

GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME

INTROIT

† CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 119

L: Oh, how I love your law! It is my meditation all day long.
P: **Your commandment makes me wiser than my enemies, for it is always with me.**

L: I hold back my feet from every evil way, in order to keep your word.
P: **How sweet are your words to my taste, sweeter than honey to my mouth!**

† HYMN

This Is a Day of New Beginnings

UMH #383

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Almighty God, in a world of change you placed eternity in our hearts and gave us power to discern good from evil. Grant us sincerity, that we may persistently seek the things that endure, refusing those which perish, and that, amid things vanishing and deceptive, we may see the truth steadily, follow the light faithfully, and grow ever richer in that love which is the life of all people; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

2 Timothy 3:14-4:4

¹⁴ But as for you, continue in what you have learned and firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it ¹⁵ and how from childhood you have known sacred writings that are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. ¹⁶ All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, ¹⁷ so that the person of God may be proficient, equipped for every good work. ¹ In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I solemnly urge you: ² proclaim the message; be persistent whether the time is favorable or unfavorable; convince, rebuke, and encourage with the utmost patience in teaching. ³ For the time is coming when people will not put up with sound teaching, but, having their ears tickled, they will accumulate for themselves teachers

to suit their own desires ⁴ and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander away to myths.

CHILDREN’S TIME

† HYMN

We Are the Church

UMH #558

GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 18:1-8

¹ Then Jesus told them a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart. ² He said, “In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor had respect for people. ³ In that city there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying, ‘Grant me justice against my accuser.’ ⁴ For a while he refused, but later he said to himself, ‘Though I have no fear of God and no respect for anyone, ⁵ yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will grant her justice, so that she may not wear me out by continually coming.’ ⁶ And the Lord said, “Listen to what the unjust judge says. ⁷ And will not God grant justice to his chosen ones who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long in helping them? ⁸ I tell you, he will quickly grant justice to them. And yet, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?”

MESSAGE

“Never Ever EVER Give Up!”

Rev. David Magruder

LITANY AS FAITHFUL DISCIPLES OF MINISTRY

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PASTORAL PRAYER & THE LORD’S PRAYER

† AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Apostles’ Creed

UMH #881

† GLORIA PATRI

UMH #70

† HYMN

Wonderful Words of Life

UMH #600

† BENEDICTION

† Stand as you are able



Annual Church Bazaar

Saturday, November 1

9 am – 2 pm

Handmade Crafts
Baked Goods
Homemade Fruitcakes
Clam Chowder
Hot Dogs
White Elephant Sale
And MORE!



Lectionary for October/November 2025

October 26

Joel 2:23-32
Psalm 65
2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18
Luke 18:9-14

November 2

Habakkuk 1:1-4, 2:1-4
Psalm 119:137-144
2 Thessalonians 1:1-4, 11-12
Luke 19:1-10

November 9

Haggai 1:15b-2:9
Psalm 145:1-5, 17-21
2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17
Luke 20:27-38

November 16

Isaiah 65:17-25
Psalm 118
2 Thes 3:6-13
Luke 21:5-19

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