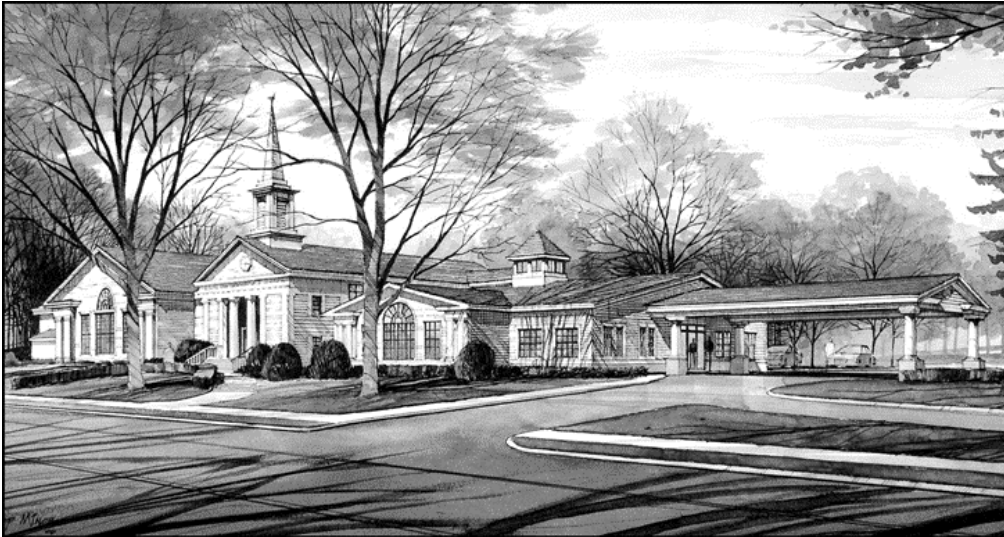




***A thriving faith community
engaged in compassionate service.***



July 5, 2026

9:30 a.m. Worship Service

Live Streaming on Facebook plus On Demand on YouTube

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Order of Service

*Please rise in body or spirit

Prelude

The Glory

Wildhorn &
Murphy/Emerson

Greetings

***Call to Worship (based on Psalm 95:1-3, 6)**

O come, let us sing to the Lord; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!

For the Lord is a great God, and a great King above all gods.

O come, let us worship and bow down, let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker!

***Hymn #611**

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

***Invitation to Confession**

The apostle Paul wrote to the believers in Galatia, "For freedom Christ has set us free. Stand firm, therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery." With full assurance of God's grace and mercy in Jesus Christ, let us confess our sin before God and our neighbor.

***Prayer of Confession (Unison)**

Gracious and loving God, forgive us when we turn a deaf ear to your call in Jesus Christ and to the cries of those in the world who need your love and our help. Forgive us when we treat discipleship as a yoke of oppression rather than a blessing and gift for leading a faithful life as your people. O Lord, forgive our sin. Help us to know and love you with all that we are that we may love our neighbors as we love ourselves. We pray for the strength of your Holy Spirit to equip us for our calling as followers of Jesus Christ, in whom we have our hope and put our trust. Amen.

(A moment for silent confession)

***Assurance of Pardon**

The apostle Paul also wrote to the believers in Galatia, "For you were called to freedom, brothers and sisters; only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for self-indulgence, but through love become slaves to one another. For the whole law is summed up in a single commandment, 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.'" Hear and believe the good news: In Jesus Christ, our sins are forgiven.

Thanks be to God!

***Passing the Peace of Christ**

Be kind to one another, and tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you. The Peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you. (Please share the Peace of Christ with those around you saying "Peace be with you".)

Children's Time

Announcements

Prayer for Illumination

Eternal God, in your Word we read, "For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope." As your Word is read and proclaimed, give us ears and hearts to hear that we might be encouraged and have hope as your children. In Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh. Amen.

HONORING OUR COUNTRY'S 250TH ANNIVERSARY

God Calls A People

Genesis 12:1-3; O. T. pg. 10

Hymn #331 *God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand*

God's Sovereignty

Deuteronomy 10: 17-21; O. T. pg. 167

Hymn #616 *Our God Is an Awesome God*

What Does the Lord Require?

Micah 6:6-8; O. T. pg. 866

Hymn #340 *This Is My Song*

Faith In Action

Isaiah 58:6-12; O. T. pg. 686

Solo Alan Henderson

Lift Every Voice and Sing

J.R. Johnson &
J.W. Johnson

God Is Our Refuge and Strength

Psalms 46; O. T. pg. 517

Hymn #275 *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God*

Love God, Love Your Neighbor

Matthew 22:27-40; N. T. pg. 25

Hymn #300 *We Are One in the Spirit*

Offering

O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever. With glad and generous hearts, let us return to God our tithes and offerings with thanksgiving and gratitude for all God has done for us in Jesus Christ.

