



Faith - Family - Fellowship

**Order of Worship**  
Traditional Worship Service  
September 28, 2025

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| Words of Welcome                          |                                                                                                | PR                           |
| Prayer of Transformation                  |                                                                                                | PR                           |
| Call to Worship                           | How Can We Name a Love-Hymnal #111                                                             | Chancel Choir                |
| Hymn of Faith                             | Where Charity and Love Prevail- Hymnal #549<br>(Chancel Choir-verse 1 a ALL sing verses 2 & 3) | Chancel Choir & Congregation |
| Words of Wisdom                           | Deuteronomy 7:6-11                                                                             | Jerry Volf                   |
| Anthem of Hope                            | God Be In My Head                                                                              | Chancel Choir                |
| Doxology / Blessing of the Offering       |                                                                                                | Jim Vaughn                   |
| Word of God                               | 1 John 4:1-18                                                                                  | Kelly Sieling                |
| Video                                     |                                                                                                |                              |
| Spiritual Vitamin                         | "Perfect Love Casts Out Fear"                                                                  | PR                           |
| Prayers of the Church / The Lord's Prayer |                                                                                                | Shawn Boykin                 |
| Hymn of Love                              | My Faith Looks Up to Thee- Hymnal #452<br>(Chancel Choir-verse 1 - ALL sing verses 2 & 3)      | Chancel Choir & Congregation |
| Going Forth                               |                                                                                                | LT                           |

## **Prayer of Transformation**

**Leader:** Please join me in today's Prayer of Transformation.

Holy God, You have called us to be Your treasured possession, set apart not by our strength, but by Your steadfast love.

**People:** We receive Your love, not because we are worthy, but because You are faithful.

Leader: You keep covenant to a thousand generations with those who love You and obey Your commands.

**People:** Transform our hearts to walk in obedience, not out of duty, but out of devotion.

Leader: You are just, and You do not overlook rebellion. Yet You are merciful to those who turn to You.

**People:** Cleanse us from all that resists Your will, and renew us with Your Spirit.

Leader: In Christ, we have seen the fullness of Your love—a love that casts out fear and teaches us to love one another.

**People:** May Your perfect love drive out every fear in us, and make us bold in loving others.

Leader: You have chosen us to reflect Your holiness in a world that longs for truth and grace.

**People:** Set us apart, not in pride, but in purpose—to be light, to be love, to be Yours.

Leader: Let us not be deceived by every spirit, but test all things by the truth of Your Word.

**People:** Give us discernment, rooted in love, so that we may walk in the Spirit and not in fear.

Leader: You loved us first. You made us Yours. You call us to love as You have loved.

**People:** Transform us, O God, into vessels of Your love—faithful, fearless, and free.

Pastor: So, wake up, sleeper, rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.

**People:** Jesus, I belong to you. I lift my heart to you. I set my mind on you. I fix my eyes on you. I offer my body to you, as a living sacrifice. Jesus, we belong to you. Praying in the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit, Amen.

## Words of Wisdom - Deuteronomy 7:6-11

In chapter 7 of the book of Deuteronomy we find a stirring reminder of the deep bond between God and Israel. It underscores:

- The privilege of being chosen.
- The responsibility of obedience.
- The assurance of God's love and justice.

It's not just about ancient Israel—it's a timeless call to live with purpose, integrity, and devotion.

Allow these words from the Amplified Bible, to open up your heart to fully understand that our true identity can only be found in a relationship with Jesus Christ.

For you are a holy people set apart to the Lord your God; the Lord your God has chosen you out of all the peoples on the face of the earth to be a people for His own possession that is, His very special treasure. "The Lord did not love you and choose you because you were greater in number than any of the *other* peoples, for you were the fewest of all peoples. But because the Lord loves you and is keeping the oath which He swore to your fathers, the Lord has brought you out with a mighty hand and redeemed you from the house of slavery, from the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt. Therefore know without any doubt *and* understand that the Lord your God, He is God, the faithful God, who is keeping His covenant and His steadfast lovingkindness to a thousand generations with those who love Him and keep His commandments; but repays those who hate Him to their faces, by destroying them; He will not hesitate with him who hates Him, He will repay him to his face. Therefore, you shall obey the commandment and the statutes and judgments which I am commanding you today.

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

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

## **Word of God - 1 John 4:1-18**

The Word of God comes from 1 John, chapter 4, verses 1 through 18. Today's reading is taken from the New Living Translation.

Now hear the word of the Lord.

**Dear friends,** do not believe everyone who claims to speak by the Spirit. You must test them to see if the spirit they have comes from God. For there are many false prophets in the world. This is how we know if they have the Spirit of God: If a person claiming to be a prophet acknowledges that Jesus Christ came in a real body, that person has the Spirit of God. But if someone claims to be a prophet and does not acknowledge the truth about Jesus, that person is not from God. Such a person has the spirit of the Antichrist, which you heard is coming into the world and indeed is already here. But you belong to God, my dear children. You have already won a victory over those people, because the Spirit who lives in you is greater than the spirit who lives in the world. Those people belong to this world, so they speak from the world's viewpoint, and the world listens to them. But we belong to God, and those who know God listen to us. If they do not belong to God, they do not listen to us. That is how we know if someone has the Spirit of truth or the spirit of deception.

**Dear friends,** let us continue to love one another, for love comes from God. Anyone who loves is a child of God and knows God. But anyone who does not love does not know God, for God is love. God showed how much he loved us by sending his one and only Son into the world so that we might have eternal life through him. This is real love—not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as a sacrifice to take away our sins.

**Dear friends,** since God loved us that much, we surely ought to love each other. No one has ever seen God. But if we love each other, God lives in us, and his love is brought to full expression in us. And God has given us his Spirit as proof that we live in him and he in us. Furthermore, we have seen with our own eyes and now testify that the Father sent his Son to be the Savior of the world. All who declare that Jesus is the Son of God have God living in them, and they live in God. We know how much God loves us, and we have put our trust in his love. God is love, and all who live in love live in God, and God lives in them. And as we live in God, our love grows more perfect. So we will not be afraid on the day of judgment, but we can face him with confidence because we live like Jesus here in this world. Such love has no fear, because perfect love expels all fear. If we are afraid, it is for fear of punishment, and this shows that we have not fully experienced his perfect love.

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

**People: Thanks be to God.**