

Welcome to



GENERATIONS



Where You Go, I Will Go

July 26, 2026

Traditional Worship

8:15 am Sanctuary

**Please stand or lift your heart*

WELCOME

Rev. Sarah Slack



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OPENING PRAYER

PRELUDE

The King of Love My Shepherd Is
arr. Dan Forrest
Dr. Jenny Anderson, piano

*HYMN No. 75

All People That on Earth Do Dwell
OLD 100th

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LEADER: The Lord's steadfast love endures forever.

ALL: God is faithful to all the generations.

*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.

SCRIPTURE READING

Ruth 1:1-18 (NRSV)
Rev. Brye Rop

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husband. **6** Then she started to return with her daughters-in-law from the country of Moab, for she had heard in the country of Moab that the LORD had had consideration for his people and given them food. **7** So she set out from the place where she had been living, she and her two daughters-in-law, and they went on their way to go back to the land of Judah. **8** But Naomi said to her two daughters-in-law, "Go back each of you to your mother's house. May the LORD deal kindly with you, as you have dealt with the dead and with me. **9** The LORD grant that you may find security, each of you in the house of your husband." Then she kissed them, and they wept aloud. **10** They said to her, "No, we will return with you to your people." **11** But Naomi said, "Turn back, my daughters, why will you go with me? Do I still have sons in my womb that they may become your husbands? **12** Turn back, my daughters, go your way, for I am too old to have a husband. Even if I thought there was hope for me, even if I should have a husband tonight and bear sons, **13** would you then wait until they were grown? Would you then refrain from marrying? No, my daughters, it has been far more bitter for me than for you, because the hand of the LORD has turned against me." **14** Then they wept aloud again. Orpah kissed her mother-in-law, but Ruth clung to her. **15** So she said, "See, your sister-in-law has gone back to her people and to her gods; return after your sister-in-law." **16** But Ruth said, "Do not press me to leave you or to turn back from following you! Where you go, I will go; where you lodge, I will lodge; your people shall be my people, and your God my God. **17** Where you die, I will die— there will I be buried. May the LORD do thus and so to me, and more as well, if even death parts me from you!" **18** When Naomi saw that she was determined to go with her, she said no more to her.

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SERMON

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ANTHEM

Help Us to Help Each Other
arr. Dockery

Morning Glory Chorus; Dr. Dwight Dockery, conductor

Help us to help each other, Lord, each other's load to bear,
that all may live in true accord, our joys and pains to share.

Help us to build each other up, your strength within us prove.
Increase our faith, confirm our hope, and fill us with your love.

Drawn by the magnet of your love, we find our hearts made new.
Nearer each other, let us move, and nearer still to you.

***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

Music for Reflection
Greg Brakebill

***DOXOLOGY No. 94** *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*
LASST UNS ERFREUEN

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. 92**

For the Beauty of the Earth
DIX

***BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE**

O Love Divine, What Hast Thou Done
arr. Terry D. Wilson

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10:30 am Sanctuary

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OPENING PRAYER

BRINGING IN THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

Maggie Harris, acolyte
Ruth Ann Slack, acolyte

PRELUDE

The King of Love My Shepherd Is
arr. Victor C. Johnson
Dr. Jenny Anderson, organ

INTROIT

Help Us to Accept Each Other
19th Century USA melody
Chancel Choir; Dr. Dwight Dockery, conductor

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CELEBRATION OF HOLY BAPTISM & WELCOMING NEW MEMBERS

Holy Baptism of Jayden Best

Chase, Mackenzie, Val, and Jayden Best
join today as professing members.

TIME WITH CHILDREN

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CENTERING HYMN No. 393

Spirit of the Living God

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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John Purifoy

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***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**

Rejoice Always
Richard A. Williamson

Contemporary Worship

10:30 am | Asbury Hall

WELCOME MUSIC

The Band

Left It in the Water
We the Kingdom

WELCOME

Ralph Jeffers



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WORSHIP

Breathe Miracles
Red Rock Worship

I Believe
Bethel

Goodness of God
Bethel

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Rev. Teanna Black

OFFERING

Where You Go I Will Go
Brandon Lake

SCRIPTURE

Ruth 1:1-18 (NLT)

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CLOSING WORSHIP

I Will Follow
Chris Tomlin

BENEDICTION

GIVE TEACHERS A BOOST

COLLECTING ITEMS
TUESDAY, July 28TH
8:00 am to 5:00 pm



- Disinfectant wipes
- Tissues
- Various sizes of Ziploc type storage bags



WELCOME Back to School

Blessing of the Backpacks

1st Kids & 1st Youth Studies

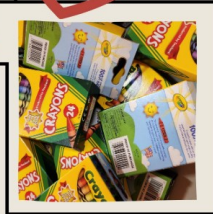
Rise and Shine

1st Kids & 1st Youth Choirs

Foamtastic Party

GO.DO opportunity for adults

New Adult Bible Studies



Learn more at:

1stchurch.org/school

CREATED FOR

CONNECTION

What is God's vision for human connection and how can we overcome a trend toward social disconnection?

Sundays in August

- Connection Among Christians
- Connection with God
- Connection with Community
- Connection Across Barriers
- Created for Connection

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Starts August 5th!
Wednesdays
@ 1st



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5:00 pm 1st Kids Music
5:30 pm Dinner for EVERYONE
6:00 pm 1st Youth Music
6:15 pm *Trackers of Truth* - Children's Bible Study
6:30 pm Celebrate Recovery Worship
Beyond the Sermons - Study with Rev. Black
6:50 pm Groove - 1st Youth Bible Study
7:00 pm Chancel Choir
7:40 pm Celebrate Recovery Share Groups

New studies and
new times!



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