

## FOR FURTHER READING

*If you're interested in learning more about the Spiritual Disciplines, here are the books I consulted as I prepared this sermon series. All are in my library if you'd like to borrow them, or you may wish to purchase them for yourself. Lyssa can give you information about good online sources for new and used books.*

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# SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Sunday, September 1, 2024

## Joys and Concerns

Sharla Hulsey

*In order to respect privacy, joys and concerns will be discussed before the public livestream. If you need to add someone, please fill out a prayer request form and place in the offering tray as it is passed.*

## Welcome and Announcements

Chuck Lewis, Elder

*If you are joining Sunday worship via Facebook Live, let us know you are tuning in by leaving a comment on the live stream video or visit [fccbutler.org](http://fccbutler.org) and click the Register Attendance button.*

## Birthdays and Anniversaries

Phyllis McBrayer

## WE GATHER TO PRAISE GOD

## Prelude

Mary Coffman

*Bringing the Light of Christ into the Sanctuary*

## \*Call to worship (please rise as able)

Chuck Lewis & Congregation

L: Blessed be the LORD our God,  
from everlasting to everlasting.

**P: Blessed be the LORD our God,  
who with his hand has fulfilled his promises.**

L: Blessed be the LORD our God,  
who has given us his holy Word to guide us.

**P: Blessed be the LORD our God,  
whose word became flesh in Jesus Christ.**

L: Blessed be the LORD our God,  
for he has brought us here to support and uplift one another.

**P: Blessed be the LORD our God,  
from everlasting to everlasting. Amen, Amen.**

## \*Opening Hymn

Chalice Hymnal #33 (vv. 1, 3,4)

*"How Great Thou Art"*

## \*Invocation

Chuck Lewis & Congregation

**Blessed are you, LORD our God, for you have spoken wonderful words of life to us. We have gathered here today to hear your Word anew. Be present with us as we seek to understand what you have to say to us today. In the name of your Word made flesh, Jesus Christ, amen.**

## Prayer Hymn

CH #530 (all)

*"I've Got Peace Like a River"*

## Silent Meditation

## Pastoral Prayer & The Lord's Prayer

Sharla Hulsey

**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 and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.**

## Musical Interlude

Mary Coffman

## Responsive Reading

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Isaiah 12 (NRSV)

L: You will say in that day:

**P: I will give thanks to you, O LORD,  
for though you were angry with me,  
your anger turned away,  
and you comforted me.**

L: Surely God is my salvation;  
I will trust, and will not be afraid,

**P: for the LORD GOD is my strength  
and my might;  
he has become my salvation.**

L: With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation.  
And you will say in that day:

**P: Give thanks to the LORD;  
call on his name;  
make known his deeds among the nations;  
proclaim that his Name is exalted.**

L: Sing praises to the LORD, for he has done gloriously;  
let this be known in all the earth.

**P: Shout aloud and sing for joy, O royal Zion,  
for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.**

## Special Reading

Jennifer Schmehl & Carol Ann Winburn

*"The Hands and the Ears"* by J.R. Mimbs

## Scripture

Don Malan

*Nehemiah 7:73b—8:12*

## Message

Sharla Hulsey

*"The joy of the LORD is our strength."*

