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But our citizenship is in heaven,
and it is from there that we are expecting a Savior,
the Lord Jesus Christ.

-Philippians 3:20

First Sunday after Pentecost

9:30 am June 15, 2025

GATHERING

The people of God come together in the Lord’s name.

Welcome & Announcements

Prelude—Communion—Theodore Dubois

Call to Worship—

The hour is coming and is now here,
When will we worship God in spirit and truth.

We are a city on a hill; called to worship and to witness.
Let us worship in spirit and in truth, that God’s light may shine through us!

Opening Hymn 77**—How Great Thou Art

Invocation (please be seated)—

God of light and truth, Your light reveals truth and shows us the way. Fill us with your Holy Spirit, that our lives may reflect your grace, our words and actions may bring your justice, and our presence may bear your peace. Shine through us, O God, that all the world may see your glory. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

PROCLAMATION

The Word of God is read and proclaimed for all ages.

Scripture Reading—Matthew 5:13-16
This is the Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Anthem—This Little Light of Mine—Ellers Summer Choir

God’s Word for Young Disciples

Sermon—”Let Your Light So Shine” Pastor Jon Priebe

RESPONSE

The People of God respond to the Word.

Hymn of Response 569**—We’ve a Story to Tell to the Nations

Discipleship Moment

Offertory—Come, Holy Ghost, Our Hearts Inspire—Alec Wyton

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 the People/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 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.

SENDING FORTH

The people of God are sent forth to serve others and witness to their faith.

Closing Hymn 670**—Go Forth for God

Benediction—Shalom to You (Hymn 666)

Shalom to you now, shalom, my friends. May God’s full mercies bless you, my friends. In all your living and through your loving, Christ be your shalom, Christ be your shalom.

Postlude—Come Holy Ghost—J.S. Bach

OPENING HYMN

Hymn #77, How Great Thou Art

1. O Lord my God!
when I in awesome wonder
Consider all
the worlds Thy hands have made,
I see the stars,
I hear the rolling thunder,
Thy power throughout
the universe displayed.

Refrain:
Then sings my soul,
my Savior God, to Thee:
How great Thou art,
how great Thou art!
Then sings my soul!
my Savior God, to Thee:
How great Thou art,
how great Thou art!

2. When through the woods
and forest glades I wander
And hear the birds
sing sweetly in the trees;
When I look down
from lofty mountain grandeur
And hear the brook
and feel the gentle breeze. Refrain.

3. And when I think that God,
His Son not sparing,
Sent Him to die,
scarce can take it in;
That on the cross,
my burden gladly bearing,
He bled and died
to take away my sin. Refrain.

4. When Christ shall come
with shout of acclamation
And take me home,
what joy shall fill my heart!
Then I shall bow in humble adoration,
And there proclaim,
my God, how great Thou art! Refrain.

HYMN OF RESPONSE

Hymn #569, We’ve a Story to Tell to the Nations

1. We've a story to tell to the nations,
that shall turn their hearts to the right,
a story of truth and mercy,
a story of peace and light,
a story of peace and light.
Refrain:
For the darkness shall turn to dawning,
and the dawning to noonday bright;
and Christ's great kingdom shall come on earth,
the kingdom of love and light.

2. We've a song to be sung to the nations,
that shall lift their hearts to the Lord,
a song that shall conquer evil
and shatter the spear and sword,
and shatter the spear and sword.
(Refrain)

3. We've a message to give to the nations,
that the Lord who reigneth above
hath sent us his Son to save us,
and show us that God is love,
and show us that God is love.
(Refrain)

4. We've a Savior to show to the nations,
who the path of sorrow hath trod,
that all of the world's great peoples
might come to the truth of God,
might come to the truth of God. (Refrain)

CLOSING HYMN

Hymn #670, Go Forth for God

1 Go forth for God, go to the world in peace;
be of good courage, armed with heavenly grace,
in God's good Spirit daily to increase,
till in the kingdom we see face to face.
Go forth for God, go to the world in peace.

2 Go forth for God, go to the world in love;
strengthen the faint, give courage to the weak;
help the afflicted; richly from above
God's love supplies the grace and power we seek.
Go forth for God, go to the world in love.

