

Service for the Lord's Day
July 5, 2026
Sixth Sunday After Pentecost

Preparation

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

PRELUDE Improvisation on "America" R. Steven Branyon

WELCOME, JOYS, AND CONCERNS Molly Leake

CHORAL INTROIT "Blessed Is The Nation" Blanche D. Byles
(Psalm 33:12)
(Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord; and the people whom He hath chosen for His own inheritance. Amen)

† CALL TO WORSHIP

God hears our cries and restores our troubled souls.
We can't keep silent. We sing God's praises with joy!
God nurses and comforts us until our hearts are strong like mountains.
We can't keep silent. We sing God's praises with joy!
God's love sustains us to flourishing.
We can't keep silent. We sing God's praises with joy!

† HYMN 331 "God of Ages, Whose Almighty Hand" (v.1-4) National Hymn

† CALL TO CONFESSION

God is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.
Knowing that God is compassionate to all, let us confess our sins.

† PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Faithful One, despite our best efforts, we have not lived up to what we can do or who we can be. Even when our intentions are good, our actions cause harm. Even when we want to follow you more closely, we end up turning away. We are at war with ourselves, and only you can bring peace. Still our souls, order our steps, guide our feet back to your way. Amen.

† ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Friends, hear the Good News:
God upholds all who are falling, and raises up those who are bowed down.
Jesus Christ rescues us from sin and death; thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!

† ACT OF PRAISE 582 "Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me"

† PASSING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.**
As God's forgiven people, let us pass the peace to one another.

Proclamation

COMMISSIONING OF YOUTH & CHAPERONES TO MONTREAT
SENIOR HIGH AND MIDDLE SCHOOL CONFERENCES

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Holy, Holy, Holy One, guide us by the Spirit of truth to hear the Word of life you speak, and to give all glory, honor, and praise to your threefold name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Genesis 24:34-38, 42-49

ANTHEM "God Bless America" Irving Berlin

(While the storm clouds gather far across the sea, Let us swear allegiance To a land that's free, Let us all be grateful for a land so fair, As we raise our voices in a solemn prayer.

Refrain:

God bless America land that I love stand beside her and guide her thru the night with a light from above. From the mountains to the prairies to the oceans white with foam God bless America, my home sweet home.

(Congregation please join on the repeat of the refrain)

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON Romans 7:15-25a

MESSAGE "Saved from..." Rev. Nick Setzer

† AFFIRMATION OF FAITH "Apostle's Creed" pg. 35

† HYMN 756 "O God of Every Nation" (v.1-4) Llangloffan

Dedication

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY Improvisation on "Materna" R. Steven Branyon

† DOXOLOGY 609 "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

† PRAYER OF DEDICATION

God of unending gifts, we praise you for your abundant goodness. As you are generous, we want to be generous too. May the gifts we bring extend your generosity into the world, so that all people may be made whole by your goodness and grace. **Amen.**

† HYMN 337 "My Country 'Tis' of Thee" (v.1-4) America

† BENEDICTION

† CHORAL BENEDICTION "Go Now in Peace" Besig

Go now in peace. Never be afraid.
God will go with you each hour of ev'ry day.
Go now in faith, steadfast, strong and true.
Know He will guide you in all you do.
Go now in love, and show you believe.
Reach out to others so all the world can see.
God will be there watching from above.
Go now in peace, in faith, and in love

† POSTLUDE Improvisation on "National Hymn" R. Steven Branyon

† Stand as you are able

ORGAN TRIVIA: Is there an electronic organ superior to real "wind-blown" pipe organs?

Our Youth will be attending Montreat Youth Conference July 11-18. If you would like to support them while on the trip by providing a meal monetarily or preparing a frozen dinner, breakfast items, paper products or homemade snacks, please talk to Pastor Nick, Molly Leake or Melissa Allman.

There will be a **congregational meeting** following worship on July 12th for the purpose of electing the officer nominating committee.

