

June 29, 2025

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

(**Indicates, please stand as able)

Greeting/Life of the Church

Prelude Erika Stone, vocal and guitar solo
"Come, Now is the Time to Worship" Brian Doerksen

**Call to Worship

We gather today as a community led by the Spirit.

Your way, O God, is holy.

Pick up the mantle of faith and follow Christ today.

Your way, O God, is holy.

Listen, pray, and believe.

Your way, O God, is holy.

**Opening Hymn "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing" UMH #400

Opening Prayer (unison)

God of all life and love: we are your children, and you made us free to live in joyful relationship with you and one another. Your grace empowers us to love our neighbors as we love ourselves. Give us the courage to love ourselves as much as you love us and to love others with the same compassion. Amen.

Children's Moments

Prayer Hymn "Tis so Sweet" UMH #462

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

Erika Stone, piano
"I Offer My Life" Don Moen

**Doxology

UMH #95

**Prayer of Dedication

Receive our humble offerings, O Lord, for your work in the world. Bless those who give, those who send, and those who will receive these gifts. May our offering sow seeds of hope and bear the fruit of love wherever they are sown. Amen.

Ministry of Music

Erika Stone, vocal and guitar solo
"I See Jesus" Erika Stone

Scripture Reading

Galatians 5:1 & 13-25

Sermon

"Embrace Freedom" Pastor Jeff Bandy

**Closing Hymn

"Trust and Obey" (v. 1,3,4) UMH #467

**Sending Forth

Postlude

Erika Stone, vocal and guitar solo
"Higher Ground" Johnson Oatman, Jr.



*The Altar Flowers are given by Janet Adkins
in honor of Gale Adkins.*

Scripture Reading - Galatians 5:1 & 13-25(NRSVUE)

5 ¹ For freedom Christ has set us free. Stand firm, therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery.

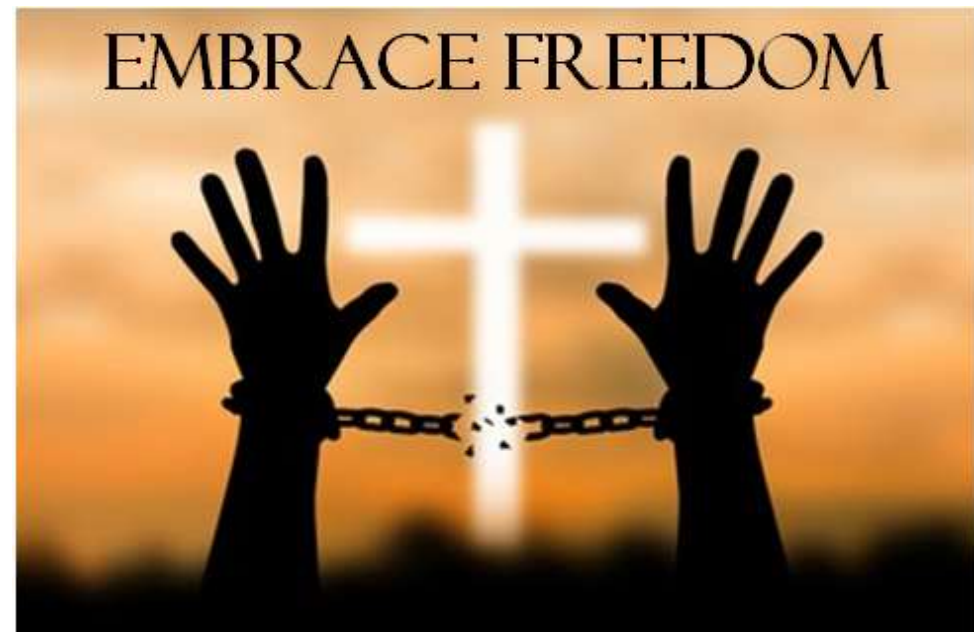
¹³ For you were called to freedom, brothers and sisters, only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for self-indulgence, but through love become enslaved to one another. ¹⁴ For the whole law is summed up in a single commandment, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." ¹⁵ If, however, you bite and devour one another, take care that you are not consumed by one another.

The Works of the Flesh

¹⁶ Live by the Spirit, I say, and do not gratify the desires of the flesh. ¹⁷ For what the flesh desires is opposed to the Spirit, and what the Spirit desires is opposed to the flesh, for these are opposed to each other, to prevent you from doing what you want. ¹⁸ But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not subject to the law. ¹⁹ Now the works of the flesh are obvious: sexual immorality, impurity, debauchery, ²⁰ idolatry, sorcery, enmities, strife, jealousy, anger, quarrels, dissensions, factions, ²¹ envy, drunkenness, carousing, and things like these. I am warning you, as I warned you before: those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.

The Fruit of the Spirit

²² By contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, ²³ gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against such things. ²⁴ And those who belong to Christ have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. ²⁵ If we live by the Spirit, let us also be guided by the Spirit.



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We are a Stephen Ministry Congregation

Sunday, June 29, 2025 Worship Team

Ushers

Bob Whipp, Ed Stidham,
Doug Wickline, Rick Smith

Greeters

Kirk Henning, Jane Henning

Liturgist

Elaine Hughes

Guest Musician

Erika Stone



Monday 30	Boy Scouts	7:00 pm	FH 15C
Tuesday 1	Tuesday Bible Study Trustees	10:00 am 6:30 pm	Parlor Parlor
Wednesday 2	Magic Volleyball Practice	6:00 pm	FCC
Thursday 3	Prayer Shawl	11:00 am	Parlor
Friday 4 	INDEPENDENCE DAY	OFFICE	CLOSED
Saturday 5			
Sunday 6	Sunday School Hospitality Time Worship Service	9:00 am 10:00 am 10:30 am	Rm 8, Parlor Narthex Sanctuary

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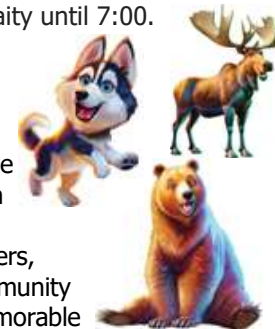
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