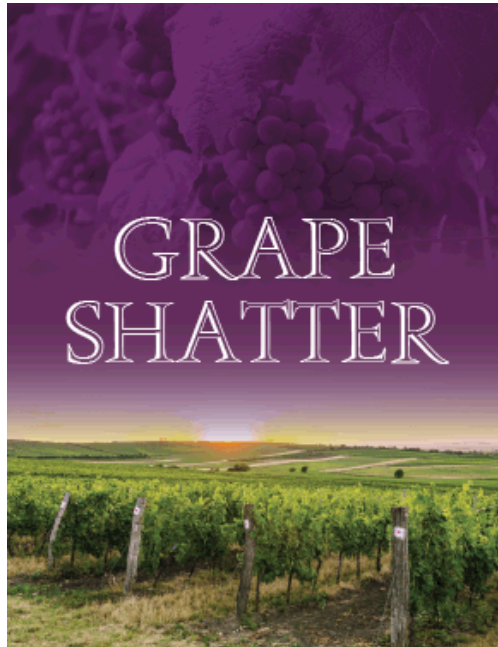


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August 17, 2025- 10:30 a.m.

Welcome All!

*We are pleased that you are
worshipping with us either on You
tube Live or in the Sanctuary.*

**Congregation, please stand if able*

PRELUDE

Tom Hoehn

*Point to Ponder: Christian life is a race - long and rigorous. So,
what is the challenge? Why is it so difficult? And how can we grow
into a better crop of Christians?*

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: Let justice flow like a mighty stream.

All: Let truth stand tall like the majestic oak.

One: Let hope be as broad as the distant horizon.

All: Let kindness rain like a summer shower.

One: Let love blossom in every heart.

**All: Let music soar and stir our feet to action and our
spirits to praise.**

***SONG OF PRAISE**

No. 568

"Christ for the World WE Sing"

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENT

Rudy Hyde

CALL TO CONFESSION

Pastor Melissa

PRAYER OF CONFESSION: Please forgive us for the occasions when we have been the ones to introduce disease into the vine, preferring its contamination to the vigor of health. Forgive us for neglecting to drink deeply at the fountain of life; for wandering aimlessly

instead of abiding in you. We too often grow on the framework of the world rather than the framework that you provide; Where we have become apathetic and uncaring as we go through some seasons and therefore not bearing the fruit that you created in our lives.

A moment of silence with God

Leader: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

People: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE followed by **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

YOUR GIVING MAKES A DIFFERENCE

OFFERTORY PRAYER: As we bring our gifts before you, we offer them in gratitude, knowing that our generosity is part of your ongoing work in the world. Strengthen us to produce the kind of fruit that is nourishing. We desire to reflect the joy of Christ and the love that unites all your people. In Jesus' name, we pray

OFFERTORY
***DOXOLOGY**

Tom Hoehn

Scripture for the Month of August Psalm 116:7
Let my soul be at rest again, for the Lord has been good to me.
Psalm 116:7

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON
Isaiah 5:1-7

The Bill Elliott

Liturgist: This is the Word of God for the People of God
People: Thanks be to God!

MESSAGE

Pastor Melissa

"Grape Shatter"

***SONG OF GOING FORTH**

No. 206

"I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light"

***BENEDICTION**

Pastor: The power of the Spirit has set us free.

People: Let us go forth guided by that same power so our lives might bear the fruit of the Spirit to the world.

Pastor: In the name of the Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer.

.People: Submit to God and God will bring the best out

of you.

POSTLUDE

Tom Hoehn