Christmas in July

Please help the children in York go to school ready for success. All items donated will be distributed by PATH. Grab a pencil from the front or back of the sanctuary to remind you to pick up these items. They need book bags, 3 ring binders, paper, pencils, pens, markers, crayons, notebook paper, composition books, erasers, highlighters, colored pencils, 3-prong folders. You can also donate money so that other supplies needed can be purchased. With school starting so much earlier this year (Monday, August 3), all donations need to be collected by **July 19th**. There will be a box in the sanctuary and the entrance from the parking lot for these items.

All families are invited to Springlake Country Club pool this Thursday night, July 9th from 7:30-9:30pm. Bring a dessert or appetizer to share with the group. Bring your own beverage of choice. Always a fun time! Adults are welcome too!

Our 2026 VBS Snowball Mountain Challenge was a great success! Church children, our church preschool children and community children traveled our halls and gym for crafts, science, snacks, music, recreation, Bible story time and some free play on our playground. Many thanks to our volunteers, group leaders, special youth helpers and our station leaders. Everyone stepped up and helped us manage the week with grace. Thank you for your valuable time and commitment for our children and church and for being God's Hands & Feet, not just on a decal!

A SPECIAL WELCOME TO OUR GUESTS Thank you for joining us today. We're glad you're here and hope that you'll experience God's love as we worship together. If you would like to know more about us, please call our church office (684-2356) and ask to speak with our pastor. May God's peace be with you.

OUR PRAYER CONCERNS:

All caregivers, Wayne McCormick, Jr., Mark Good (Friend of Jody Templeton has cancer), Gloria Ludwig (Stacey Walden's grandmother), Joe & Mickey Howe, Archie Buchanan, Robert Clewis (Shelia Herron's son), Danny Allman (19 yr. old nephew of Mike Allman)), Bill Herron (Leukemia), Donna Jo McKinney Ferrell and Jane McKinney Bolin (have cancer, they are nieces of Brenda Brandon), Chip Lee (father of Bethany James), Patti Whiteside (Joanna Setzler's step mom), Jim Bolduc (Surgery), Lorraine Stewart, Mike Allman, Sr. (brain cancer), Julie Setzer (Jane Ratliff's daughter) has bone cancer & Ree Dillon (Neck Surgery)

RETIREMENT/NURSING HOMES-HOMEBOUND

Bob Falls, Jane Spratt, Lorraine Stewart & Cathy Kemp

FLOWERS: The sanctuary flowers are dedicated to the glory of God and in gratitude for His unfailing love and abundant blessings.

During this season of celebrating our nation's freedom, may we remember the greater freedom we have through Jesus Christ. May our hearts be filled with gratitude, our lives reflect His grace, and our prayers continue for our country, its leaders, and all who serve.

"It is for freedom that Christ has set us free." — Galatians 5:1

Given by Kelly & Neil McWhorter

PLEASE NOTE: If you have placed someone on the prayer list and they are doing better, or if you are on the prayer list and wish to be removed, please notify the church office.

LITTLE DISCIPLES

5th Jake & Stacy Walden
12th Donna Farris

NURSERY

Angie Pratt
Susan Hill

ACOLYTES

5th Aubrey Walden/James Caveny
12th Ryleigh Walden/Elizabeth Hiott

CROSS BEARER

Ryleigh Walden
Eliana Setzer

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CALENDAR FOR THIS WEEK

- Sun. 7-5 10:00am Adult Sunday School**
11:00am Worship/Dimes For Hunger
- Mon. 7-6 8:00pm AA
- Tues. 7-7 8:30am Carrigan Farms
- Wed. 7-8 8:00pm AA
- Thur. 7-9 7:30pm Springlake Family Swim
- Sun. 7-12 10:00am Adult Sunday School**
11:00am Worship/Communion

ANSWER TO ORGAN QUESTION: : No. No electronic instruments so far have been created to replace the sound of a real pipe organ. However, it is believed by many that a good electronic is better than a poor quality pipe organ. Just as all pipe organs are not the same, electronic organs vary greatly in quality among different brands.

