

Stewardship Moment

Stewardship is

- Is caring for the whole church
- A faith based approach to giving
- The mission of caring for our neighbors

Our Goals are

- Modeling a generous spirit to our church family
- Living the church's Mission Statement
- Recognizing the efforts of everyone who give their time, talents and treasures to the church

Stewardship is Actualizing the Great Commission of Matthew 28:19-20

"Go, then, to all peoples everywhere and make them my disciples: baptize them in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, and teach them to obey everything I have commanded you. And I will be with you always, to the end of the age."

THE FOOD SHELF welcomes your contributions or if you want to bring food instead, we need non perishable proteins like peanut butter and tuna fish, as well as cereal, canned fruit, canned vegetables, spaghetti sauce, macaroni, 1-can meals, and toilet paper. Thank you very much for your support. Check out <https://www.slatevalleycares.org>



Thank you for coming to worship with us!

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~ALL ARE WELCOME HERE! ~
~August 17,2025 ~ Proper Fifteen~

*I came to
bring fire
to the earth...*

LUKE 12:49, NRSV



THOUGHT FOR THE DAY *"You must be the change you wish to see in the world."* Begin today!



ORDER OF WORSHIP ~ SUNDAY, AUGUST 17, 2025 ~ PROPER 15

PRELUDE *Trumpet Voluntary Prince of Denmark’s March* Jeremiah Clark
Sharon Pinsonnault
WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Pastor Jane

LIGHTING OF THE ALTAR CANDLES & RINGING OF THE BELL
Michelle Grenier & Steve Fredette

One: What is our church’s mission?

Many: To embody God's powerful love...

- **welcoming all people, with a vision and message of hope,**
- **weaving deep relationships with Jesus and each other,**
- **working, praising and playing in our towns and world.**

OPENING HYMN (NCH) # 295 *I Sing a Song of the Saints of God*

*I sing a song of the saints of God,
faithful their whole lives through,
who bravely labored, lived, and died
for the God they loved and knew.
And one was a doctor, and one was a queen,
and one was a shepherd in pastures green:
they were saints of God, if you know what I mean,
God help me to be one, too.*

*They loved their and they lived that love.
It was loving that made them strong.
They did what was right, for Jesus’ sake,
lived justly their whole lives long.
And one was a prophet, and one was a priest,
and another was slain by a fierce wild beast:
there is no earthly reason, non in the least,
why I shouldn’t be one, too.*

*They lived not only in ages past,
there are hundreds of thousands still.
The world is filled with living saints
who choose to do God's will.*

*You can meet them in school, on the road, or at sea,
in church, in a train, in a shop, or at tea;
for the saints are folk like you and me,
and I mean to be one, too.*

BRINGING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST OUT INTO THE WORLD

CHORAL BENEDICTION *This Little Light of Mine*

*This little light of mine, I’m gonna let it shine,
This little light of mine, I’m gonna let it shine
This little light of mine, I’m gonna let it shine
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine*

*Everywhere I go, I’m gonna let it shine
Everywhere I go, I’m gonna let it shine
Everywhere I go, I’m gonna let it shine
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.*

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Adagio* (Joanne Dewar) Sharon Pinsonnault

Please join us for Coffee and Fellowship following the service

PRAYER LIST Our prayer list is a network of love and faith in the power of prayer. We receive these names from members and friends of our church who hold these individuals up in their own prayer life for God’s healing and strength upon them. **IMMEDIATE NEEDS:** Pam Berryhill, Jeff Buxton, C.J., Connie Manukka, Carlene Kasuba, Phil Stack, Shawn and Becky; Jessica Smith, David Stack, Joe Verga.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

TUESDAY, AUGUST 19, 2025 We will hold another **Community Dinner from 5:00 PM – 6:30 PM.** Please invite your family, friends and neighbors to attend. We will have hot dogs and hamburgers. We need side dishes—please let us know if you would like to bring a salad, side dish, dessert, any and all of your favorites are welcome and very appreciated. Let’s fill the tables and have a blast!

