

Together we reach, transform, and equip people for a lifelong relationship with Christ.

Welcome To Worship

Mt. Carmel United Methodist Church

May 25, 2025 ~ 9:30 am

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS: Randy Loy

CALL TO WORSHIP: Randy Loy

May the whole world be blessed by the good news about Jesus Christ.

God wants us to be the messengers that carry the gospel beyond these four walls and beyond other boundaries.

The Holy Spirit goes before us, preparing the hearts of all who need to hear the truth about salvation through Christ.

You have called us Lord. Send us to where we are needed and anoint us with the ability to breach the barriers that cause unbelief. Let your precious Word flow from our hearts and our mouths to grateful ears so that many may trust in your loving grace.

THE LORD'S PRAYER:

*HYMN:

"Forward Through The Ages"

Hymnal 555

Forward through the ages,
in unbroken line,
move the faithful spirits
at the call divine;
gifts in differing measure,
hearts of one accord,
manifold the service,
one the sure reward.

Refrain:

Forward through the ages,
in unbroken line,
move the faithful spirits
at the call divine.

Wider grows the kingdom,
reign of love and light;
for it we must labor,
till our faith is sight.
Prophets have proclaimed it,
martyrs testified,
poets sung its glory,
heroes for it died. ***[Refrain]***

Not alone we conquer,
not alone we fall;
in each loss or triumph
lose or triumph all.

Bound by God's far purpose
in one living whole,
move we on together
to the shining goal. *[Refrain]*

PUBLIC READING OF THE SCRIPTURE: Rene Ciampaglia
Acts 16: 9-15

⁹ During the night Paul had a vision: there stood a man of Macedonia pleading with him and saying, 'Come over to Macedonia and help us.' ¹⁰ When he had seen the vision, we immediately tried to cross over to Macedonia, being convinced that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them.

The Conversion of Lydia

¹¹ We set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace, the following day to Neapolis, ¹² and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city for some days. ¹³ On the sabbath day we went outside the gate by the river, where we supposed there was a place of prayer; and we sat down and spoke to the women who had gathered there. ¹⁴ A certain woman named Lydia, a worshipper of God, was listening to us; she was from the city of Thyatira and a dealer in purple cloth. The Lord opened her heart to listen eagerly to what was said by Paul. ¹⁵ When she and her household were baptized, she urged us, saying, 'If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come and stay at my home.' And she prevailed upon us.

The Word of God for the People of God.
Thanks be to God.

SERMON: "Come Help Us" Pastor Jeff

ANTHEM: "Let There be Peace on Earth" Chancel Choir

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE: Pastor Jeff

*OFFERING WITH OFFERTORY PRAISE Hymnal 95

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.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION: Randy Loy

Gracious God, may our gifts collected today find favor with you and be usable for building up your kingdom and for ministering to all whom will be touched by the efforts of this local church. You have richly blessed us and now we bless you with a portion of that which we have received. In the name of Jesus Christ your Son we pray. Amen.

HYMN: "Jesus Calls Us" Hymnal 398

Jesus calls us o'er the tumult
of our life's wild, restless sea;
day by day his sweet voice soundeth,
saying, "Christian, follow me!"

As of old the apostles heard it
by the Galilean lake,
turned from home and toil and kindred,
leaving all for Jesus' sake.

Jesus calls us from the worship
of the vain world's golden store,
from each idol that would keep us,
saying, "Christian, love me more!"

In our joys and in our sorrows,
days of toil and hours of ease,
still he calls, in cares and pleasures,
"Christian, love me more than these!"

Jesus calls us! By thy mercies,
Savior, may we hear thy call,
give our hearts to thine obedience,
serve and love thee best of all.

BENEDICTION: Pastor Jeff