



Faith - Family - Fellowship

Order of Worship
Agape Worship Service
Sanctuary
July 20, 2025

Words of Welcome		Doug Hammond
Prayer of Transformation & Restoration		Doug Hammond
Call to Worship	We Have Come Into His House	Layne Thompson
Hymn of Faith	I Love to Tell the Story (Hymnal #156, Vs. 1, 2, & 4)	Congregation
Words of Wisdom	Hosea 14:4-9	Doug Hammond
Anthem of Hope	How Great Thou Art	Layne Thompson
Doxology / Blessing of the Offering		Jim Vaughn
Word of God	Galatians 5:16-26	Bill Box

Video

Spiritual Vitamin	"Fruit, is it in You"	Will Thompson
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Holy Spirit Moment		Vickie Box
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Prayers of the Church / The Lord's Prayer		Justin Claiborne
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Hymn of Love	Precious Name (Hymnal #536; Layne - Vs. 1, Congregation Vs. 2 & 4)	Congregation
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Going Forth

SIMULCAST

Prayer of Transformation & Restoration

Lay Leader: Please join me in today's Prayer of Transformation & Restoration.

People: Lord God, You are the faithful One who heals the wounds I've caused and the hurts I carry. I come with my failings, my wandering heart, and my need for renewal. As You promised Israel, so I ask You—heal my waywardness and love me freely.

Be like dew to my spirit, reviving what has faded. Help me grow—not just in knowledge, but in character, rooted in Your love. Make me fruitful in ways that bless others. Let my life be like a fragrant cedar, quiet and strong.

Rid me of my idols—those things that steal my attention and devotion. Let me draw my strength, purpose, and joy from You alone. May I be counted among the wise who recognize Your voice and walk Your path.

Thank You for being the God who restores, redeems, and renews.

In Jesus' name, Amen.

Words of Wisdom - Hosea 14:4-9

Today's reading from the Old Testament come to us from the Hosea, chapter 14, verses 4 through 9.

In the final chapter of Hosea, we encounter not wrath, but **divine tenderness**. God speaks with the compassion of a healer and the gentleness of a gardener. He promises to mend Israel's unfaithfulness, not by demanding performance, but by **loving freely**—no strings attached, no grudges held. The same God who disciplines also restores.

Each image is deeply personal: dew that renews, lilies that blossom, olive trees that thrive, cedar trees that perfume the air. These aren't just metaphors of beauty—they are signs of **renewed identity and influence**. Those who once withered in rebellion now flourish under His care.

The closing verse isn't just poetic—it's an invitation: "Who is wise? Let them understand." Wisdom lies in **returning to the Lord**, walking in His ways, and resting in His promises. Transformation doesn't come from striving—it springs from intimacy with the One who heals.

Allow these words of wisdom to open your heart to God's presence of spiritual gifts that he instills within our very soul.

The Lord says, "Then I will heal you of your faithlessness; my love will know no bounds, for my anger will be gone forever.

I will be to Israel like a refreshing dew from heaven. Israel will blossom like the lily; it will send roots deep into the soil like the cedars in Lebanon.

Its branches will spread out like beautiful olive trees, as fragrant as the cedars of Lebanon.

My people will again live under my shade. They will flourish like grain and blossom like grapevines. They will be as fragrant as the wines of Lebanon. "O Israel, stay away from idols! I am the one who answers your prayers and cares for you. I am like a tree that is always green; all your fruit comes from me." Let those who are wise understand these things. Let those with discernment listen carefully. The paths of the Lord are true and right, and righteous people live by walking in them. But in those paths sinners stumble and fall.

O Lord, you have given us the gift of your Word.

People: May we ever protect and keep it pure. Amen.

Word of God - Galatians 5:16-26

Today's Word of God comes from the 5th Chapter of The Epistle of Paul the Apostle to the Galatians.

Now here the word of the Lord.

So I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh. For the flesh desires what is contrary to the Spirit, and the Spirit what is contrary to the flesh. They are in conflict with each other, so that you are not to do whatever you want. But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law.

The acts of the flesh are obvious: sexual immorality, impurity and debauchery; idolatry and witchcraft; hatred, discord, jealousy, fits of rage, selfish ambition, dissensions, factions and envy; drunkenness, orgies, and the like. I warn you, as I did before, that those who live like this will not inherit the kingdom of God.

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law. Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit. Let us not become conceited, provoking and envying each other.

This is the Word of God for the people of God.

People: Thanks be to God.