

# May 26, 2024

Please take a moment to sign our attendance register located in each pew.

(\*\*Indicates, please stand as able)

Greeting/Life of the Church

Prelude "Battle Hymn of the Republic" Carol Stewart  
arr. by Harold DeCou

\*\*Call to Worship

With strength and power,  
**the Father comes to us.**

With arms stretched wide,  
**the Son calls to us.**

With sighs too deep for words,  
**the Spirit heals us.**

Thanks be to God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

\*\*Opening Hymn "Holy, Holy, Holy" (v. 1,2,4) UMH #64

Opening Prayer (unison)

**O God, your Spirit calls us here to behold the glory of your majesty and power. As we praise you, God Almighty, help us to connect with you as your children, brothers and sisters of your Son, Jesus Christ. Give us confidence in being born anew to live free from the failings of our flesh and glorify you through our life in Christ. Amen.**

Children's Moments

Prayer Hymn "Holy God, We Praise Thy Name" (v. 1,4,5) UMH #79

Prayers of the Faithful & the Lord's Prayer

**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 sins as we forgive those who sin 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.**

Offering/Offertory Carol Stewart  
"Praise Ye the Triune God" Friedrich F. Fleming/Norman Johnson

\*\*Doxology UMH #95

\*\*Prayer of Dedication

**Spirit of the living God, you offer us rich blessings and a church family to guide our way. We are your children, eager to show you our gratitude and our love. May this offering be a sign of our commitment to live as brothers and sisters of Christ. Bless our gifts this day, O God, that others may be blessed by them. May they help those in need be born anew in your Spirit and blessed in your holy name. Amen.**

Ministry of Music "This is My Father's World" Chancel Choir

Scripture Reading Romans 8:12-17

L: The Word of God for the People of God.

**P: Thanks be to God! Amen.**

Sermon "Life with the Triune God" Rev. Jeff Bandy

\*\*The Apostle's Creed UMH #881

\*\*Closing Hymn "O Jesus, I Have Promised" (v. 1,3,4) UMH #396

\*\*Sending Forth

Choral Benediction Chancel Choir

Postlude "God Bless the U.S.A." Carol Stewart  
Lee Greenwood



*The Altar Flowers are given in honor of Jackie Foster for her dedication and hard work producing the Faith Links Newsletter for over 30 years!*

## Scripture Reading – Romans 8:12-17 (CEB)

<sup>12</sup> So then, brothers and sisters, we have an obligation, but it isn't an obligation to ourselves to live our lives on the basis of selfishness. <sup>13</sup> If you live on the basis of selfishness, you are going to die. But if by the Spirit you put to death the actions of the body, you will live. <sup>14</sup> All who are led by God's Spirit are God's sons and daughters. <sup>15</sup> You didn't receive a spirit of slavery to lead you back again into fear, but you received a Spirit that shows you are adopted as his children. With this Spirit, we cry, "Abba, Father." <sup>16</sup> The same Spirit agrees with our spirit, that we are God's children. <sup>17</sup> But if we are children, we are also heirs. We are God's heirs and fellow heirs with Christ, if we really suffer with him so that we can also be glorified with him.



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### May 26, 2024 - Worship Team

Ushers	Eric Fleming, Micah Fleming Mike Tittle, Butch Smith
Greeters	John Grayson, Elaine Grayson
Liturgist	Sandy Pramer
Organist	Carol Stewart
Bells Director	Jim McPeek
Choir Director	Melody Kelley

#### WELCOME VISITORS!

If you are visiting with us today, we welcome you and hope you will come back and worship with us again soon. We would love to get to know you, please take a moment to provide your information in the attendance register located in each pew.



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