3 Go forth for God, go to the world in strength;
hold fast the good, be urgent for the right;
render to no one evil; Christ at length
shall overcome all darkness with his light.
Go forth for God, go to the world in strength.

4 Go forth for God, go to the world in joy,
to serve God's people every day and hour,
and serving Christ, our every gift employ,
rejoicing in the Holy Spirit's power.
Go forth for God, go to the world in joy.

BENEDICTION

Shalom to you now, shalom, my friends. May God’s full mercies bless you, my friends. In all your living and through your loving, Christ be your shalom, Christ be your shalom.

PLEASE JOIN US IN PRAYING FOR:

In our community:
We lift up peacemakers.

In our Greater world:
We pray for peace.

Our Deepest Sympathy & Prayers:
To the family of Jerry Pecko,
who passed away on June 7,
Mark Blaser, who passed away on May 29.

From our Congregation:

Scott Adie	Ann Nieman
Bob Ahonen	Robbie Robinson
Joanne Ames	Holly Ross
Debbie Amundsen	Kathi Sawyer
Mary Ellen Atwood	Todd Schneider
Dorothy Bates	Fritz Sterling
Larry Behrman	Kathy Walker
Suzanne Callahan	Jim Yates
Rosalie Goshen	Mike Yeager
Mary Griest	Peg Yeager
Jeff Iula	Rose Ann Youngkin
Dwight Konic	
Raquel Mehalik	

CHURCH NOTES 6-15-25

2025 Golf Outing: The 19th Annual “Bud” Mills golf outing benefitting Epworth Choir, will be held at Brookledge on Saturday June 28 at 1:00 pm. We are looking for golfers, sponsors, and donations of gift baskets to raffle. See the forms at the Welcome Center for more information.

Church Fest: We hope you’ll join us for *Ecumenical Church Fest* on Sunday, June 29 at the downtown CF Amphitheater. Worship begins at 10am (Pastor Pippin, preaching) and food trucks and activities will be from 11-1pm. *Please note there will NOT be worship in the building that Sunday.* If you have mobility issues and need a ride down to the event we will run a shuttle here in the turn-around beginning at 9:15am.

We’re looking for friendly faces to greet attendees and pass out bulletins and the communion elements. If you’re willing to lend a hand, we’d love to have you! You’ll need to arrive by 9:40am on June 29 at the CF Amphitheater. Sign up by texting Valerie at 330-620-9132 or email vriedthaler@hotmail.com

Let’s be the welcoming hands and hearts of Christ!

VBS Registration: VBS is July 14-18 from 9:00am-noon for ages 3 (by 9/30) through 6th grade. The cost is \$15. Registration for Extreme is full. You can still register for regular VBS via the QR code.



VBS Volunteer Training: Mandatory training for all volunteers will be Wednesday, July 2 @12:30 or 6:30pm, or Sunday, July 6, directly after worship. Anyone who needs *Safe Sanctuaries* recertification will be notified by Donna Curfman. Those trainings will take place after VBS trainings. Please mark your calendars.

First Church News: The July FCN will have a slightly earlier deadline due to the Juneteenth holiday. Please have any articles turned in to the office by June 18.

BBWR (Brass Bands of the Western Reserve): BBWR will have a patriotic concert here @FUMC on Sunday, July 6 at 3:00pm in the Sanctuary.

God Spices Up Life

vs. 13 – Jesus is not threatening, but underscoring the importance of saltiness

Salt preserves goodness and brings out flavor



God Colors the World

The light that comes from the sun contains every visible color

vs. 16 – light from the sun reveals and warms the world

Questions for Reflection:

Where in your life do you feel like your “salt” has lost its flavor? How might God be inviting you to rediscover your purpose or passion?

Questions for Discussion:

In what ways do you reflect God’s beauty, warmth, or truth to others?

Memory Verse:

Matthew 4:16 – “Let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.”

Readings for this Week:

Did you know?: When you put your *loose change* in the offering plate you are supporting *Open M* food ministry, *Soup’s On* lunches, and *Family Promise* housing.