

ORDER OF WORSHIP
Tenth Sunday after Pentecost
August 17, 2025

Prelude A. Alain
“Offertoire for the Feast of Assumption”

Greetings & Announcements

Call to Worship

(Leader and People)

L: Children of God, for the sake of the joy, we gather...

P: We gather to worship, to encounter grace, to grow in faith.

L: For the sake of the joy, we proclaim...

P: We proclaim the good news of Jesus Christ, the love of God that surrounds us, and forms us into a community marked by love for God, self, neighbor, and all creation.

L: For the sake of the joy, we respond...

P: We respond with our lives, ready to embody our faith as agents of God’s already-and-not-yet kingdom.

L: For the sake of the joy, God sends us...

P: God sends us into the world to meet our neighbors with the defiant joy and persevering love of the gospel today and every day.

L: Come let us worship the Triune God who dwells with us as we gather; proclaim, respond, and go forth from this place.

P: Come, let us worship! Thanks be to God. Amen.

Unison Prayer:

Glorious God, we thank you for the cloud of witnesses, the multitude of the faithful of all ages, who surround us. Considering their example and looking to Jesus, may we run the race of life faithfully. Encourage us, that we may not grow weary or fainthearted. Help us accept your gentle discipline, through the grace of Jesus Christ. Amen

*** Pass the Peace**

***Hymn** TFWS 2283
“For All the Saints”

Scripture Carolyn Trezevant
Hebrews 11:29-12:2
(NRSV)

Message Rev. Dr. Rita Sims

Crooked Halos

Call to Prayer UMH 393
“Spirit of the Living God”

Prayers of the People

The Lord’s Prayer

Offertory J. Burkett
“This Is My Father’s World”

***Doxology** UMH 95

***Hymn** UMH 706
“Soon and Very Soon”

***Sending Forth** Rev. Dr. Rita Sims

*** Postlude** J.G. Walther
“My Jesus I Will Never Leave”

Mission of the Month

The August Mission is The Wesley Campus Ministry. All dollar bills dropped into the collection plates, or checks with “The Wesley” in the memo line, will benefit this mission. Or you can scan



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Worship Leaders

Rev. Dr. Rita Sims

*John Burkett, Organist
John Mark Dempsey, Sound Tech
Claire Floyd, Video Tech*



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Upcoming Activities

Aug. 18 (Mon.) Commerce I.S.D Starts

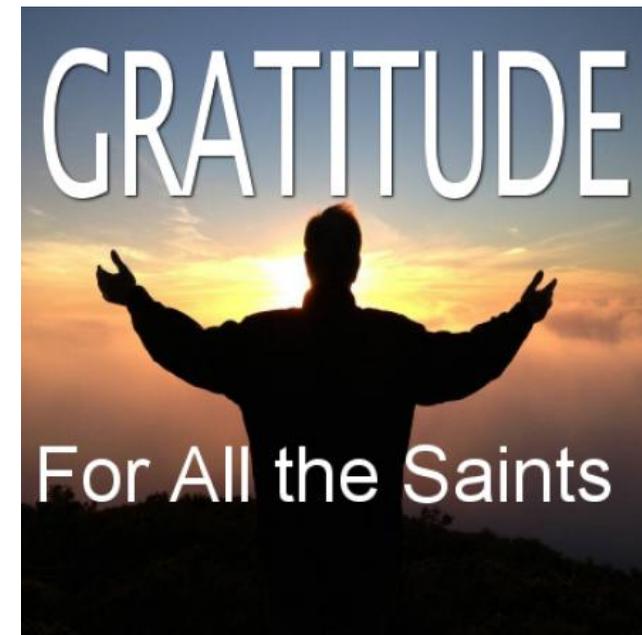
Aug. 20 (Wed.) Country Home Estate Service at 2
Choir Practice at 6:00

Aug. 21 (Thur.) Prayer Shawl Crafting at 9:30
Serve Team at 2:00

Ministers	All Members of the Congregation
Pastor	Rev. Cheryl Murray
Office & Communications	Tricia Dempsey
Financial Secretary	Mariann Andrews
Children's Director	Ashlyn Woods
Youth Director	Jamie Bourcy
Little Ark Director	Jennifer Knight
Organist	Dr. John Burkett
Custodians	Sandra & Fernanda Medrano



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- Our Country and its leaders
 - All affected by the floods in Central Texas
 - Family of Norma Johnson
 - Jennifer Knight on the passing of her mother-in-law
 - Jon Harper on the passing of his father
 - Marcia Hakala
 - Carter McLeroy
 - Donna Streetman
 - Emily Lampe
 - Kyle Smith, son of John Kinney Smith
 - Becca Rowe
 - Ric Estes
 - Patricia Mulkey, Jim Patton's sister
 - Mike Clay
 - Debbie Dunham
 - Bill Heitholt
 - Jack Gray
 - Richard Young
 - Rev. Dennis Wilkinson
 - Georgia Gholston
 - Melanie & Judy Cortea
 - Robert Seay
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10:00 a.m. Sanctuary