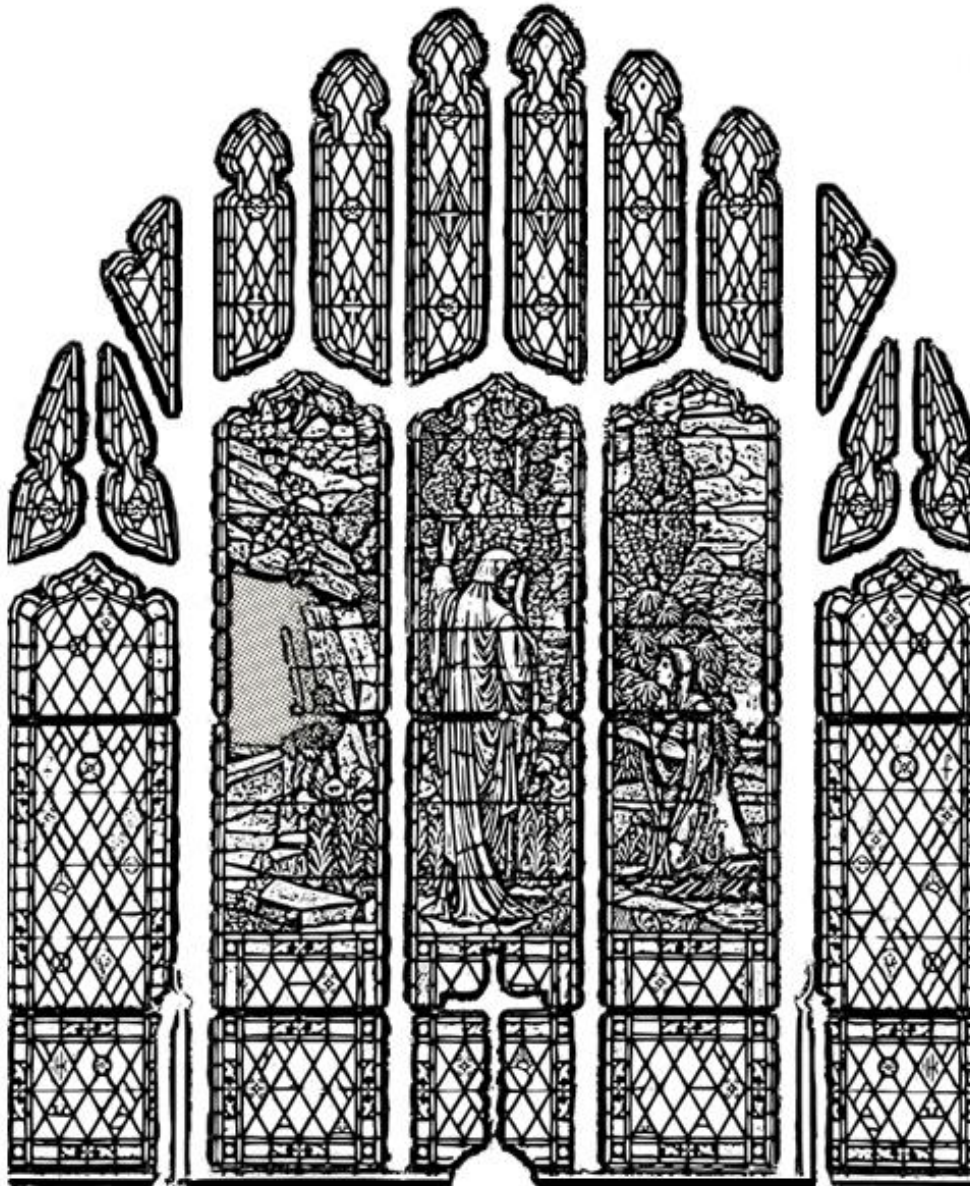


MT. LEBANON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



Sunday, June 21, 2026, 8:30AM & 10:45AM

The Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

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Sometimes it's our spiritual life — not our computer — that needs a reboot to clear out the bugs, cure a frozen screen and become reborn in Christ. And God has already programmed the solution for us. Just type the following keys: B, A, P, T, I, S, M.

**Indicates an invitation to stand in spirit or posture, as able.*

The Prelude

As the prelude begins, all are humbly asked to conclude any conversation and make use of this moment of quietude to prepare your hearts and minds for the worship of Almighty God.

All rise, in body or spirit, at the sound of the chimes.

***Opening Hymn**

“We thy people praise thee”

UMH 67

*** The Greeting & Call to Worship**

∇ The Lord be with you.

℞ **And also with you.**

∇ Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised! One generation shall extol your works to another,

℞ **We shall declare your mighty acts.**

∇ They will recount the glorious splendor of your majesty,

℞ **On your wondrous works we will meditate.**

∇ They will proclaim the might of your awesome deeds,

℞ **We will declare your greatness.**

∇ They shall celebrate the fame of your abundant goodness,

℞ **We shall sing aloud of your righteousness.**

***Opening Prayer**

Said by all, with one voice.

