

*This week's liturgical color is green which symbolizes our time for growth in faith as we follow the teachings and ministry of Christ. The season which is known as "ordinary time" starts after Pentecost and ends at the Christmas season.*

**Prelude:** Freedom by Nicole C. Mullen

### Lighting of the Candles

Jesus said: "I am the light of the world" (John 8:12). The presence of the light reminds us of Jesus' coming into our world and into our lives. The light is carried into the worship service as a symbol of Jesus' coming into the presence of the worshipping community.

### Call to Worship:

We gather this morning appreciating our freedom to worship God.

**May God continue to bless the Church of Christ in this land.**

We draw near to the God who rules over all nations.

**May God continue to bless our country and all the countries of the world.**

We seek to live in harmony and peace together with all peoples on the earth.

**May God continue to establish peace on earth and help us to understand that it begins in our hearts.**

Come, let us worship the Lord!

**Announcements and Highlights from our last Board Meeting** (\*noted within the bulletin)

### A Time for Prayer:

**Scripture on Prayer:** Psalm 18:6 (CEB)

<sup>6</sup>In my distress I cried out to the LORD:  
I called to my God for help.  
God heard my voice from his temple;  
I called to him for help,  
and my call reached his ears.

### Congregational Prayer

Almighty God, you rule all the people of the earth.  
Inspire the minds of all women and men to whom you have committed the responsibility of government and leadership in the nations of the world.

Give to them the vision of truth and justice,  
that by their counsel all nations and peoples may work together.  
Give to the people of our country  
zeal for justice and strength for forbearance,  
that we may use our liberty in accordance with your gracious will.  
Forgive our shortcomings as a nation;  
purify our hearts to see and love the truth.  
We pray all these things through Jesus Christ. Amen.

**Opening Hymn:** America the Beautiful **No. 696**

**Scripture Reading:** Psalm 30 (Paula Barton)

<sup>1</sup>I exalt you, LORD, because you pulled me up;  
you didn't let my enemies celebrate over me.  
<sup>2</sup>LORD, my God, I cried out to you for help,  
and you healed me.  
<sup>3</sup>LORD, you brought me up from the grave,  
brought me back to life from among those going down to the pit.  
<sup>4</sup>You who are faithful to the LORD,  
sing praises to him:  
give thanks to his holy name!  
<sup>5</sup>His anger last for only a second,  
but his favor lasts a lifetime.  
Weeping may stay all night,  
but by morning, joy!  
<sup>6</sup>When I was comfortable, I said,  
"I will never stumble."  
<sup>7</sup>Because it pleased you, LORD,  
you made me a strong mountain.  
But then you hid your presence,  
I was terrified.  
<sup>8</sup>I cried out to you, LORD.  
I begged my Lord for mercy:  
<sup>9</sup>"What is to be gained by my spilled blood,  
by my going down into the pit?  
Does dust thank you?  
Does it proclaim your faithfulness?  
<sup>10</sup>LORD, listen and have mercy on me!  
LORD, be my helper!"  
<sup>11</sup>You changed my mourning into dancing.  
You took off my funeral clothes  
and dressed me up in joy  
<sup>12</sup>so that my whole being  
might sing praises to you and never stop.  
LORD, my God, I will give thanks to you forever.

This is the word of God for the people of God,  
**Thanks be to GOD!**

**Gloria Patri** **No. 70**

Glory be to the Father  
and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;

as it was in the beginning,  
is now, and ever shall be,  
world without end.  
A-men. A-men.

**Children's Moment:** Led by Pastor Tim

At this time, children can come forward or you can bring your child to the front pew to hear and participate in the children's reflection.

**The Presentation of Tithes and Offering**  
*(Thank you for your generosity!)*

**Ushers:** Men's Team (Phil R., Fred H., Ruben A., and Paul C.)

### Offertory Prayer:

Let us pray together.  
**Gracious God, accept these gifts, and with them  
our lives,  
to be used in your service;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.**

**Offertory Music:** A Patriotic Medley arranged by Amy J. van Dyk

**Doxology:** **No. 95**

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow  
Praise Him all creatures here below.  
Praise Him above the Heavenly Host.  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.  
Amen.