Session Members & Their Committees

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| Liz Ann Hill...Clerk & Personnel & IT | Rick Beard.....Property |
| Jenny Hill.....Asst. Clerk & Family Life | Pete Carroll....Property |
| Eddie Lee....Worship & Personnel | Donna Langford..Cong. Care & PW |
| Ronnie Bailes..Finance & Personnel | Sonya Kent....Congregational Care |
| Melissa Allman....Family Life & Personnel | Jamie Caveny..Family Life |
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| Christopher Black..Personnel & Finance | Shawn Jarrett...IT |
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| David Dickson..Mission/Evangelism | Neil McWhorter...Finance |
| Angie Pratt....Mission/Evangelism | Tom Setzler....Congregational Care |

The Worship Committee is looking for volunteers to help in the Nursery on Sundays. If you are interested in helping, please contact Nick or Eddie Lee.

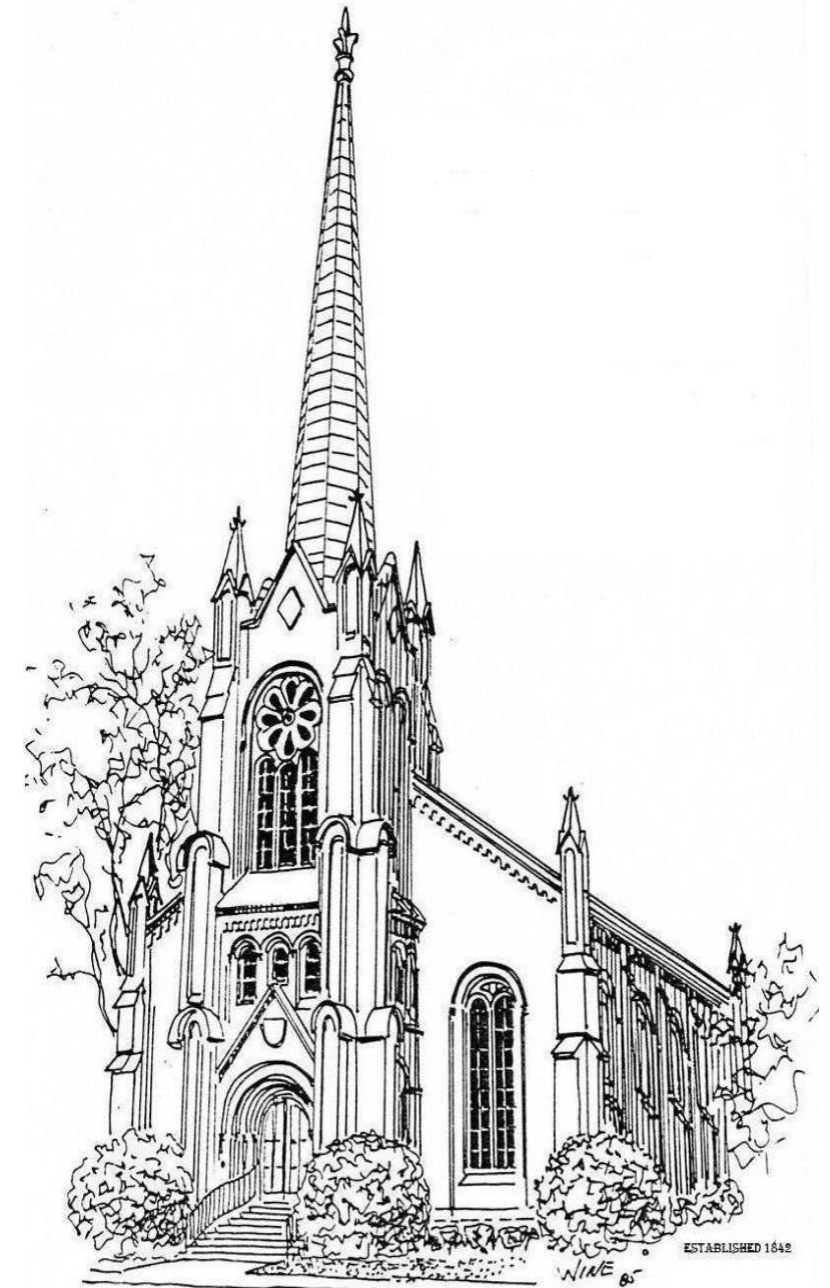
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