

Welcome to



GENERATIONS



I'm Really Listening

July 12, 2026

Traditional Worship

8:15 am Sanctuary

**Please stand or lift your heart*

WELCOME

Rev. Sarah Slack



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OPENING PRAYER

PRELUDE

Christians, We Have Met to Worship
arr. Howard Helvey
Dr. Jenny Anderson, piano

*HYMN No. 454

Open My Eyes, That I May See
OPEN MY EYES

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Dr. Dwight Dockery

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*GLORIA PATRI No. 70

Glory Be to the Father
MEINEKE

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen. Amen.

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ANTHEM

Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us
arr. Bill Wolaver

Morning Glory Chorus; Dr. Dwight Dockery, conductor

Savior, like a shepherd lead us, much we need thy tender care;
in thy pleasant pastures feed us, for our use thy folds prepare.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus! Thou hast bought us, thine we are.

Thou hast promised to receive us, poor and sinful though we be;
in thy pleasant pastures feed us, grace to cleanse and power to free.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus! We will early turn to thee.

Early let us seek thy favor, early let us do thy will;
blessed Lord and only Savior, with thy love our bosoms fill.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus! Thou hast loved us, love us still.

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH No. 883**

A Statement of Faith of the United Church of Canada

We are not alone, we live in God's world.

We believe in God:

who has created and is creating,
who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh,
to reconcile and make new,
who works in us and others by the Spirit.

We trust in God.

We are called to be the church:

to celebrate God's presence, to love and serve others,
to seek justice and resist evil,
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,
our judge and our hope.

In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us.

We are not alone.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

TIME OF PRAYER

OFFERING MOMENT

OFFERTORY

Lord, Help Us Walk Your Servant Way
arr. Anne Marie David

***DOXOLOGY No. 94**

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow
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Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.
Praise God, all creatures here below. Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God, the source of all our gifts.
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts.
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

***PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

***THE LORD'S PRAYER**

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come; thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our
trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil,
for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
forever. Amen.

***HYMN No. 593**

Here I Am, Lord
HERE I AM, LORD

***BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE**

In Peace and Joy I Now Depart
arr. Austin Thierot

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OPENING PRAYER

BRINGING IN THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

Jessie Giles, acolytes
Caia Sanford, acolytes

PRELUDE

Toccata on O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing
arr. Alfred V. Fedak
Dr. Jenny Anderson, organ

INTROIT

Lord, Speak to Me
adapt. from Robert Schumann
Chancel Choir; Dr. Dwight Dockery, conductor

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TIME WITH CHILDREN

CHILDREN DISMISSED TO KIDS OWN WORSHIP

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Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
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Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.
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SCRIPTURE READING

1 Samuel 3:1-18 (NRSV)

Allie Simpson

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ANTHEM*Spirit, Open My Heart*

Irish Melody arr. Dockery

Spirit, open my heart to the joy and pain of living.
As you love, may I love, in receiving and in giving.
Spirit, open my heart.
God, replace my stony heart with a heart that's kind and tender.
All my coldness and fear to your grace I now surrender.
Spirit open my heart.
May I weep with those who weep, share the joy of sister, brother.
In the welcome of Christ, may we welcome one another.
Spirit, open my heart.

Write your love upon my heart as a law, my goal, my story.
In each thought, word, and deed, may my living bring you glory.
Spirit, open my heart.

CELEBRATION OF HOLY BAPTISM

We are delighted to welcome Shoja Golzar into our
congregation today by profession of faith.

TIME OF PRAYER

Rev. Don Jones

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***BENEDICTION**

***BENEDICTION RESPONSE**

Go Forth for God
Genevan Psalter, harm. C. Winfred Douglas

Go forth for God, go to the world in peace;
be of good courage, armed with heavenly grace,
in God's good Spirit daily to increase,
till in the kingdom we see face to face.
Go forth for God, go to the world in peace.

***POSTLUDE**

In Peace and Joy I Now Depart
arr. Austin Thierot

Contemporary Worship

10:30 am | Asbury Hall

WELCOME MUSIC

The Band

We Praise You
Bethel Music

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Ralph Jeffers



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WORSHIP

House of the Lord
Phil Wickman

Firm Foundation (He Won't)
The Worship Initiative

Called Me Higher
All Sons and Daughters

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Rev. Teanna Black

OFFERING

I'm Listening
Chris McClarney

SCRIPTURE

1 Samuel 3:1-14 (NLT)

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CLOSING WORSHIP

Lead On Good Shepherd
Patrick Mayberry

BENEDICTION

THIS AFTERNOON
2:00 pm

BARRIER FREE WORSHIP



This special time of worship is designed for people living with dementia, cognitive challenges or various expressions of neurodivergence. During this simple service there will be a special emphasis placed on the atmosphere, the music, and prioritizing how people feel in this time and space.

1stchurch.org/sycamore-tree

1st YOUTH **SUMMER SERVICE & FUN**
July 12th, 19th, 26th - Summer Life Groups at 5:30 pm



- **July 16th** - Service Day at DayBreak
- **July 30th** - Smokies Baseball
- Spiderman: Brand New Day Movie Night (TBD)
- **August 2nd** - Lake Party

1stchurch.org/students

Blessing of the Backpacks
Sunday, August 2nd
ALL WORSHIP SERVICES



SUMMER SERVICE & SURPRISES
FOR CHILDREN 2ND GRADE-5TH GRADE

- PACK AND DELIVER MEALS
- ENJOY A KID FRIENDLY MEAL
- TAKE PART IN A HANDS-ON ACTIVITY

[1STCHURCH.ORG/SUMMER-SERVICE](http://1stchurch.org/summer-service)

TWO MORE OPPORTUNITIES
JULY 14th
JULY 21st

MOVE ON UP SUNDAY
MOVIN' ON UP IN FAITH & GRADE!
SUNDAY, AUGUST 2ND

IF YOUR CHILD IS A NEW KINDERGARTNER OR 3RD GRADER THEY WILL BE IN A NEW CLASS!



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