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CONGREGATIONAL

**SUNDAY
WORSHIP**
SEPTEMBER 7, 2025

Worship Leader

Paul Greene

Children's Message

Brandyn Miller

Director of Music

Luke Overton

Senior Pastor

Brandyn Miller

Guest Organist

Steve Peters

Office Manager

Michelle Wolfe

Custodian

Kyle Lindaman

No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here.

Prelude *Lift High the Cross* - setting, Roberta Rowland Raybold Steve Peters

Welcome and Announcements Brandyn Miller

***Call to Worship** Brandyn Miller

Leader: The whistle blows! The field is ready and the game is on!

People: We're off the bench and ready to play!

Leader: Church is not a spectator sport. God calls each of us to take the field.

People: We come to worship, to serve, and to pass God's love to others.

Leader: Some will lead, some will cheer, some will teach, some will serve—

People: Every player matters. Every gift counts. Every heart belongs.

Leader: The Spirit is at work—let's get in the game!

People: Amen!

***Opening Hymn** *Lift Every Voice and Sing* #593 (NCH - Black)

***Prayer of Invocation** (responsive) Paul Greene

Leader: God of the open field and wide horizons, you call us off the sidelines and onto your team.

People: Today we lace up our cleats of faith, take our positions in your mission, and pass love, justice, and grace to one another.

Leader: Bless this season of ministry—our Sunday school, Bible studies, choir, and fellowship— so that every kick, every pass, every play we make reflects your presence and your welcome.

People: Guide our hearts, strengthen our legs, and fill us with the courage to get in the game, serve boldly, and play as one team under you. Amen.

Choral Anthem Chancel Choir

Invitation to Offertory Paul Greene

Offertory *Let All Things Living* - setting, Sherri Hansen Steve Peters

***Doxology** #515 (Pilgrim - Red)

***Prayer of Dedication** Paul Greene

Children's Message Brandyn Miller

Scripture Reading John 15:1–17 Paul Greene

Leader: This is the word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God!

Sermon	<i>“Get Off the Bench”</i>	Brandyn Miller
*Song of Reflection	<i>All the People Said Amen</i>	(See Screen)
Joys & Concerns		Paul Greene
Leader: Lord, in your mercy		
People: Hear our prayer		
Prayers of the People and The Lord’s Prayer (unison)		Brandyn Miller
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, the power, and the glory forever. Amen.		
*Parting Hymn	<i>Help Us Accept Each Other</i>	#388 (NCH - Black)
*Benediction		Brandyn Miller
Postlude	<i>Lasset uns mit Jesu Ziehen</i> - Nancy M. Raabe	Steve Peters

* Please Rise in body and spirit

*Children are welcome to worship with their families.
There are quiet activities available at the back of the Sanctuary
as Sunday School will not be held during the summer months.*