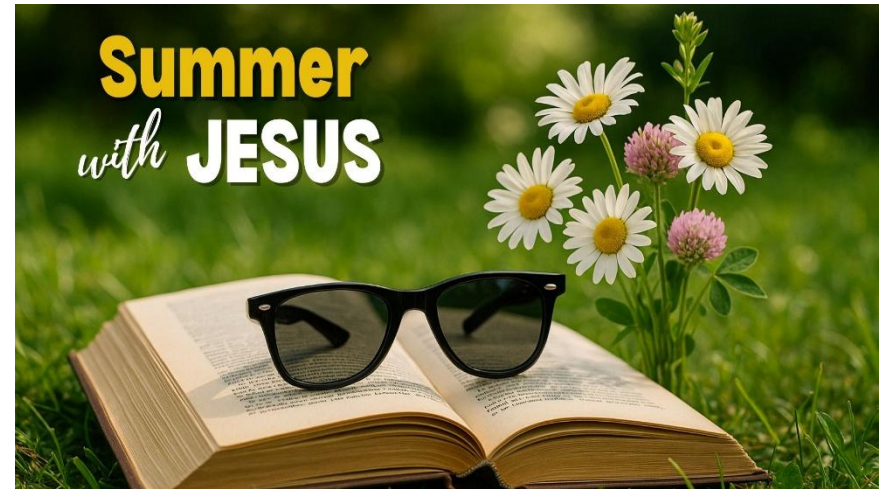


Psalm 141

I cry out to you, LORD: Come to me—quickly! Listen to my voice when I cry out to you! Let my prayer stand before you like incense; let my uplifted hands be like the evening offering. Set a guard over my mouth, LORD; keep close watch over the door that is my lips. Don't let my heart turn aside to evil things so that I don't do wicked things with evildoers, so I don't taste their delicacies. Instead, let the righteous discipline me; let the faithful correct me! Let my head never reject that kind of fine oil, because my prayers are always against the deeds of the wicked. Their leaders will fall from jagged cliffs, but my words will be heard because they are pleasing. Our bones have been scattered at the mouth of the grave, just like when the ground is broken up and plowed. But my eyes are on you, my LORD God. I take refuge in you; don't let me die! Protect me from the trap they've set for me; protect me from the snares of the evildoers. Let the wicked fall into their own nets—all together!—but let me make it through safely.

Matthew 4:1-11

Then the Spirit led Jesus up into the wilderness so that the devil might tempt him. After Jesus had fasted for forty days and forty nights, he was starving. The tempter came to him and said, "Since you are God's Son, command these stones to become bread." Jesus replied, "It's written, People won't live only by bread, but by every word spoken by God." After that the devil brought him into the holy city and stood him at the highest point of the temple. He said to him, "Since you are God's Son, throw yourself down; for it is written, I will command my angels concerning you, and they will take you up in their hands so that you won't hit your foot on a stone." Jesus replied, "Again it's written, Don't test the Lord your God." Then the devil brought him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory. He said, "I'll give you all these if you bow down and worship me." Jesus responded, "Go away, Satan, because it's written, You will worship the Lord your God and serve only him." The devil left him, and angels came and took care of him.



Sunday, August 17, 2025 9:00 am

**Please stand if it is comfortable for you*

PRELUDE

WELCOME & GREETING

*SONG OF BEGINNING

Irish Aire

Harp Music

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Come, beloved of God, let us lift our voices in worship to God.

People: We ask God to guard our lips and guide our hearts as we walk in the ways of God.

Leader: Come, weary souls and faithful hearts, let us worship the God who is our refuge, our strength in times of trouble and our hope in every storm.

People: We enter God's presence with humble hearts.

Leader: Come into worship with sincerity and trust.

People: God is near to all who call on God's name.

All: Let us worship God in spirit and in truth.

Psalm 141

*HYMN

*All Creatures of Our God
and King vs. 1-3*

No. 62
Red Hymnal

WITNESSING GOD'S LOVE TO OUR CHILDREN

PRAYER OF CONFESSION & WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Loving God, we have been wandering lost, not only on the path of life but on the journey to our true selves. We have tried that which does not last, followed that which goes nowhere, and been found wanting and in need of your grace and mercy. Persistent God, you love us beyond what is reasonable. You call us by name. You search for us in all the seasons of life and hold out a hand to us. Forgiving God, open our eyes and let us see the way back to you as we offer you our silent confessions (silent confession).

*SUNG RESPONSE

Seek Ye First, vs. 1

No. 405
Red Hymnal

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

Morning Has Broken

Summer Theme: *Summer with Jesus*

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 4:1-11

SERMON

A Measure of Strength

*HYMN

Wonderful Words of Life,
vs. 1-3

No. 600
Red Hymnal

A TIME FOR PRAYER

OFFERING OUR LIVES AND OUR BLESSINGS

Invitation

Offertory

*Doxology

No. 94 Red Hymnal

*CLOSING BLESSING

*SUNG RESPONSE

*Let There Be Peace
on Earth*

No. 431
Red Hymnal

POSTLUDE

Participating in Worship:

Rev. Brad Mather, Director of Caring Ministries

Amanda Hinthorn, Dir. of Technology &

Online Communications, Worship Assistant

Dayna Woods, Reader

Jill Bandli, Children's Time

Bell Chimers & Gini Werling, Harp, Music

Sue Lundeen, Organist