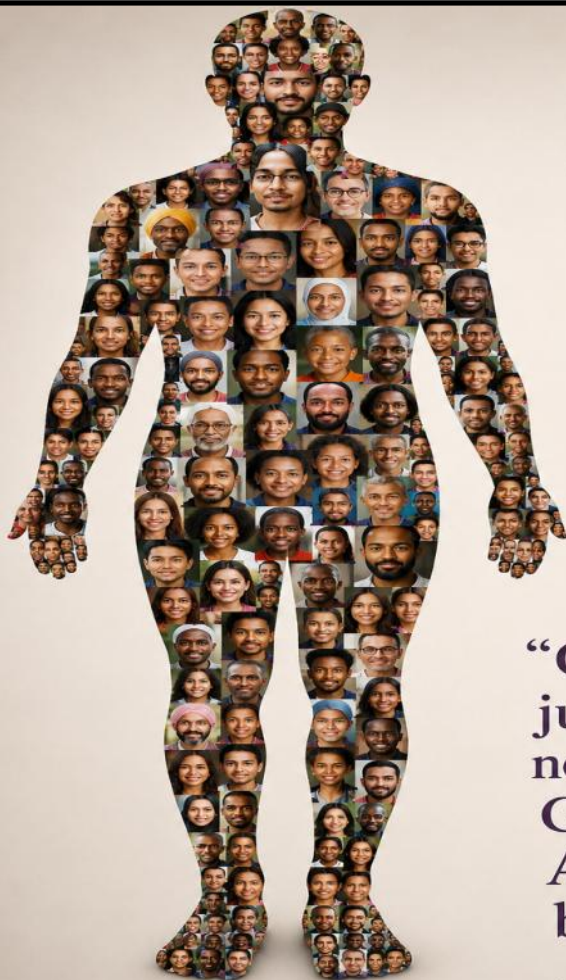




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Sunday, August 9, 2026



“When Akiba was on his deathbed, he bemoaned to his rabbi that he felt he was a failure. His rabbi moved closer and asked why, and Akiba confessed that he had not lived a life like Moses. The poor man began to cry, admitting that he feared God’s judgment. At this, the rabbi leaned into his ear and whispered gently,

“God will not judge Akiba for not being Moses. God will judge Akiba for not being Akiba.”

— from *The Talmud*
(A comprehensive record
of all rabbinical discussions
and teachings throughout
the centuries of Judaism)

Welcome to our church family!

Gathering Music - “Love in 5 Verses,” (*v. 3, 4, & 5*)

Tolling of the Bell - our reminder to quiet ourselves inside *and* out for worship

Welcome & Call to Worship

Opening Hymn - #23 “All Creatures of Our God and King,” (*v. 1, 4, & 5*)

1st Scripture Reading - Psalm 139:1-4 & 13-14, *offered by Chuck Gaputis*

Music for Reflection

2nd Scripture Readings - 1 Corinthians 12:7-14 & 27, Mark 10:13-16
Offered by Chuck Gaputis

Morning Message - “God’s Call to Be Ourselves - Forever & Always”
Offered by Toby Jones

Message Hymn - SOG #56 “In Times of Great Decision” (*see insert*)

Offering

Offertory - “Here I Am To Worship”

Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow,

Praise Him all creatures here below,

Praise Her above ye heavenly host,

Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost, Amen

Morning Prayers

Closing Hymn - #629 “Strong, Gentle Children”

Benediction

Postlude

SAVE THE DATE!

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2026

FOR OUR

Annual

CELEBRATION PICNIC

*We will honor our 2026 accomplishments
and lay the financial foundation for 2027*

Join Us for a

PICNIC!



5:00 PM – 8:00 PM

RAIN OR SHINE!

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*Open doors. Open hearts.
Open to all.*



*Bring a
dish to pass
or dessert
that will go
well with
Lion's Club
Chicken*

♡ *Love Without Boundaries* ♡

Sunday 8/9	Mon 8/10	Tues 8/11	Wed 8/12	Thurs 8/13	Fri 8/14	Sat 8/15	Sunday 8/16
10:30a Worship 11:30a Coffee & Conversation		11a-2p CMA Hours 10a Prayer Group		11a-2p CMA Hours 6:30p Choir Rehearsal			10:30a Worship 11:30a Coffee & Conversation 11:45a Church Council Meeting

**Prayer Requests/
Celebrations:** To submit a
Prayer Request
please visit our website at
chxuucc.org or call the office
at 231-547-9122

Please be sure to get
permission from the person
needing prayers.

Please pray for Meg & Steve Hargreaves' grandson, Miles Hargreaves Mitchell, who was born at 25 weeks and is in the NICU of a hospital downstate. Please keep their daughter, Alice and her husband Erik, in your prayers as they stand by their son's side.

Please continue to pray for Alice Pletz-Miller as she has started radiation treatment for her cancer.

Please continue to pray for Wanda Stopher, as she adjusts to her deep brain stimulation treatments.

Please continue to pray for Marcia Bingham as she moves through her bone marrow treatments

Please continue to pray for Delores Cain who is waiting on God to call her home.