Offertory

Make Them Hear You

Flaherty & Ahren/Funk

Susana Breese-Owens, Barry & Heather Dietsch & Alan Henderson

Prayer of Dedication

Accept these gifts we bring, O Lord. Give us the wisdom, courage, and love we need to use them in ways that please you, spread the gospel, and care for our neighbors with the love of Jesus. We thank you for your indescribable gift! Amen.

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer "A Prayer for Our Country by Woodrow Wilson" (in the Book of Common Worship)

Almighty God, Ruler of all the peoples of the earth, forgive our shortcomings as a nation, purify our hearts to see and love the truth, give wisdom to our leaders, and steadfastness to our people, and bring us at last to that fair city of peace whose foundations are mercy, justice, and goodwill, of which you are the designer and builder; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

And now, as your beloved children, we are told to pray together,

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, the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

***Hymn #338**

O Beautiful for Spacious Skies

***Charge and Benediction**

Jesus says, "Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

May we answer Jesus's call and be led, taught, guided, and strengthened as we live as his disciples. The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with all of you.

Amen.

Postlude

For the Beauty of the Earth

Kocher/Curry

We thank Susana Breese-Owens and Alan Henderson for sharing their gifts of voice with us today.

WELCOME! We are glad you have joined us to worship God. If you are a visitor, we invite you to introduce yourself to our Deacon of the Day, Gayle Barton, who will be available after worship.

The **LITURGIST** today is Cindy Grogan with Tanis Berry, Amy and Doug Carpenter, and Tom Grogan as the **GREETERS and USHERS**.

The **FLOWERS ON THE COMMUNION TABLE** are given in memory of Doris Fortenbaugh by her daughter Julie Fortenbaugh Chapman and her son, Robert Fortenbaugh.

Please sign the **WELCOME PAD** as it makes its way down your row. If you are a visitor or have recently changed your address, please include this and any other information you wish to share.

THREE WAYS TO WORSHIP! In Person, live streamed at 9:30 a.m. on Facebook and then the service (which is being recorded as we worship in person) will be available beginning Sunday afternoons on the OPPC YouTube channel which can be accessed directly from YouTube or our webpage: www.oppchurch.org. **Please be aware that the worship service is being recorded as well as live streamed and will be broadcast via the internet.**

The **PRAYER BOARD** is located in the Reception Room at the name tag table. You are invited to use a slip of paper to write or draw your prayer and clip it to the board. The Prayer Board will be brought into worship; however, the prayers will not be read aloud or shared. This is a unique and special opportunity for children and adults to be able to express their joys and/or concerns.

WE WELCOME KIDS IN WORSHIP as together we are the whole people of God and today all the children are staying in worship as our regular CE programming is done until September. Worship Bags are always available in the Reception Room at the CE table. The Nursery will be open, and the service will be live streamed, so if a Little One gets restless, a parent may take them there to play and still see the service.

The Church **office** will be **CLOSED TOMORROW** in observance of Independence Day.

If you are interested in serving on the **PASTOR NOMINATING COMMITTEE**, please either call the church office and let Christine know or email her at christine@oppchurch.org.

PARENTS NIGHT OUT – PJ’S AND PIZZA MOVIE PARTY

Your kids are invited to come in their pjs with their blankets, pillows and slippers for a fun evening watching movies and eating pizza on **Saturday, July 25th at 6pm!!** Mom and Dad can enjoy a few hours of well deserved **GROWN UP FUN!** Please contact Christine in the office if you are planning on having your kids attend.

If you are in need of **PASTORAL CARE**, please contact Christine in the Church Office and she will connect you with a member from our Pastoral Care Team. **PRAYER REQUESTS** can be submitted to the office as well. Please remember that our worship service is livestreamed, so discretion should be used when sharing requests involving others.

THE OFFERING is one way of many ways for us to respond to God. Monetary gifts to support the ministry of OPPC are greatly appreciated. **Secure online giving is available.** Scan the QR Code with your cell phone and you will be directed to our Online Giving Site.



The Christian Education Ministry Team needs your input as we evaluate and plan our offerings for the next program year! There is a separate survey for Adults (each adult can complete) and Youth (one per family with kids age 3 - middle school). See QR codes below or look for links in the weekly emails. Responses requested by July 12th!

Youth



Adult

