Traditional Worship Service

Sunday, October 25, 2026 • 9:40 a.m.

Welcome! Rev. Lee Foster

Invocation

Quietly Preparing to Worship God Everyone

Please take a moment to silence your cell phones

God could ask us for many things. Since God is perfect, the almighty could require us to be like him and demand that we be perfect. But God, thank goodness, does not do this. God could ask for us to have a vast store of Biblical knowledge. Even though that would be helpful, God does not demand that of us. God could ask for perfect church attendance, for us never to miss the gathering together of the Christian community. And regular worship attendance is a very good thing. But God does not ask that of us. God really asks one thing of those who wish to know him and follow in the way of Jesus: to love.

"What is the greatest commandment?" Jesus was asked this important question, and we should be on the edges of our pews waiting for the answer. There are well over six hundred commandments he could have chosen for his answer. But he boils it down to one thing, one four-letter word (in English). Love. That is it, that is the one thing. Not perfection. Not Bible knowledge. Not perfect attendance. Love. Love God. Love your neighbor. Every person has the desire to be loved and to love in return, and this is what God wants. Every person has the ability to say to God, I love you. And this makes God's heart be full of joy. May worship provide us all today a time to tell God what God wants to hear, a heart-felt "I love you."

Prelude ***Come, Thou Almighty King*** arr. Larson

Winfree Handbell Choir

Responsive Reading Dr. Jimmie Miles and Everyone

Congregation reads the **bold** *print*

Hear, O People: the Lord our God, the Lord is one.

Lord, you have been our dwelling place from generation to generation.

Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your strength.

Before the mountains were born, from everlasting to everlasting, you are God.

A thousand years in your sight are like yesterday, like a moment in the night.

Teach us to number our days, that we may gain a heart of wisdom.

Keep these words on your hearts — when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you rise.

Satisfy us in the morning with your steadfast love, that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.

Let the favor of the Lord our God rest on us.

Establish the work of our hands — yes, prosper your people so that your name will be praised.

Hymn 337 ***God, Our Father, We Adore Thee*** BEECHER

Reading from Psalm 1 Mark Rutledge

Hymn 552 ***My Jesus, I Love Thee*** GORDON

stanzas 1 and 2

Reading from Matthew 22:34-40 Peggy Rutledge

Hymn 552 ***My Jesus, I Love Thee*** GORDON

stanzas 3 and 4

Offertory Prayer

Giving Our Tithes and Offerings		Everyone
Choral Anthem	***Offertory***	John Ness Beck
Pastoral Scripture	**1 Cor. 15:12-22**	Rev. Foster

Pastor: The Word of God, for the people of God.
All: Thanks be to God.

Message	***Good Question: Is This Life All That There Is?***	Rev. Foster
Hymn 279	***There Is a Redeemer***	GREEN
Closing Words		
Benediction		
Postlude	***Festival March***	Stickles



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