



The Weekly Chalice

August 27th 2026

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In September, we will begin our observance of the Season of Creation. This is an ecumenical observance, meaning that Christians of various denominations and fellowships will observe together, for a month, the Season of Creation with its focus on Ezekiel 47: 9,12 and the Living Waters of Creation.

An online prayer service for creation will be available here on September 1st and you are welcome to view at anytime. We will be following the theme through September, and concluding on Sunday, October 4th which is also World Communion Sunday.

For the coming weeks we will be contemplating creation and specifically the waters of creation. The song *Ghost* by the Indigo Girls was, for me, the song of lament following a really hard break up with my college

sweetheart to whom I had been engaged. There is a line that has always captivated me: *The Mississippi's mighty, but it starts in Minnesota at a place that you could walk across with five steps down...*



The song's lyrics point to the pain of loss, but they also point to the fact that all things have small, humble beginnings. It is incredible to think of the mighty Mississippi, that spans the Length of 2,340 miles from Lake Itasca, Minnesota to the Gulf of Mexico, that covers some 1.2 million square miles through 31 U.S. states and two Canadian provinces, having such small and humble beginnings.

A drop of water is the beginning of the ocean.

So many things feel insurmountable and incredibly fast these days. But each day is made up of our small moments. Today, embrace the small moments in your day, take a moment to be aware of your life and the life around you. Rest in Creation and let it be the Living Water that restores and refreshes.

-Rochelle+



Join us for an end-of-summer church potluck on this Sunday, August 30th following worship. Bring your favorite dish or item to share and join in some time of fellowship and connection as we bid farewell to summer and look forward to the arrival of fall and the beginning of the season of creation



Our Friday noon-1:30 p.m. Bible study will resume in September (stay tuned for details).

The group will be studying the book of Genesis. Books and start date will be available soon.



Since Covid, we have been livestreaming our Sunday morning worship service. The livestream and recording is a wonderful ministry of outreach and means of expanded participation. We have a group of people, many of whom are unable to join in worship in person, who routinely participate online. **We are currently in need of additional video operators and slide "clickers" for Sunday morning worship. Our next Sunday of need for a video operator is on Sunday, September 13th.** Training and shadowing are available. If you are interested, please contact Pastor Rochelle (Pastor@sumnerfcc.org) and thank you in advance!

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 12:00 pm AA 6:30 pm AA	2 9:00 am-12:00 pm SCP Clean Day 10:30 am Prayer Group 10:30 am Al Anon 12:30 pm Sober Sisters	3 12:00 pm AA 7:00 pm GA	4 12:00 pm AA	5 12:00 pm AA
6 10:30 Worship Service	7 12:00 pm AA	8 12:00 pm AA 6:30 pm AA	9 10:30 am Prayer Group 10:30 am Al Anon 12:30 pm Sober Sisters 5:00 pm Elders Meeting	10 12:00 pm AA 7:00 pm GA	11 12:00 pm AA	12 12:00 pm AA
13 10:30 Worship Service Board Meeting after Service	14 12:00 pm AA 6:30 pm SCP Board Meeting	15 12:00 pm AA 6:30 pm AA	16 10:30 am Prayer Group 10:30 am Al Anon 12:30 pm Sober Sisters	17 SCP First Day of School 12:00 pm AA 7:00 pm GA	18 12:00 pm AA	19 12:00 pm AA
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27 10:30 Worship Service	28 12:00 pm AA 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm SCP Back to School Night	29 12:00 pm AA 6:30 pm AA	30 10:30 am Prayer Group 10:30 am Al Anon 12:30 pm Sober Sisters 6:00 pm Book Club via Zoom			