

SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE

September 6, 2026

10:30 am

Prelude

*Call to Worship

In six days, God created the heavens and the earth,
and all the creatures that cover the face of the earth
On the seventh day, God rested.

God says, "Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy.

**Six days you shall labor and do all your work,
but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the Lord your God."**

God gives us purpose.
And God grants us rest.

Lord, you call us to holy rest.

You set us free from all that would enslave us.

We give you our thanks and praise!

**** Hymn: #43 "Great Is Thy Faithfulness"***

* Prayer of Confession

God of Rest and Restoration,

**We confess that we have made idols
out of our own productivity.**

**We have measured our worth by our labor
and our security by our accumulation.**

**We have ignored your command to rest,
and in doing so, we have strained our bodies, our minds,
our relationships and your creation.**

We have accumulated debts

of anger, comparison, and exhaustion.

Forgive us for refusing the freedom you offer.

Teach us to rest in your grace, through Jesus Christ. Amen

***Stand if you are able**

Assurance of Pardon

Hear the good news of the ultimate Jubilee:

Jesus came to proclaim liberty to the captives

and recovery of sight to the blind,

to set at liberty those who are oppressed,

and to proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord.

Your labor does not define you, because your identity is firmly
rooted in the unconditional love of God

Believe and share the good news!

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

In Jesus Christ, we are a new creation!

*Gloria Patri (#623 Hymnal)

Welcome and Announcements

Invitational Music (#42 Hymnal) JLK

Presentation of Tithes and Offering

* Doxology #625 (Hymnal)

* Offertory Prayer

Scripture: Exodus 20:8–10, Leviticus 25: 1-14

Sermon: " Escaping the Matrix: God's Way Out"

Dr. Andrew McDonald

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

****Hymn: "One Bread One Body" (see insert)***

Prayer Requests and the Lord's Prayer

****Hymn: # 543 "When the Roll Is Called Up Yonder"***

*Benediction

***Congregational Response: #66 refrain**

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the earth hear His voice!

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the people rejoice!

O come to the Father through Jesus the Son,

And give Him the glory, great things He hath done.

Postlude

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Building Committee: Rick Janecek

PNC: Jodie Mortensen

(Pastor Nominating Committee)

Sunday School Teacher: Mindy Carls

Prayer Needs:

The Mock family
Julia Martin,
Tisha Stump,
Cheryl Schillinger,
Kirk McKinzie,
Pauline Shroyer,
Sam Waldron.

Interested in Membership? If you are visiting Coal Valley Presbyterian Church today, we are glad to have you as our guest! If you are ready to take the next step in your spiritual journey by joining our church family, please see Dr. McDonald after the service or call the church office. We will let you know about our new member orientation cl



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THIS WEEK

Sunday (9-6) Worship 10:30 am

PLEASE NOTE:

School Supplies: It's time to start thinking about buying school supplies for our "Operation Christmas Child" Shoeboxes. A lot of places have them on sale now.

Walk for Life: The **Walk for Life** will be held **Saturday, September 12, 2026**, at **Ben Butterworth Park in Moline**, with **check-in from 8:30–10:00 AM** and a **two-mile walk from 9:15–10:30 AM**, supporting Pregnancy Resources' life-affirming ministry. Please sponsor some of our walkers.

Choir: Choir Practices will start Oct 8th at 7 pm. Get your voices ready and come and join us make a joyful noise unto the Lord!

Rummage Sale Stuff: We are still collecting items for our rummage sale on October 1, 2 & 3. There are marked rooms in the basement to store your items. Please bring in your gently used items during church office hours. (9-12, tues-fri) or on Sundays.

Pastor's Hours: Dr. McDonald will be available in the church office on Tuesdays from **10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.** You are welcome to stop in or call during this time.

Happy Birthday: The Deacons would like to wish a Happy Birthday to the following people this week:

Ahren Steiger	September 9
Barb Miller	September 10
Jennifer Fiers	September 11
Miranda Tittle	September 11
Kailyn Harris	September 12
Joshua Tittle	September 14



Online Giving is now available!

