



*Ordinary people learning to love like Jesus.*

September 25, 2025

Dear Chelsea First Church Family,

The nights are growing longer and cooler as fall begins to settle in. For some of us, our lives have kicked into high gear with new or renewed commitments leading to full schedules. For some, this is a significant time of change, of opportunity to explore new hobbies, and to develop new or rekindle old relationships.

No matter where we may find ourselves in this particular season of life, my hope is that each of us is on a path to finding and fulfilling our passions and that we can find a way to see our passions as discipleship in the world. After all, discipleship does not need to be attached just to what you're doing for the church; discipleship is about how and where God is calling you and using your faith in all aspects of your life.

Starting Sunday October 12, we begin a 4-week worship series titled "The Changemakers". Join us as we hear from fellow church members how Changemaker practices allow them and us to re-tell biblical stories through our own experiences.

A Changemaker is a risk-taker, someone who puts their faith into action to make a positive difference in the lives of others. Through practices of compassion, creativity, empowerment, and collaboration, we hone our passions, helping us to connect to Jesus Christ as disciples. Compassion-driven Changemakers see the church as sustaining for the lives they want to live outside of the church walls.

Throughout this worship series, we invite you to prayerfully discern your own passions, how they are impacting your life and the lives of others, and how the vision and work of the church is supporting your passions. **Sunday, November 2** is "Commitment Sunday", when together as one, we will indicate how we plan to be Changemakers for the 2026 calendar year. Commitment cards will be mailed in October and available in the month of October and on November 2. Together, as a church community, we will present our commitment cards during worship on November 2. Every gift, large or small, through service, prayers, presence, witness and financial, is a vital part of fulfilling God's work.

Thank you for your ongoing and generous support of the church and for your prayerful consideration of ways to be a Changemaker in the coming year. Together, we can serve and continue to grow as faithful stewards of God's grace.

Faithfully yours in Christ,

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