TRUSTEE MEETING, Next Sunday, August 24, 2025 after service

SUNDAY, AUGUST 31, 2025 We will have our Annual All Church Picnic at the Pavilion at Chrystal Beach. We’ll provide the hamburgers and hotdogs. Please sign up to bring the sides and desserts. **WE HOPE EVERYONE ATTENDS IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING WORSHIP!**

*change and decay in all around I see;
O thou who changest not, abide with me.*

*3 I need thy presence every passing hour;
what but thy grace can foil the tempter's power?
Who, like thyself, my guide and stay can be?
Through cloud and sunshine, O abide with me.*

SERMON We Are a Stubborn People

Pastor Jane

OFFERING

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Here



DOXOLOGY *Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow
Praise Him, all creatures here below
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

DEDICATION OF THE OFFERING

SPECIAL DUET *We're Marching to Zion* (arr. Tedd Smith & Don Hustad)
Joanie Brown and Sharon Pinsonnault

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

CLOSING HYMN *Purify My Heart*

*Purify my heart Let me be as gold and precious silver
Purify my heart Let me be as gold, pure gold*

Chorus

*Refiner's fire, my heart's one desire Is to be holy,
set apart for You, Lord
I choose to be holy Set apart for You,
my Master Ready to do Your will.*

*Purify my heart Cleanse me from within and make me holy
Purify my heart Cleanse me from my sin, deep within*

CALL TO WORSHIP

LEADER: The Lord calls us to grow in faithfulness.

PEOPLE: *Take away our selfishness, O Lord.*

LEADER: The Lord challenges us to serve others in loving ways!

PEOPLE: *Help us grow in our service and witness to your mercy and peace.*

LEADER: Come, let us worship the Lord who delights in our witness.

INVOCATION

Debbie Pratt

UNISON PRAYER FOR TRANSFORMATION AND NEW LIFE

ALL: Transforming One, forgive us for dampening your fire, even for our failure to recognize your movement among us. Help us to follow in the path of life abundantly for our neighbors and ourselves. Make us instruments of your kingdom as we encourage and uplift one another like iron sharpens iron. Surround us as a community of accountability and support to transform us in your image, character, and nature. We receive the gift of new grace, new mercies, and new life that you offer to us each day. Amen.

WORDS OF GRACE

Pastor Jane

PRAISE & WORSHIP VIDEO No Fear

*I got enemies at every side
It ain't looking good, I ain't gonna lie
Arrows flying, devil's trying
To make me think I'm going down this time
You might think that I'd be afraid
Running scared with a shaken faith
But the God I know says it ain't over
The God I know is gonna make a way
Yea, though I walk through the valley
I will have*

*No fear, no fear
The mighty power of Jesus*

NO FEAR
JON REDDICK & WE THE KINGDOM

*Is fighting for me here
 No fear, no fear
 The light of the world
 Makes the darkness disappear
 No fear
 Not over my life, not over my life, not over my life
 No fear
 Not over my life, not over my life, not over my life
 No fear when I'm walking through the fire
 'Cause I know who's walking me through
 No fear when the floodwaters rise
 If I got my eyes on you
 No fear, no fear
 The mighty power of Jesus
 Is fighting for me here
 No fear, no fear
 The light of the world
 Makes the darkness disappear
 No fear
 Not over my life, not over my life, not over my life
 No fear
 Not over my life, not over my life, not over my life
 Not over my family, not over my future
 Not over my life, God's over my life
 Not over my battles, not over my struggles
 Not over my life, God's over my life
 Not over my family, not over my future
 Not over my life, God's over my life
 Not over my battles, not over my struggles
 Not over my life, God's over my life
 Yea, though I walk through the valley
 I will have
 No fear, no fear
 The mighty power of Jesus
 Is fighting for me here*

*No fear, no fear
 The light of the world
 Makes the darkness disappear
 No fear
 Not over my life, not over my life, not over my life
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 Not over my life, not over my life, not over my life
 No fear
 Not over my life, not over my life, not over my life*

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.

GLORIA PATRI *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.*

TIME WITH THE YOUNG—A MESSAGE OF GOD'S LOVE

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

Jeremiah 23:23-29, Psalm 82:8, Hebrews 12:6, Luke 12:49-56

SERMONIC HYMN (CH) # 636 Abide With Me

*1 Abide with me, fast falls the eventide;
 the darkness deepens, God, with me abide:
 when other helpers fail, and comforts flee,
 Help of the helpless, O abide with me.*

*2 Swift to its close ebbs out life's little day;
 earth's joys grow dim; its glories pass away;*