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Focus for Next Week

August 24th, 2025

"Acceptable Worship"

Hebrews 12:18-29 Luke 13:10-17

Let us know you are worshipping with us,
whether you are in the Sanctuary or on Facebook.
Please fill out a *connect card* in your bulletin
or use the comment section on Facebook
to make your prayer request known to the pastor.

He will include your thanks to God
and your prayer concerns
in our pastoral prayer.

9:00 AM Non-Traditional Service

10:30 AM Traditional Service

All services are both in person and
live-streamed on our website and Facebook

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August 17th, 2025

The Activist Christian

10:30 AM Service

Serving Christ, Changing Lives!

*Congregation standing, as able

The Activist Christian

Prelude

*Call to Worship Reed p. 212-213 (Lectionary Worship Aids)

Leader: Jesus calls us to come to him.

People: We answer the call and come for healing.

Leader: Healing you will receive, and much more.

People: What else does Jesus have for us?

Leader: He calls us to stand with him against hatred and evil.

People: We will stand against these with the Christ.

Leader: Sometimes that will mean

standing against family and friends.

People: God, give us the courage to stand with Jesus always.

*Opening Hymn #514 "Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus"

Opening Prayer Reed p. 214 (Lectionary Worship Aids)

O God,

who sent Jesus to announce and bring your reign,

give us the courage to stand with him

even when it is unpopular,

through Jesus Christ our Savior.

Amen.

Silent Prayers of Confession Words of Pardon and Assurance

The Lord's Prayer "using the word sins instead of trespasses"

Prayer for Illumination

Epistle Reading

Hebrews 11:29-12:2

Gospel Reading

Luke 12:49-56

Sermon

"The Activist Christian"

*Hymn of Response #578 "God of Love and God of Power"

Prayer for Strength

Ramirez p. 183 (Lectionary Worship Aids)

God of our days,

we have journeyed long as your people

and there is still far to go.

Real and imagined fears surround us.

May we never lose sight of you.

We are surrounded by a cloud of witnesses,

yet sometimes we simply feel surrounded by clouds.

Guide us, guard us, inspire us,

and send us forth as your people

to be witnesses for Jesus and the way of Jesus.

These things we pray as your people,

as your disciples.

Amen.

Offering

*Offertory Response #95 "Praise God For Whom...."

*Prayer of Dedication

Pastoral Prayer

*Closing Hymn #566 "Blest Be the Dear Uniting Love"

*Benediction

*Choral Response #577 v. 4 "Save Us from Weak Resignation..."

Postlude