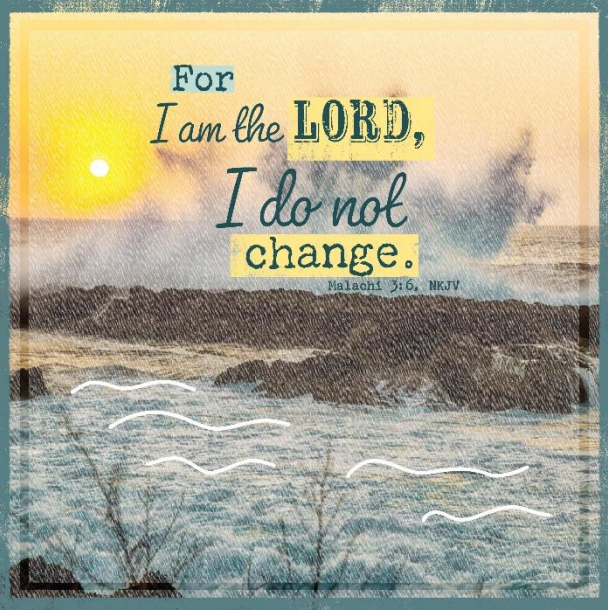
VBS was a very busy week and a great time by all! All the kids enjoyed the bible lessons, craft, singing and snacks! Everyone that participated gets a huge Thank You from all! Some photos are included on Facebook or the August Newsletter available in the back for take out and sharing or online.

The Deacons will be hosting a time of fellowship following morning worship Sunday, August 9th.

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Enter to Worship, Depart to Serve

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