



**July 6th, 2025 | FIRST TRADITION 11:00 AM | Fourth Sunday  
after Pentecost**

**GATHERING**

**PRELUDE**

James Stanley

*America the Beautiful* | Jason W. Krug

**CALL TO WORSHIP †**

Rev. David C. Freeman

Come rejoice, all you who love and serve the Lord!

**Sing songs and hymns of praise; celebrate together in God's  
presence!**

For the word of the Lord holds true forever, and everything he  
does is worthy of our trust.

**Let all the earth stand in awe of our God, for he spoke, and the  
world came into being; he breathed, and the heavens were  
born.**

God shatters the plans of the nations, and frustrates all their  
schemes.

**But the plans of our Maker stand firm forever; his intentions are unshakeable.**

Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord, whose people are known by his name.

**Let your unfailing love surround us, O God, for our hope is in you alone.**

## **OPENING HYMN 698 †**

*God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand* | United Methodist Hymnal

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY †**

**Lord God Almighty, you have made all the peoples of the earth for your glory, to serve you in freedom and in peace: Give to the people of our country a zeal for justice and the strength of forbearance, that we may use our liberty in accordance with your gracious will; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.**

## **PASSING OF THE PEACE †**

May the peace of Christ be with you.  
And also with you.

## **WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## **SONG**

**Jesus loves me, this I know for the Bible tells me so. Little ones to him belong; they are weak, but he is strong. Yes, Jesus loves me. Yes, Jesus loves me. Yes, Jesus loves me— the Bible tells me so.**

## **CHILDREN'S TIME**

Rev. Brittany Richardson Watson

## **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

*From the Book of Common Prayer*

Rev. Heather Rose

## **VOCAL SOLO**

*Our Father* | Craig Courtney

James Stanley, Elaine Bultena, Piano

**READING** | *from Lincoln's 2<sup>nd</sup> Inaugural Address 1865*

## **HYMN 437 VS 1**

*This is My Song* | United Methodist Hymnal

**READING** | *from Chief Seattle's response to a government official's offer to purchase the remaining Seattle land 1845*

## **HYMN 437 VS 2**

*This is My Song* | United Methodist Hymnal

**READING** | *from a letter from the Birmingham Jail: Martin Luther King, Jr., April 16, 1963*

Rev. Haley Jones Wells

## **HYMN 437 VS 3**

*This is My Song* | United Methodist Hymnal

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## **OLD TESTAMENT LESSON**

### **Micah 4: 1-4**

This is the word of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **SERMON**

Rev. David C. Freeman

The Vine and the Fig Tree

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## **OFFERTORY**

Kelly Ponder

*America, the Beautiful* | James Stanley

## **DOXOLOGY 94 †**

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;**

**praise God, all creatures here below:**

**Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**Praise God, the source of all our gifts!**

**Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!**

**Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!**

**Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

## **PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING †**

### **SENDING FORTH IN THE NAME OF THE LORD**

#### **INVITATION TO COMMUNION †**

As we come to the table of God's heavenly feast, let us prepare our hearts anew to be in communion with one another and with the risen Christ.

**We come, ready to partake of bread and cup; ready to commune with one another and with the living God.**

#### **THE GREAT THANKSGIVING †**

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

*...And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:*

***Holy, holy, holy Lord.***

***God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory.***

***Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.***

***Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.***

***Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.***

*...as we proclaim the mystery of faith.*

***Christ has died. Christ is risen, Christ will come again. Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.***

*...all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and forever.*

***Amen. Amen. Amen. Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest***

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

## **THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD AND THE GIVING OF THE CUP**

*Communion hymns can be found on pages 519, 431  
in the United Methodist Hymnal.*

## **INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP**

### **HYMN OF COMMITMENT †**

*Celebration Song*

*There's a song of Celebration that is ringing round the earth,*

*As humanity unites to sing of dignity and worth,*

*Out of poverty and anger God is bringing hope to birth:*

*Let all creation sing!*

*Sing of hope and liberation; sing of justice and salvation,  
Sing with holy indignation: Let all creation sing!*

*It's a song of solidarity, of protest and of pain,  
On behalf of all who suffer for another person's gain,  
It's a call of faith and freedom that will never be in vain:  
Let all creation sing!*

*Sing of hope and liberation; sing of justice and salvation,  
Sing with holy indignation: Let all creation sing!*

*It's a song that's sung in unison, but heard in harmony,  
Many voices, many accents and a trillion ways to be;  
And it liberates the wealthy as it sets the needy free:  
Let all creation sing!*

*Sing of hope and liberation; sing of justice and salvation,  
Sing with holy indignation: Let all creation sing!*

## **RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS †**

**We give thanks for all that God has already given you and we welcome you in Christian love. As members together with you in the body of Christ and in this congregation of the United Methodist Church, we renew our covenant faithfully to participate in the ministries of the church by our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service, and our witness, that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ.**

## **BENEDICTION †**

## **CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE †**

*The Trees of the Field*

***You shall go out with joy and be led forth with peace;  
The mountains and the hill will break forth before you;  
There'll be shouts of joy, -- and all the trees of the fields will  
clap,  
Will clap their hands.  
And all the trees of the Field will clap their hands,  
The trees of the field will clap their hands,  
The trees of the field will clap their hands  
While you go out with joy.***

## **POSTLUDE**

*Like a River Glorious* | Jason W. Krug

James Stanley



## **ASSISTING IN THE SERVICE**

### **Clergy:**

Rev. David C. Freeman

Rev. Heather Rose

Rev. Brittany Richardson Watson

Rev. Haley Jones Wells

**Music & Worship Arts:** Elaine Bultena, Kelly Ponder, James Stanley, Shannon Webb

### **Liturgist:**

**Audio/Visual:** Christopher Cone,  
Lesley Andrews

**Altar Guild:** Coralie Hawkins, Karen Nelson

**Altar Flowers:** To the glory of God and in honor of our Children,  
George and John Elrod. Given by Laura and David Elrod.

## **IN OUR PRAYERS**

### **Requesting Prayer:**

Kaye Hoover, Hilda Thomas, Larry Woodard, Pat Blackstone, David  
Anderson, Bill Burton, Jace McRorey

## **THIS WEEK AT FIRST CHURCH**

### **Sunday, July 6, 2025**

10:00 am      Sunday School  
11:00 am      First Tradition (Sanctuary)  
12:00 pm      Welcome: Heather Rose  
2:30 pm      Mike Charles Basketball Academy  
5:30 pm      Canvas Community Worship

### **Monday, July 7, 2025**

9:00 am      Flower Girls  
5:00 pm      SPRC Meeting  
5:30 pm      SAS Task Force

### **Tuesday, July 8, 2025**

7:00 am      Tues Morning Bible Study  
9:00 am      Staff Meeting  
10:30 am      Worship Planning  
4:00 pm      Mike Charles Basketball Academy  
4:15 pm      FANN  
6:30 pm      Intermediate Taiko

### **Wednesday, July 9, 2025**

8:00 am      CPR Training  
5:00 pm      Board Of Trustees

### **Thursday, July 10, 2025**

10:00 am      PALS Small Group  
12:00 pm      Caregivers Group  
4:00 pm      Mike Charles Basketball Academy

