

“There are no mornings without nights, and no victories without battles.
The tension is where the faith is forged.”

– Elisabeth Elliot

“Do not try to rush out of the night.
God does some of His best work in the dark before the dawn breaks.”

– A.W. Tozer

“Joy and pain, they are but two arteries of the one heart that pumps
through all those who don't numb themselves to really living.”

– Ann Voskamp

“Joy is not a requirement of Christian discipleship; it is a consequence.”

– Eugene Peterson



A Sermon Series: Sept. 13, 20, and 27

Some scriptures comfort us immediately. Others argue with us for years.

In this three-week series, pastors Catherine Hart Monroe, Craig Wansink, and Nancy Rowland will each preach on one biblical passage that has shaped, challenged, or supported them, not necessarily a favorite text, but one that ended up deeply shaping them. These sermons will be personal, thoughtful, and honest reflections on how scripture changes meaning as we ourselves are changed by life, faith, grief, love, aging, and experience.

If you have a prayer request, please forward the request to the church office.
We will include it on the prayer request list for a month,
unless you request for us to leave it on longer.

Thanks to our choir for leading worship music today!

Not Just Sundays!
There's a Place for You at Second!



Groups meet in the fellowship hall unless otherwise noted

LUNCH and LEARN

Midweek Bible study, conversation and connection Wednesdays at noon.
Bring your lunch - no preparation required.

Contact Craig Wansink, cwansink@batten.edu

ESSENTRICS EXERCISE

Gentle stretching class - wear comfortable clothing and bring a mat or towel.
Tuesdays and Thursdays at 1 p.m.

Contact Peggy Troyer, alkatoma@me.com

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Informal reading through books of the Bible followed by prayer over concerns
in the community. Wednesdays 6:30 a.m.

Contact Larry Hull, lhull49@cox.net

TRIPLE "S" CIRCLE

Women's gathering for Bible study, fellowship, and outreach projects

Contact Peggy Troyer, alkatoma@me.com

MEN'S BREAKFAST

Gathering to cook and eat together and sharing insight into the interests
of daily life, with lots of humor. Fridays at 7 a.m.

Contact Larry Hull, lhull49@cox.net

ADULT CHOIR

Singers of varying levels of experience gather every other week to learn, grow,
and prepare music to lead our worship services. Basic music reading is needed.
Alternating Wednesdays at 7:30 pm and Sundays at 9:00 a.m., Sanctuary

Contact Robert Shoup, robertshoup@mac.com

LAUNCH OUTREACH

Join other volunteers to prepare, pack, and distribute food to neighbors in need.
3rd Thursday each month

Contact Joe Morgan, jnmorgan18@gmail.com

WOMEN'S AND MEN'S FELLOWSHIP DINNERS

Monthly gatherings at local eateries for conversation and fellowship

Women, contact Peggy Troyer, alkatoma@me.com
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Office hours:

Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday:
10:30 AM to 1:30 PM
Sunday:
9:30 AM to 12:30 PM



11 a.m. Worship.

September 13, 2026

WE GATHER IN NEED OF THE RISEN CHRIST

Chiming
As the bells ring, we quiet our voices and focus our hearts.

Welcome

Preparing Our Hearts for Worship

We listen:
Gathered in the love of Christ, we are one in the family of God,
We are the dwelling place that love has made,
We are formed to be goodness and light in the world.

We sing:
Gathered in the love of Christ, we are one in the family of God,
We are the dwelling place that love has made,
We are formed to be goodness and light in the world.

*Call to Worship

Weeping may linger for the night,
but joy comes with the morning.
Some of us arrive today carrying a long night with us—worry, grief, waiting
for news that has not yet come.
We come anyway, hoping to find the morning.
God has promised to turn our mourning into dancing, and to trade our
sackcloth for garments of joy.
So let our whole selves praise God,
and not be silent. Let us worship God!

*Passing the Peace

*Singing Our Faith Together

No. 19 “For the Beauty of the Earth”
Verses 1, 2, 3, and 5

*Confessing Our Sin

Gracious God, our eyes are tired from weeping, our hearts are heavy with sin.
We have trusted too much in our own strength. We have hidden our faces from
those who suffer. We have turned away from neighbors in need. We have given
up hope instead of seeking your help. Lord, be gracious to us. Forgive our sin,
heal our brokenness, and fill our hearts with songs of joy. Amen.

We listen:
God, you make all things new. Wash us, renew us.
Breathe your spirit into us.

*Receiving Grace

Weeping may linger for the night, but joy comes with the morning.
Hear the good news! In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!

We sing:
God, you make all things new. Wash us, renew us.
Breathe your spirit into us.

WE HEAR THE WORD

Time of Discovery

Message

Rev. Catherine Hart Monroe
“Joy Comes with the Morning”
Psalm 30

WE RESPOND IN HUMILITY

Meditating on Our Faith

“I Will Extol Thee, O Lord (Psalm 30)”
By Darin Lewis

Mission and Ministry of the Church

Offering Gratitude

When in your life have you experienced joy
in the midst of a season of sorrow or weeping?

Please write that on a card and share it as a prayer and an act of gratitude.
Thank you for all of the ways you share your time, life, and finances
on behalf of the mission of this church family.
Please feel free to financially support us by sharing your gifts in the baskets up front.

Prayers of the People and The 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.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

*Singing Our Faith Together

No. 351 “Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”
Verses 1, 2, and 4

WE DEPART IN JOY

*Benediction

And now let us go out into the world in peace and in love.

If joy has already found you, carry it out these doors—let it spill over
onto someone who needs it today.

And if you are still in the night, still waiting—go anyway.
Go trusting that morning is coming, even if you cannot see the light of it yet.

And may the God who turns weeping into joy,
who turns mourning into dancing,
go with you now and always. Amen.