*Toby Jones, Pastor * Shelley Fisher, Music Minister * Stacey Luoma, Office Manager
Lynette Webb, Childcare Supervisor*

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Love in 5 Verses –
Words & Music by Toby Jones

We've come together – to sing and to praise
God our Creator – all of our days
Serving together – with strength from above
Working for justice – spreading God's love

Love is what calls us – Love is our way
Love is the reason – we gather today
All are God's children – the near and the far
We're here to love you – so come as you are

Jesus unites us – He is God's Word
In flesh from the Father – His voice we have heard
The scriptures can guide us – so we'll understand
God's Word embodied – in one humble man

We reach deep inside us – where the Spirit abides
God gently whispers – to our hearts and our minds
We partner with others – to the world we will go
With love and compassion – as love's seeds we sow

There are no boundaries – where God's love will flow
No one's excluded – from the grace that we know
Our purple doors open – to red and to blue
Come and see with us – what love can do

23 All Creatures of Our God and King

D Bm Em7 Asus A $\frac{D}{F\#}$ G $\frac{D}{F\#}$ $\frac{A7}{E}$ D Bm Em7

1 All crea-tures of our God and King, lift up your voice and with us
 2 O rush-ing wind that art so strong, you clouds that sail in heaven a -
 3 O flow-ing wa - ter, pure and clear, make mu - sic for your Lord to
 4 All you who are of ten-der heart, for - giv-ing oth-ers, take your
 5 Let all things their Cre - a - tor bless, and wor-ship him in hum-ble-

Asus A $\frac{D}{F\#}$ G D Bm $\frac{A}{C\#}$ D E A $\frac{D}{F\#}$ D Bm7 $\frac{A7}{E}$ D $\frac{G}{B}$

sing Al-le - lu - ia, Al-le - lu - ia! O burn-ing sun with gold-en
 long, O praise him, Al-le - lu - ia! O ris - ing morn in praise re-
 hear, Al-le - lu - ia, Al-le - lu - ia! O fire so mas-ter - ful and
 part, sing prais - es, Al-le - lu - ia! All you who pain and sor-row
 ness, O praise him, Al-le - lu - ia! Praise, praise the Fa-ther, praise the

Asus A $\frac{D}{F\#}$ G $\frac{D}{F\#}$ $\frac{A7}{E}$ D $\frac{G}{B}$ $\frac{Dmaj7}{A}$ G $\frac{D}{F\#}$ $\frac{G}{B}$ $\frac{D}{A}$ G6 $\frac{A}{G}$ $\frac{D}{F\#}$ Em7 $\frac{D}{F\#}$

beam, and sil-ver moon with soft - er gleam, O praise him, O
 joice, O lights of eve-ning, find a voice, O praise him, O
 bright, pro - vid-ing us with warmth and light, O praise him, O
 bear, praise God and on him cast your care, O praise him, O
 Son, and praise the Spir - it, Three in One, O praise him, O

G6 A7 Bm $\frac{A}{C\#}$ D6 E A Bm7 $\frac{F\#m}{C\#}$ D Em $\frac{A}{C\#}$ $\frac{B7}{D\#}$ Em $\frac{D}{F\#}$ $\frac{Em7}{G}$ A A7 D

praise him, Al-le - lu - ia, Al-le - lu - ia, Al-le - lu - ia!

Strong, Gentle Children

Unison
G

1 Strong, gen - tle chil - dren, God made you beau - ti - ful,
 2 Strong, hurt - ing chil - dren, an - gry and ter - ri - fied,
 3 Strong, know - ing chil - dren, ut - ter your cry a - loud,

Bm Em7 Am7 D

gave you the wis - dom and pow - er you need;
 o - pen the se - crets your life has con - cealed;
 hon - or the wis - dom God gave you at birth;

G/B G C/G G C/G

speak in the still - ness all you are long - ing for;
 though you are wound - ed, know you are not to blame;
 speak to your el - ders till they have heard your voice;

Bm7 Em7 Am7 D7 G

live out your call - ing to love and to lead.
 cry out your sto - ry till truth is re - vealed.
 sing out your vi - sion of heal - ing on earth.

56. In Times of Great Decision

In times of great decision, Be with us, God, we pray!
Give each of us a vision Of Jesus' loving way.
When louder words seem endless And other voices sure,
Remind us of your promise: Your love and truth endure.
O God, whose gifts are countless, You send us bearing peace.
You fill our dreams with justice For all communities.
You give us global neighbors, That all may justly live.
May those we choose as leaders Reflect the life you give.
O God, you bridged the distance; You opened wide your door.
You call us by our presence To reach to serve the poor.
You teach us: Welcome strangers! Seek justice on the earth!
May those we choose as leaders See every person's worth.
You call on every nation To put aside all greed,
To care for your creation And for your ones in need,
To care for those in prison, For children, for the ill.
In times of great decision, may we choose leaders well.

Tune: AURELIA 76.76 D ("The Church's One Foundation"), Samuel Sebastian Wesley, 1864.

Alternate Tune: LLANGLOFFAN

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