

Faith - Family - Fellowship

Order of Worship Agape Worship Service August 31, 2025

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Communion Stewards: Doug & Michelle Hammond; Myra & Gary Ripley; Jackie & Jerry Volf

Prayer of Transformation

Pastor: Please join me in today's responsive Prayer of Transformation.

Pastor: Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter and give thanks to the Lord.

People: This is the gate of the Lord through which the righteous may enter. We will give thanks, for He has answered us and become our salvation.

Pastor: The stone the builders rejected has become the cornerstone. The Lord has done this, and it is marvelous in our eyes.

People: This is the day the Lord has made; we will rejoice and be glad in it.

Pastor: Lord, save us! Lord, grant us success! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.

People: From the house of the Lord we bless You. You are our God, and we will praise You.

Pastor: You are our God, and we will exalt You. Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; His love endures forever. Therefore, we say: Do not worry about your life—what you will eat or drink; or about your body—what you will wear.

People: Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothes?

Pastor: Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them.

People: Are we not much more valuable than they?

Pastor: Can any one of us by worrying add a single hour to our life?

People: We will not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself.

Pastor: Seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

All Together: We will live courageously in this moment, trusting in the goodness of God, rejoicing in the day He has made, and walking boldly in His love.

Words of Wisdom - Psalms 118:19-29

Today's reading from the Old Testament come to us from the book of Psalms, chapter 118, verses 19 through 29.

We often live caught between the regrets of yesterday and the anxieties of tomorrow. But God invites us to live *now*—to step into today with courage, joy, and trust. Psalm 118 reminds us that every day is a divine gift, handcrafted by the Lord. It gently urges us to release our grip on tomorrow and find peace in the present. Living courageously in the moment doesn't mean ignoring challenges. It means facing them with faith. It means choosing gratitude over grumbling, presence over distraction, and trust over fear. When we do, we discover that God's grace is not stored up for someday—it's poured out for *today*.

Now, allow these words to open up your heart, mind, and soul.

Open for me the gates where the righteous enter, and I will go in and thank the Lord.

These gates lead to the presence of the Lord, and the godly enter there.

I thank you for answering my prayer and giving me victory!

The stone that the builders rejected has now become the cornerstone.

This is the Lord's doing,

and it is wonderful to see.

This is the day the Lord has made.

We will rejoice and be glad in it.

Please, Lord, please save us.

Please, Lord, please give us success.

Bless the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

We bless you from the house of the Lord.

The Lord is God, shining upon us.

Take the sacrifice and bind it with cords on the altar.

You are my God, and I will praise you!

You are my God, and I will exalt you!

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good! His faithful love endures forever.

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

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

Word of God - Matthew 6:25-34

Today's Word of God comes from the 6th Chapter of The Gospel of Matthew.

Allow these words to bring you comfort in knowing that the Holy Spirit walks with you during those life moments in which you endure hardships and heartaches.

"That is why I tell you not to worry about everyday life—whether you have enough food and drink, or enough clothes to wear. Isn't life more than food, and your body more than clothing? Look at the birds. They don't plant or harvest or store food in barns, for your heavenly Father feeds them. And aren't you far more valuable to him than they are? Can all your worries add a single moment to your life?

"And why worry about your clothing? Look at the lilies of the field and how they grow. They don't work or make their clothing, yet Solomon in all his glory was not dressed as beautifully as they are. And if God cares so wonderfully for wildflowers that are here today and thrown into the fire tomorrow, he will certainly care for you. Why do you have so little faith?

"So don't worry about these things, saying, 'What will we eat? What will we drink? What will we wear?' These things dominate the thoughts of unbelievers, but your heavenly Father already knows all your needs. Seek the Kingdom of God^[a] above all else, and live righteously, and he will give you everything you need. "So don't worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring its own worries. Today's trouble is enough for today.

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

People: Thanks be to God.