

WELCOME TO
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Pastor

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Organist

July 6th, 2025

9:30 a.m.

**those who are able may stand*

Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

"Like Lambs"

Prelude: "Let There Be Peace on Earth"

Jackson

Welcome and Announcements

Lighting of the Candles

Call to Worship (Inspired by Psalm 30)

One: Sing praises to the Holy One, O you faithful, and give thanks to God's
holy name

**Many: Shepherd and Source, you guide us in wisdom. You cover us
in love.**

One: Sing praises to the Holy One, O you faithful, and give thanks to God's
holy name

**Many: Comforter and Spirit, you encourage us in times of trouble.
You strengthen us for the journey.**

One: Sing praises to the Holy One, O you faithful, and give thanks to God's
holy name

**Many: Redeemer and Friend, you hear our cry, redeem the years of
struggle, and restore our joy. Praise the Holy One!**

Invocation (unison)

**God our Good Shepherd, we come to worship you, to tell of the story
of your marvelous deeds, to lament the horrors and suffering in the
world, to find strength to be your witnesses, and to remind**

ourselves of the truth of what is possible. May our prayers rise to your heart, and your heart infiltrate our prayers. May we sing songs that move you with delight and compassion. May we recognize and ponder the wisdom you impart to us. And, may peace rest upon us as we gather in your name. Amen.

*Opening Hymn: "Our God Reigns"

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Prayer for Transformation and New Life

One: Righteous God, forgive us for praying for the harvest without planting seeds.

Many: Forgive us for praying for the harvest without preparing the soil. Forgive us for praying for the harvest without tending the land, discerning weeds, and ensuring an adequate supply of water. Transform us for the work of the harvest. Transform us into cultivators of hope and joy. Transform us to plant seeds of justice and love. God of the harvest, equip us for the labor of stewarding the roots of new life you offer. Amen

Words of Grace

Beloved, there is room in the garden for you and the gifts you bring. Receive the grace of God to plant and replant, to till and to tend, to harvest and to hope. Rest in knowing that the One who sends you to work for a good harvest will sustain, guide, and renew you in this life.

*Hymn: "Seek Ye First the Kingdom"

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Scripture: John 13:21-30

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Reflection: "John"

Invitation to Generosity

Galatians 6:2 challenges us to, "Bear one another's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ." The reign of God assures us that there is enough. The Holy One's creation and provision remains abundant, and we participate in the kingdom by refusing to hoard and to withhold from our siblings. Let us magnify the name of Creator by repudiating the falsehood of scarcity. Let us share in all things good given to us by the Generous One for common benefit and mutual aid.

Offertory: "God of All Nations"

Higgins

*Presentation of the Offering and The Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;

**Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

*Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication (unison)

We give you thanks, Wise God, for cultivating generosity within us and alerting us to the needs around us. Use these gifts for the expansion of your will on earth and the blessing of your beloved. In your name and in hope, we give these gifts. Amen.

The Pastoral Prayer

Service of Holy Communion

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The Lord's Prayer (Sung)

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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, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen

*Closing Hymn: "God of Our Fathers"

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*Benediction

One: Go and say, "Peace."

Many: Say peace when despair threatens to overwhelm you.

One: Say peace when the news of the day invites you to apathy or avoidance.

Many: Say peace when a ceasefire is not enough.

One: Say peace because a loving approach to conflict can build it.

Many: Say peace because a faithful people can realize it.

One: Say peace because the God of Peace is with you.

One: Go and say and be peace in the world. Amen.

*Extinguishing of the Candles

*Postlude: "Hold Strong the Flags of Freedom"

Hughes



Like Lambs: Service Prayers for the Fourth Sunday after Pentecost was written by the Rev. Dr. Cheryl A. Lindsay, Minister for Worship and Theology for the United Church of Christ.

TODAY'S ALTAR FLOWERS are sponsored by Mr. & Mrs. Charles Jacobs in memory of Grandmother Laura Jacobs and Father Charles A. Jacobs, Sr.

TODAY'S BULLETINS are sponsored by Mina Reinhard in loving memory of Gene and Timothy Reinhard.

TODAY'S GREETER is Robin Yoder.

TODAY'S LITURGIST is Cheryl Martucci

RESTROOMS ARE AVAILABLE on the main floor of the Church and downstairs. Bulletin MAGNIFIER SHEETS can be found on the sound system.



Our church is equipped with an Assistive Listening System. You provide your own headphones which can be connected to the transmitter which will allow you to more clearly hear the Worship Service or any program being offered in the Sanctuary. See anyone at the sound booth to inquire.

All Things Free Room (ATF) Sort and Store will be tomorrow, Monday, July 7th at 10:00am. If you have any questions please call or text Millie Kohler. Help will be needed for the next Giveaway on Monday, July 14 from 4-6pm and on Saturday, July 19 from 10am-12pm. Set up will be on Saturday, July 12 at 10am.

A Message from ATF: Although it is only July, we are looking ahead to our November 10th and 15th Christmas giveaways, where three of our food pantry clients shop for family Christmas gifts. We appreciate any and all new or re-gifted items you might consider donating to us for their shopping. We are looking for items for all ages; infants thru adults. Our volunteers will happily shop for those of you that prefer donating money towards our mission. Thank you in advance for your help.

Sunday Brunchers will be held on Sunday July 20th, 2025 at 12pm at The Merch Please RSVP for these events with Mark or Linda Weaver. **All are Welcome!**

Grief Care meets on Wednesday evenings from 6-8 pm. Each week includes a video, discussion and a snack. We meet in the lower social hall

which is air conditioned and comfortable for all. We also have a zoom link if you cannot make it in person. Please speak to Pastor Lori with any questions. This group is open to all and is Free.

Worship for the summer is at 9:30 a.m.

Week of July 6-12, 2025:

Pastor Lori will have office hours on Wednesday from 10am-3pm.

Other times by appointment.

Church Secretary Hours: Tuesday-Thursday 11am-2pm
(please call before coming to make sure she is in the office)

Sexton: Richard Shoemaker (with Thanks to his wife, Brenda)

ATF Sort & Store – Monday @ 10am

Scouts – Monday @ 6pm

Fun Group- Tuesday @7pm

Grief Care – Wednesday from 6-8pm

Finance Meeting- Wednesday @ 7pm

ATF set up- Saturday @ 10 am

Next Sunday

Sandwich orders due

Total Offerings from June 22, 2025:

General Offerings: \$2,885

Mission: \$245

Building Repair: \$0

Cemetery: \$50

Utilities: \$0

Pastor's Discretionary Fund: \$20.00

Parking Lot Maintenance: \$0

Windows: \$200

Attendance - 46

This week, we welcome Robin Yoder to the finance position and Alyson Miller to the administrative position in the office. We thank them for stepping up to help during this transition.

Brenda has concluded her time with us on June 30th.
Thank you to all who gave a donation to the Love
offering we presented to her. She was moved to tears
by your generosity. Thank you all.