God of the fountain, the spring, the healing well:

We come to you parched and thirsty. We know there is no well so deep that we cannot draw — by your grace — living water from it.

Only you can empower us to do that. Only you can refresh our souls.

And so we come to you, bowls in hand,
not knowing if they are offerings of gratitude or begging bowls.
In truth, they are both!
We thank you for the welcome you extend to us,
and for the generosity with which you offer us all we truly need in this life.
Amen.

***Silent Prayer**

***Response**

“Pues si vivimos” (vv.1,2)

UMH 356

A Message for Young Disciples (10:45 am)

As the young disciples gather at the front of the church, all sing:

**This, this is where children belong, welcomed as part of the worshipping throng.
Water, God's word, bread and cup, prayer and song: This is where children belong.**

The young disciples (school-age children) then depart the sanctuary for Kids Praise. Teachers will lead them back to the sanctuary prior to the conclusion of the service. Nursery is available for younger children; please see an usher for directions.

The First Lesson

A Reading from the Epistle to the Church in Rome

ROM. 6:1B-11

What then are we to say? Should we continue in sin in order that grace may increase? By no means! How can we who died to sin go on living in it? Do you not know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? Therefore we were buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we also might walk in newness of life.

For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, so we might no longer be enslaved to sin. For whoever has died is freed from sin. But if we died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. The death he died, he died to sin once for all, but the life he lives, he lives to God. So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

Lector: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People: Thanks be to God.

Jesus said to the twelve disciples, “A disciple is not above the teacher nor a slave above the master; it is enough for the disciple to be like the teacher and the slave like the master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household!

“So have no fear of them, for nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered and nothing secret that will not become known. What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light, and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the housetops. Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather, fear the one who can destroy both soul and body in hell. Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. And even the hairs of your head are all counted. So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows.

“Everyone, therefore, who acknowledges me before others, I also will acknowledge before my Father in heaven, but whoever denies me before others, I also will deny before my Father in heaven.

“Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth; I have not come to bring peace but a sword. For I have come to set a man against his father, and a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law, and one’s foes will be members of one’s own household.

“Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me, and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me, and whoever does not take up the cross and follow me is not worthy of me. Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it.”

Lector: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

The Pastoral Prayer & The Lord's Prayer

Said by all, with one voice.

**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 trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil,
for thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory forever. Amen.**

***The Affirmation of Faith**

UMH 882

All are invited to stand, in spirit or in posture, and to face the altar as the affirmation of faith is recited.

Pastor: Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is the one true church, apostolic and universal, whose holy faith let us now declare:

**All: I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.**

Amen.

***The Sign of Peace**

∇. The peace of Christ be with you.

℞. **And also with you.**

*The people are now invited to share signs of peace with their fellow members of Christ's body.
Extended conversation would ideally and most appropriately be reserved until the end of the service.*

Announcements

At the Offertory

The Offertory Hymn (8:30 am)

"O Love that wilt not let me go"

UMH 480

The Anthem (10:45 am)

How can I keep from singing?

***The Doxology & Prayer of Dedication**

UMH 94

***The Sending Hymn**

"We know that Christ is raised"

UMH 610

***The Dismissal**

∇. Let us bless the Lord.

℞. Thanks be to God.

***The Benediction & Recessional**

The people remain in place until the altar party has retired.

The Postlude

Prayer Concerns

Clark Remington, *recovering from recent hospitalization.*

Gayle Radnich, *who received a recent diagnosis of a health condition.*

David Barber, *son of Gloria Barber, suffering from cancer and recovering from a recent stroke.*

Gary Henry, *undergoing cancer treatment.*

Norma Buhrman, *enduring serious illness.*

For those serving their country or community as first responders or in the armed forces, especially:

SPC **Russell Dale** - CPT **Shaun Hay** - LTC **Azizi Wesmiller** - LTC **Matthew Wesmiller**

2LT **Keith Cable** - LTC **Zachary Allen Finch** - CPL **Wyatt Hoover**

We pray for victims of violence in our nation and around the world.

This week, we remember and pray for Christ's body throughout the world, especially remembering this week the church in

Malawi and Zambia. *(Prayer Cycle of the World Council of Churches).*

Leaders in Worship this Morning

MARCY PICARDI (8:30AM) AND DERICK FLORIAN (10:45AM), LECTORS

MR. A. MITCHELL V. STECKER, DIRECTOR OF MUSIC & LITURGY

THE REV'D THOMAS Q. STRANDBURG, SENIOR PASTOR

The altar flowers this morning given by
Lori & Dan Barr
to the Glory of God and in loving memory of
Daniel Van Sickle and John Barr, Jr.,
their fathers.

*To provide flowers for a future service of worship,
please call the church office at 412-531-7131,
or use the form linked through the QR code below.*

