

The flowers on the altar this morning are dedicated to the glory of God.

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CHURCH NOTES 7-6-25

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

VBS Volunteer Training: Mandatory training for all volunteers will be today, directly after worship. Anyone who needs Safe Sanctuaries recertification has been notified by Donna Curfman. Those trainings will take place after VBS trainings.

Blessing Box: We could use some items for the Blessing Box. Shelf stable meals that are heat and-eat, and cans with pull-tab openings are helpful. Granola bars, ramen noodles, and boxed mac-n-cheese are great additions as well. Thank you!

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.

**Please stand as you are able.

Clergy & Staff

Jon Priebe, Lead Minister

Howard Pippin, Associate Minister

Marvin Brown, Senior Minister Emeritus

Dean Wagner, Director of Music/Organist

Tim Zuschin, Assistant Chancel Choir Director

Donna Curfman, Director of Children's Ministries

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THE KINGDOM OF GOD

Sunday, July 6, 2025

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

-Philippians 3:20

Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

9:30 am

July 6, 2025

GATHERING

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

Welcome & Announcements

Prelude—*Be Still My Soul*—Diane Bish

Call to Worship—

Praise be to God who has freed us from oppression!

Praise be to God who has healed our wounded souls!

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

May our praise and voices resound with joy! AMEN.

Opening Hymn 545**—*The Church's One Foundation*

Invocation (please be seated)—

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.

PROCLAMATION

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

Scripture Reading—Matthew 6:9-13

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Anthem—*America the Beautiful*—Effinger

Summer Choir

God's Word for Young Disciples

Sermon—"Your Kingdom Come, Daily"

Pastor Howard Pippin

RESPONSE

The People of God respond to the Word.

Hymn of Response 405**—*Seek Ye First*

Discipleship Moment

Offertory—*Gather Us In*—Brian Buda

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.

Communion (Hymnal p. 13)

SENDING FORTH

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

Closing Hymn 301**—*Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross*

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.

OPENING HYMN

Hymn #545, The Church's One Foundation

1. The church's one foundation
is Jesus Christ her Lord;
she is his new creation
by water and the Word.
From heaven he came and sought her
to be his holy bride;
with his own blood he bought her,
and for her life he died.

2. Elect from every nation,
yet one o'er all the earth;
her charter of salvation,
one Lord, one faith, one birth;
one holy name she blesses,
partakes one holy food,
and to one hope she presses,
with every grace endued.

3. Though with a scornful wonder
we see her sore oppressed,
by schisms rent asunder,
by heresies distressed,
yet saints their watch are keeping;
their cry goes up, "How long?"
And soon the night of weeping
shall be the morn of song.

4. Mid toil and tribulation,
and tumult of her war,
she waits the consummation
of peace forevermore;
till, with the vision glorious,
her longing eyes are blest,
and the great church victorious
shall be the church at rest.

5. Yet she on earth hath union
with God the Three in One,
and mystic sweet communion
with those whose rest is won.
O happy ones and holy!
Lord, give us grace that we
like them, the meek and lowly,

HYMN OF RESPONSE

Hymn #405, Seek Ye First

1. Seek ye first the kingdom of God
And His righteousness,
And all these things shall be added unto you.
Allelu, Alleluia!

2. Ask, and it shall be given unto you;
Seek, and you shall find.
Knock, and the door shall be opened unto you.
Allelu, Alleluia!

3. Man shall not live by bread alone,
But by every word
That proceeds out from the mouth of God.
Allelu, Alleluia!

CLOSING HYMN

Hymn #301, Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross

1. Jesus, keep me near the cross;
there a precious fountain,
free to all, a healing stream,
flows from Calvary's mountain.

Refrain:

In the cross, in the cross,
be my glory ever,
till my raptured soul shall find
rest beyond the river.

2. Near the cross, a trembling soul,
love and mercy found me;
there the bright and morning star
sheds its beams around me.

(Refrain)

3. Near the cross! O Lamb of God,
bring its scenes before me;
help me walk from day to day
with its shadow o'er me.

(Refrain)

4. Near the cross I'll watch and wait,
hoping, trusting ever,
till I reach the golden strand
just beyond the river.

(Refrain)

BENEDICTION

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PLEASE JOIN US IN PRAYING FOR:

In our community:

We lift up counselors & therapists.

In our Greater world:

We pray for peace.

Our Deepest Sympathy & Prayers:

To the families of members Barb Behrman,
who passed away on 6/21,
and Bob Theune, who passed away on 6/23

From our Congregation:

Scott Adie

Bob Ahonen

Joanne Ames

Debbie Amundsen

Mary Ellen Atwood

Jim Bailey

Dorothy Bates

Suzanne Callahan

Rosalie Goshen

Mary Griest

Jeff Iula

Dwight Konic

Raquel Mehalik

Marlene Mercurio

Ann Nieman

Becky Pecko

Robbie Robinson

Holly Ross

Kathi Sawyer

Todd Schneider

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Kathy Walker

Mike Yeager

Peg Yeager

Rose Ann Youngkin