Sermon *'Witnesses'* *Rev. Mark Simonds*

"Trustworthy and True" A Series on Luke and Acts

Offertory *'Near to the Heart of God'* *~ McAfee*

****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 Offering***

Pastoral Prayer and 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 debts as we forgive our debtors. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen."

****Dismissing Hymn No. 462*** *'Savior Like a Shepherd Lead Us''*

****Benediction***

****Benediction Response No. 69*** *'Thy Loving Kindness'* *(verse 1)*

Postlude *'Jesus Is All the World to Me'* *~ Thompson*

We're glad you joined us for worship today! Thank you for placing the Bibles, hymnals and attendance books back on the chairs.

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"Join us for a drink of Living Water"

August 31, 2025

We welcome you to the worship of God Almighty this Lord's Day. It is our intention to bring glory and honor to Him. God enters our time of worship and we remember this time belongs to Him. Your Worship Commission

**Please stand, if you are able.*
Nursery for children infant to 4 yrs. old is available upstairs in the Christian Education Wing (please see Usher for directions)

Meditation
And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them. Luke 2:20 (ESV)

Westminster Chimes and Announcements
(During announcements, we ask members and visitors to please sign the Friendship Register and pass it on. Send them back down your row so you can note who is worshipping with you today. We invite visitors to give us your complete address.)

Opening Prayer

Prelude *'Tell Me the Stories of Jesus'* *~ Challinor*

****Call to Worship*** *(From Psalm 103:17-22)* *John Myers, Lay Assistant*

Leader: the steadfast love of the LORD is from everlasting to everlasting on those who fear him,and his righteousness to children's children, to those who keep his covenant and remember to do his commandments.

People: The LORD has established his throne in the heavens, and his kingdom rules over all.

Leader: Bless the LORD, O you his angels, you mighty ones who do his word, obeying the voice of his word!

People: Bless the LORD, all his hosts, his ministers, who do his will! Bless the LORD, all his works, in all places of his dominion.

ALL: Bless the LORD, O my soul!

****Hymn No. 72*** *'We Will Glorify'*

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

God of All, When your Holiness is displayed and your true nature revealed by your Word ,all of our arguments and all of our ways of declaring ourselves righteous are silenced. When you are among us we have nothing to say in our defense, except to confess the hope which is given to us by Jesus Christ, the Son of God. We therefore come before your Holy presence today and confess our sins and ask that we would silence the voices of the world's lies concerning you. Let us instead worship you in Spirit and in Truth, receive the forgiveness and Salvation you give, and walk humbly with you living as your Holy people. In Jesus Name we pray. Amen… (silent prayers of confession)

Assurance of Pardon

Congregation Response: Thanks be to God!

****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

****Affirmation of Faith*** *The Apostle's Creed*

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; And in Jesus Christ His only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into Heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God, the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Scripture Readings *2 Kings 7:3-15*

Luke 2:8-20
Leader: The Word of the Lord ~
People: Thanks be to God ~

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