**Anthem:** Heritage Medley

**Sermon:** "Yes, It's That Simple" 2 Kings 5:1-14

**Response to the Word:** Service of Word and Table **No. 7-11**  
**Communion Stewards:** Diane B., Erin H., Kim P., and Sandra R.

**Communion Music:** Communion by Third Day

**Closing Hymn:** Battle Hymn of the Republic **No. 717**

### Benediction

**Postlude:** God Bless America by Irving Berlin arranged by Sharon Wilson

**Sending Forth/Extinguishing of the Candles:** At the end of the service, the light is carried out into the world to show that Jesus Christ is for all people everywhere. The acolyte leaves the worship service at the pastor's direction, carrying our the lighted candlelighter. This symbolizes the light of Jesus Christ going out into the world where believers are to serve.

## Announcements

**Adult Sunday School** is on Sunday at 10 am.

**Youth Gathering** is canceled today.

**Book Study and Discussion** is canceled for Monday.

**Apprentice Study** is canceled for Tuesday.

**Choir Practice** is Wednesday at 7 pm.

**Holston Annual Conference 2022**—Annual Conference was June 5th—8th. This year, three people from our church attended the conference and we are thankful for your willingness to support their trip. During our worship service this morning, Alberta Mitchell and Christy Smith will be giving reports and sharing their experiences while at conference.

**Little VBS** —This year, we will only take in children from 3—6 years old. The three-day VBS is July 12th, 13th, and 14th 9 am to 12 noon daily. The day will end with a hot meal with the student and their guardians. If you would like to volunteer, please mark your calendar and let us know.

**On-Boarding and lunch with Pastor Tim**—Thank you for attending this gathering. I hope that you learned a lot from our time together so that we can move forward in the life of the church and in our attempts to be a help and blessing to our community.

**United Methodist Men**—The next gathering is Tuesday, July 12th at 6 pm. During our time together, we will have a brief business meeting and a catered meal. We ask for all men to donate \$10 to help pay for the food. Also, Pastor Jim Mitchell will be our guest speaker. All men are welcome to attend and if you have any questions, please contact UMM President Don Shorter.

**Stewardship Sunday and Planned Giving Seminar**—On Sunday, July 31st, Paul Bowman who is the president of the Holston Foundation will be visiting our church. During his visit, he will be preaching, presenting an oversized check, and after the worship service lead a small group. During the small group time, those who attend will learn more impactful ways that they can be a financial blessing to our church. If you are interested in learning more and plan to attend this seminar, please let the office staff know so that we can plan for lunch.

**Blessing Box**—We are grateful that Daniel Goodman installed a blessing food box on our church property. We pray that he will achieve his going in becoming an eagle scout. If you want to leave any items in the blessing box, you can fill the box with the suggested items: Canned food with ring-pulls, socks, mittens, hand warmers, crackers, toilet paper, non-perishable foods, bottled water, toothbrushes, toothpaste, baby wipes, and hand soap.

## Highlights from our last Administrative Board Meeting:

- The next meeting is scheduled for Sunday, August 7th. A July financial report will be made available for those who are interested.
- Minor repairs are in the process of being done mostly on the second level of the church. These repairs include repairing the light fixtures and the replacing of doorknobs. Also, there are plans for the kitchen exhaust fan to be serviced and for the pesky leaking kitchen faucet to be repaired.
- Due to the rise of interruptions during church services and activities, the need to make our time together safer can no longer be ignored by us. With the approval of The Board, Pastor Tim will be recruiting people to create a church security team. If you are interested, please contact Tim.

### \*Offering Stewards for July 2022

July 10th— Amy G., Alberta M., Christy S., and Lana P.

July 17th— Rob Moore, Gary H., Dennis A., and Spencer Q.

July 24th— Pat B., Sandra R., Lana P., and Erin H.

July 31st— Daniel W., John H., Ruben A., and Fred H.

### \*Children's Moment for July 2022

July 10th— Patty Robbins

July 17th— Beth Hagan

July 24th—Kim Parsons

July 31st—Diane Botts

## UPS Back Pack Program

Don't forget that each month we are going to Restock the Shelves for the Union Primary School During the months of June and July, cash donations will be taken to stock the pantry for the start of school.

Cash donations are worth \$.12 more on the dollar due to tax exemption plus ability to buy in bulk.



## The Trinity Companion July 3, 2022

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