

## Announcements

The projection team is taking a summer break.  
The projection of hymns will resume after Labour Day.

An offering plate can be found on a small table in the center aisle. By receiving peoples' gifts each week, worshipers are given an opportunity to contribute to the ministry that Christ does in and through our church family. During the Stewardship Moment of the service, these gifts will be brought forward and dedicated to this purpose.



Have you signed up to receive emails from the church?  
It's a quick and easy way to stay connected with your church family!  
Speak to Rev. Brad or our church administrator Cheri for more information.

### **Mission Moment**

After contracting polio when she was young, Akelwela Adanladi was left with physical disabilities. As subsistence farmers, her parents could not afford to send her to school. Her life changed at 30 when she was identified by the Community-Based Rehabilitation (CBR) program of the Presbyterian Church in Ghana. Through the CBR program, she obtained a cloth weaving apprenticeship and access to start-up capital for her business. Now a trainer, Akelwela empowers young people through skills training. "I am able to generate enough money to meet my needs and I am so grateful to the CBR program for coming to my aid. Today, I have a beautiful life."

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*"to know, love and serve God wherever we are  
and to inspire others to do the same  
by our thoughts, words and deeds"*

*SPC Mission Statement*

## Our Approach to God

Sung Call to Worship: **#27 As the Deer**

♪ *As the deer pants for the water so my soul longs after you;  
You alone are my heart's desire, and I long to worship you.* ♪  
*You alone are my strength, my shield; to you alone may my spirit yield.  
You alone are my heart's desire and I long to worship you.*

Hymn **#420 Praise, I Will Praise**

Opening Prayers

*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 debts as we forgive our  
debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is  
the kingdom, the power and the glory, forever and ever, Amen.*

Assurance of God's Love

Welcome & Announcements

Children's Time & Hymn **#631 Jesus' Hands Were Kind Hands**

## Listening for God's Word

Prayer for Understanding

Scripture Readings: Deuteronomy 30:9-14  
Luke 10:25-37

The Word of God in Scripture. The Word of God among us.  
The Word of God within us.  
**Thanks be to God.**

Ministry of Music – A Favourite Hymn!

Sermon: "Grace & Mercy Above Law & Order"

Hymn **#722 Lord, Whose Love**

## Our Response to God's Word

Stewardship Moment

Reflection / Doxology & The Presentation of Gifts / Prayer

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise God all creatures high & low  
Praise God in Jesus fully known: Creator, Word and Spirit one.*

Pastoral Prayer

♪ *Hear our prayer, O God. Hear our prayer, O God.* ♪  
*Incline your ear to us, and grant us your peace.*

Hymn **#587 Called as Partners in Christ's Service**

Benediction & Dismissal: **May the Lord Bless You**

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As you prepare for this morning's service to begin, you are invited to reflect on the following...

*"When Christianity is working, what we care about is the neighbor.  
When Christianity is not working, what we care about is Christianity."  
~ John Thatamanil*

*"Beware of any Christian movement that acts as though the world is full of enemies  
to be destroyed rather than full of neighbors to be loved.  
Beware of any Christian movement that demands the government be an  
instrument of God's wrath but never a source of God's mercy, generosity, or  
compassion."  
~ Rev. Benjamin R. Cremer*



Rabbi Joachim Prinz has said that "Neighbor is not a geographic term. It is a moral concept." Who are the "neighbors" in our lives that we might be overlooking or avoiding?

## **Things to pray for this week...**

We praise God that women in Guatemala who participate in PWS&D-supported workshops are learning skills that develop their self-esteem and equip them to participate politically in their communities.

We lament that in many societies, diversity is seen as a problem rather than a gift. We pray that our global leaders may recognize diversity as a blessing to be celebrated.

We pray for people affected by dementia and their caregivers, that they would know God's love as they navigate a world of uncertainty.



### Scripture Reading: Deuteronomy 30:9-14 (NIV)

<sup>9</sup> Then the Lord your God will make you most prosperous in all the work of your hands and in the fruit of your womb, the young of your livestock and the crops of your land. The Lord will again delight in you and make you prosperous, just as he delighted in your ancestors, <sup>10</sup> if you obey the Lord your God and keep his commands and decrees that are written in this Book of the Law and turn to the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul.

<sup>11</sup> Now what I am commanding you today is not too difficult for you or beyond your reach. <sup>12</sup> It is not up in heaven, so that you have to ask, "Who will ascend into heaven to get it and proclaim it to us so we may obey it?" <sup>13</sup> Nor is it beyond the sea, so that you have to ask, "Who will cross the sea to get it and proclaim it to us so we may obey it?" <sup>14</sup> No, the word is very near you; it is in your mouth and in your heart so you may obey it.

### Scripture Reading: Luke 10:25-37 (NIV)

<sup>25</sup> On one occasion an expert in the law stood up to test Jesus. "Teacher," he asked, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?"

<sup>26</sup> "What is written in the Law?" he replied. "How do you read it?"

<sup>27</sup> He answered, "'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind'; and, 'Love your neighbor as yourself.'"

<sup>28</sup> "You have answered correctly," Jesus replied. "Do this and you will live."

<sup>29</sup> But he wanted to justify himself, so he asked Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?"

<sup>30</sup> In reply Jesus said: "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, when he was attacked by robbers. They stripped him of his clothes, beat him and went away, leaving him half dead. <sup>31</sup> A priest happened to be going down the same road, and when he saw the man, he passed by on the other side. <sup>32</sup> So too, a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. <sup>33</sup> But a Samaritan, as he traveled, came where the man was; and when he saw him, he took pity on him. <sup>34</sup> He went to him and bandaged his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then he put the man on his own donkey, brought him to an inn and took care of him. <sup>35</sup> The next day he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper. 'Look after him,' he said, 'and when I return, I will reimburse you for any extra expense you may have.'

<sup>36</sup> "Which of these three do you think was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of robbers?"

<sup>37</sup> The expert in the law replied, "The one who had mercy on him."

Jesus told him, "Go and do likewise."