**ORDER OF WORSHIP**

*\* Indicates, please stand if able.*

Fourth Sunday after Pentecost July 3, 2022. 9 am.

Liturgist: Tom Epps

WELCOME, PASSSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST, & ANNOUNCEMENTS

**\***CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Praise be to God who has freed us from oppression!

**P: Praise be to God who has healed our wounded souls!**

L: Let our hearts rejoice at God’s redeeming love.

**P: Let our voices raise in songs of thanksgiving for all that God is doing for us.**

L: Come, let us worship the Lord with our whole hearts!

**P: May our praise and voices resound with joy! AMEN.**

\*OPENING PRAYER

**Gracious God, mend our brokenness and our sadness. Give us spirits of joy and enthusiasm for service to you by serving others. Lift us and place us on your pathways of peace and hope, that with our lives we will witness to your redeeming love. AMEN.**

**\***OPENING HYMN **“America”** #697

CHILDREN’S TIME Tom Epps

FAMILY BLESSING TIME The Bjerke Family

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Merciful God, in all our celebration, fireworks, parades, and gatherings we have proclaimed liberty and freedom. Yet our hearts are chained by anger, doubt, terror, and fear. We live in those chains, often not knowing that there is really any other way. We have become accustomed to our imprisonment. Forgive us when we turn away from your freeing love. Help us to place our trust in you and serve you by working with others for peace and hope for all. These things we ask in Jesus’ Name. AMEN.**

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Reach out! Stretch your Spirits! God’s love has freed you from oppression and fear! You have been made whole in God’s eternal love. AMEN.

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD’S PRAYER *(In Unison)*

**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.**

BRINGING OUR GIFTS TO GOD WITH GRATEFUL HEARTS

“You reap whatever you sow,” says the Apostle Paul, “so wherever we have the opportunity, let us work for the good of all.” For the nurture of this family of faith, and for the ministry to a world in need, let us now give joyfully as we present our tithes and offerings.

**\***DOXOLOGY *“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”* #95

\*OFFERTORY PRAYER

SCRIPTURE Galatians 5:13-26

HYMN OF PRAISE **“Battle Hymn of the Republic”** #717

MESSAGE ***Freedom***  Rev. Shon

HOLY COMMUNION

CLOSING HYMN **“Just As I am, without One Plea”** #357

**\***BENEDICTION Rev. Shon

POSTLUDE Matthew Schluntz

Today’s Verse: ***24Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. 25Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit.***

**SCRIPTURE:** (NIV)

13You, my brothers and sisters, were called to be free. But do not use your freedom to indulge the flesh; rather, serve one another humbly in love. 14For the entire law is fulfilled in keeping this one command: “Love your neighbor as yourself.” 15If you bite and devour each other, watch out or you will be destroyed by each other.

16So I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh. 17For the flesh desires what is contrary to the Spirit, and the Spirit what is contrary to the flesh. They are in conflict with each other, so that you are not to do whatever you want. 18But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law.

19The acts of the flesh are obvious: sexual immorality, impurity and debauchery; 20idolatry and witchcraft; hatred, discord, jealousy, fits of rage, selfish ambition, dissensions, factions 21and envy; drunkenness, orgies, and the like. I warn you, as I did before, that those who live like this will not inherit the kingdom of God.

22But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness,

23gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law. 24Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. 25Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit. 26Let us not become conceited, provoking and envying each other.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**PRAYER FAMILIES: PRAYER FAMILIES:** Pray for all those who need healing, or have health issues. Specifically, pray for Karen Dolsey, Madyson Schultz, Nancy Iuliano, Edward Brauner, Vione Brauner and Stanly Demotts who has prostate cancer. Also continue to pray for those in Ukraine and other areas of the world where people are suffering.

**SCRIP CARDS:** When you are thinking of ideas for gift giving or personal use, consider Scrip

cards**.** Stop at the gathering area on Sundays or call Marcia at 715-284-3346 and see if we can

help.

**STAINED GLASS WINDOW:** Recently, the Stained Glass Window was inspected for the first time in 28 years. Willet Hauser, Architectural Glass, discovered there were some broken, cracked or missing pieces plus some glass is out of the original lead channel. The cost to repair our window is $4,109. If you would like to contribute to the repair of the stained glass window, please note on either your check or envelope. Thank you for helping keep the church building and its various parts in good working order.

**COMMUNION CLOTHS:** Thank you to everyone who so generously contributed to the request for help in buying new communion cloths. Enough money was donated and cloths have been ordered. Thanks again. Carol Hornby

**USHERS/GREETERS:**

**THIS WEEK AT THE CHURCH: Monday:** Church Office Closed

**Wednesday:** Prayer Meeting 10:00 am

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