



Faith - Family - Fellowship

Order of Worship
Agape Worship Service
August 17, 2025

Words of Welcome		PR
Prelude	Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus	Layne Thompson
Prayer of Transformation		PR
Call to Worship	Shall We Gather at the River	Chancel Choir
Hymn of Faith	'Tis the Old Ship of Zion Hymnal #345 Choir - vs 1; Congregation - verses 2 and 5	Chancel Choir & Congregation
Words of Wisdom	Psalms 85:10-13	Dianne Boykin
Anthem of Hope	His Eye Is on the Sparrow	Chancel Choir
Doxology / Blessing of the Offering	Hymnal #95	Jim Vaughn
Word of God	2 Corinthians 13:5-9	Lisa Patrick
Video		
Spiritual Vitamin	"Living Courageously for Truth"	PR
Holy Spirit Moment		Jackie Volf
Prayers of the Church / The Lord's Prayer		Justin Claiborne
Hymn of Love	Standing on the Promises Hymnal #374 Choir & Congregation - verses 1 and 4	Chancel Choir & Congregation
Going Forth		

Prayer of Transformation & Truth

- Pastor Robert:** Please join me in today's Prayer of Transformation.
- Pastor:** Lord, You have been favorable to Your land; You restored the fortunes of Your people.
- People:** You forgave our iniquity and covered all our sin. You withdrew Your wrath and turned from Your fierce anger.
- Pastor:** Restore us again, O God of our salvation, And put away Your indignation toward us.
- People:** Will You not revive us again, That Your people may rejoice in You?
- Pastor:** Show us Your steadfast love, O Lord, And grant us Your salvation.
- People:** We will listen to what God the Lord says; He promises peace to His people, to His faithful servants to those that abide in His Word.
- Pastor:** Let us examine ourselves to see whether we are in the faith. Test yourselves. Do you not realize that Christ Jesus is in you?
- People:** We pray that we may pass the test, And that we may do what is right, not merely appear approved.
- Pastor:** Surely His salvation is near to those who fear Him, That glory may dwell in our hearts, mind, and the depths of our souls.
- People:** Mercy and truth have met together; May we find all of our truth and righteousness in your holy scriptures.
- Pastor:** Truth shall spring up from the earth, And righteousness shall look down from heaven.
- People:** The Lord will indeed give what is good, and we will yield its harvest.
- Pastor:** Righteousness will go before Him And prepare the way for His steps.
- All Together:** Lord, strengthen us in the truth of your word and provide us with your grace. May Christ be formed in us and may Your peace reign in our hearts. Amen.

Words of Wisdom - Psalms 85:10-13

Today's reading from the Old Testament come to us from the book of Psalms, chapter 85, verses 10 through 13. The highlights of these verses are:

- **Divine Harmony:** The meeting of love, truth, righteousness, and peace reflects the ideal state of God's kingdom.
- **Restoration and Renewal:** These verses follow a plea for revival, showing the hopeful outcome of repentance.
- **Blessing and Fruitfulness:** God's goodness results in tangible blessings—both spiritual and physical.
- **Guidance and Presence:** Righteousness prepares the way for God's movement among His people.

Allow these words to bring forth how the presence of God in your life will bring lasting peace.

Steadfast love and truth *and* faithfulness meet together;

Righteousness and peace kiss each other.

Truth springs from the earth, And righteousness looks down from heaven.

Indeed, the Lord will give what is good, And our land will yield its produce.

Righteousness will go before Him, And will make His footsteps into a way in which to walk.

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

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

Word of God - 2 Corinthians 13:5-9

Today's Word of God comes from the 13th Chapter of The Second Epistle of Paul the Apostle to the Corinthians.

Now here the word of the Lord.

Test yourselves to make sure you are solid in the faith. Don't drift along taking everything for granted. Give yourselves regular checkups. You need firsthand evidence, not mere hearsay, that Jesus Christ is in you. Test it out. If you fail the test, do something about it. I hope the test won't show that we have failed. But if it comes to that, we'd rather the test showed our failure than yours. We're rooting for the truth to win out in you. We couldn't possibly do otherwise. We don't just put up with our limitations; we celebrate them, and then go on to celebrate every strength, every triumph of the truth in you. We pray hard that it will all come together in your lives.

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

People: Thanks be to God.