

Sunday Morning Worship Service
August 9, 2026
Today, we welcome Emily Dale

Prelude
Greetings and Announcements

***Responsive Call to Worship** *(Based on Malachi 4:1–3, 5–6)*
Leader: The day is coming, says the Lord of hosts—a day of reckoning, a day of renewal.
People: We come before you, O God, with reverence and hope.
Leader: But for those who fear the name of the Lord, the sun of righteousness shall rise, with healing in its wings.
People: We come longing for your healing—in our bodies, our relationships, our world.
Leader: You shall go out leaping like calves from the stall, freed from what has bound you.
People: Lord, release us from all that keeps us from you.
Leader: Before the great and terrible day of the Lord, God sends the spirit of Elijah—to turn the hearts of parents to children, and children to parents.
People: Turn our hearts, O God—toward you, and toward one another.
All: We worship the Lord who is both fire and healing, both judge and restorer, the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end.

***Hymn** “What a Friend We Have in Jesus” #630

***Call to Confession**

***Prayer of Confession** *(Based on Malachi 4:1–6)*
O Lord of hosts, you have spoken plainly: the day is coming when all that is arrogant and all that is evildoing will be consumed like stubble.
Nothing hidden will remain hidden. Nothing false will endure.
And so we come before you honestly.
We confess that we have been arrogant—trusting in our own understanding, our own resources, our own righteousness, as though we had no need of you.
We confess that we have allowed the bonds of family and community to weaken and fray—that we have been too busy,
too proud, or too wounded to turn our hearts toward those entrusted to our care, or to receive the care of those who love us.
We confess that we have not always feared your name—that we have treated your holiness casually, your commands as optional, and your coming as something distant and irrelevant.

Forgive us, Lord.
We do not ask to escape your refining fire, but to be purified by it.
Burn away our arrogance. Consume our self-sufficiency.
And let what remains be genuine—a people who fear your name,
who love their neighbors, who tend the generations before and behind them,
and who wait with hope for the sun of righteousness to rise over all the earth.
Come, Lord Jesus. Be for us the healing we cannot give ourselves.
Amen.

***Personal Prayer of Confession**
***Assurance of Pardon**

Leader: Hear the good news: The one who comes as refining fire also comes with healing in his wings. In Jesus Christ—the fulfillment of all the prophets, the one greater than Elijah, the Sun of Righteousness himself—our sins are forgiven, our hearts are turned homeward, and we are held in the mercy of God.
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** #815
***Prayer of Thanksgiving**

***Hymn** “All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name” #553

*Hymn
*Benediction
*Postlude

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Announcements

Deacons meeting Tuesday, August 11, at 1pm.

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



But for you who revere my name,
THE SUN OF RIGHTEOUSNESS
WILL RISE
with healing in its rays.

Malachi 4:2, NIV

Enter to Worship, Depart to Serve
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