

FREE
INDEED.

Freedom in Christ



THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

7th Sunday after Pentecost

July 7, 2024

10:50 a.m.

✠ We Gather in God's Name ✠

Welcome

Rev. Bill Pollack

Prelude

Max Jackson

Aria in F Major

George Handel; Arr. Alexandre Guilmant

Call to Worship

Kim Whitman

Leader: God has called us to freedom through Jesus Christ.

People: No longer under the law, we may serve one another in love.

Leader: God has given us the Spirit, that our lives may be fruitful at His service.

People: The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control.

Leader: Let us pray together:

All: O God, who has set us free through our Lord Jesus Christ: Let Your spirit work among us and within each of us during this hour, that we may learn to be more like our Master, who came not to be served but to serve. We pray in His victorious name. Amen.

† Hymn of Praise

#331

God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand

God of the ages, whose almighty hand
leads forth in beauty all the starry band
of shining worlds in splendor through the skies,
our grateful songs before Thy throne arise.

Thy love divine hath led us in the past.

In this free land by Thee our lot is cast.

Be Thou our ruler, Guardian, Guide, and Stay:

Thy word our law, Thy paths our chosen way.

From war's alarms, from deadly pestilence,
be Thy strong arm our ever sure defense.

Thy true religion in our hearts increase.
Thy bounteous goodness nourish us in peace.

Refresh Thy people on their toilsome way.
Lead us from night to never-ending day.
Fill all our lives with love and grace divine,
and glory, laud, and praise be ever Thine.

† **Call to Confession**

† **Prayer of Confession**

Most Holy God, we know that Your grace is sufficient for us, and we desperately need it today. Our sin feels so weighty, so burdensome, so tiring. Only You can free us, and we ask that You would. We want to be holy as You are holy, but it is only through Your Spirit's power in our lives that we can live without sin. Draw us closer to Your Holy Spirit. Let us hear His gentle nudging, reminding us that we have the power to flee when the temptation of sin feels too great. We are so thankful that the blood of Jesus makes us clean. Thank You for saving us and for granting us mercy. In Your precious name. Amen.

† **Assurance of Pardon**

† **Response**

#182 (2)

I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say

I heard the voice of Jesus say,
“Behold, I freely give the living water, thirsty one;
stoop down and drink and live.”

I came to Jesus, and I drank of that life-giving stream;
my thirst was quenched, my soul revived,
and now I live in Him.

✠ **We Listen to God's Word** ✠

Children's Moment

Lisa Stevens

Anthem

Chancel Choir

What Shall I Render to My God?

Austin Lovelace

What shall I render to my God for all His mercies store?

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I'll take the gifts He hath bestowed and humbly ask for more.
The sacred cup of saving grace I will with thanks receive.
And all the promises embrace and to His glory live.
My vows I will to His great name before His people pay.
And all I have and all I am upon His altar lay.
Thy lawful servant, Lord, I owe to Thee whate'er is mine.
Born in Thy family below and by redemption Thine.
Thy hands created me, Thy hands from sin have set me free.
Thy mercy that hath loosed my bands hath bound me fast to Thee.
Praise Him ye saints the God of love who hath thy sins forgiven.
Til gathered to the Church above, we sing the songs of heaven.

Prayer for Illumination

The Epistle Lesson

Galatians 5:1, 13–15 (NRSV)

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.

L: The Word of the Lord.

P: Thanks be to God

Psalms 126

#74

When God Restored Our Common Life

When God restored our common life, our hope, our liberty.

At first it seemed a passing dream, a walking fantasy.

A shock of joy swept over us for we had wept so long.

The seeds we watered once with tears sprang up into a song.

We went forth weeping sowing seeds in hard, unyielding soil.

With laughing hearts, we carry home the fruit of all our toil.

We praise the One who gave the growth with voices full and strong.

The seeds we watered once with tears sprang up into a song.

Great liberating God, we pray for all who are oppressed.

May those who long for what is right with justice now be blessed.

We pray for those who mourn this day and all who suffer wrong.

May seeds they water now with tears spring up into a song.

† **The Gospel Lesson**

John 8:31–36 (NRSV)

Then Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in Him, “If you continue in My word, you are truly My disciples,³² and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free.”³³ They answered him, “We are descendants of Abraham and have never been slaves to anyone. What do You mean by saying, ‘You will be made free’?”³⁴ Jesus answered them, “Very truly, I tell you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin.³⁵ The slave does not have a permanent place in the household; the son has a place there forever.³⁶ So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed.

L: This is the Holy Gospel of Christ! **P: Thanks be to God!**

Sermon

Rev. Bill Pollack

With the Holy Spirit – I AM FREE

✦ **We Respond to God’s Word** ✦

† **Hymn of Response**

#338

America, America

O beautiful for spacious skies, for amber waves of grain,
for purple mountain majesties above the fruited plain!
America! America! God shed his grace on thee,
and crown thy good with brotherhood from sea to shining sea!

O beautiful for heroes proved in liberating strife,
who more than self their country loved, and mercy more than life!
America! America! God mend thine every flaw;
confirm thy soul in self-control, thy liberty in law!

O beautiful for patriot dream that sees beyond the years
thine alabaster cities gleam, undimmed by human tears!
America! America! May God thy gold refine
till all success be nobleness and every gain divine!

† **Affirmation of Faith**

Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from

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true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through Him all things were made. For us and for our salvation He came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake He was crucified under Pontius Pilate; He suffered death and was buried. On the third day He rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and His kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Pastoral Prayer

Offering Acknowledgement

Special Offering: Backpack Ministry

† **Doxology**

#606

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 Dedication**

Hymn of Communion

#500

Be Known to Us in Breaking Bread

Be known to us in breaking bread, but do not then depart;
Savior, abide with us, and spread Your table in our heart.

Here share with us, in love divine, Your body and Your blood,
that living bread, that heavenly wine be our immortal food.

✠ **The Lord's Supper** ✠

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Great Thanksgiving

L: The Lord be with you.

P: And also with you.

L: Lift up your hearts.

P: We lift them to the Lord.

L: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

P: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right...Hear us, gracious God, as we join creation's song and sing Your eternal praise:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.

. . . With thanksgiving, we celebrate the good news bringing great joy in celebration of an empty tomb as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again. (2x)

Gracious God, pour out Your Holy Spirit.... Through Christ, all glory and honor are Yours, Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit in the holy church, now and forever.

Amen. Amen. Amen.

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.

The Breaking of the Bread

Communion of the People

(We will distribute the bread and cup to you in the pew. You may eat of the bread individually as your act of repentance to God. Please hold on to the cup so that we might receive this together.)

Prayer After Communion

This is My Song

This is my song, O God of all the nations.
A song of peace for lands afar and mine.
This is my home, the country where my heart is;
Here are my hopes, my dreams, my holy shrine.
But other hearts in other lands are beating
With hopes and dreams as true and high as mine.

My country's skies are bluer than the ocean.
And sunlight beams on cloverleaf and pine.
But other lands have sunlight too, and clover,
And skies are everywhere as blue as mine.
So, hear my song, O God of all the nations.
A song of peace for their land and for mine.

This is my prayer, O Lord of all earth's kingdoms.
Thy kingdom come on earth Thy will be done.
Let Christ be lifted up till all shall serve Him.
And hearts united learn to live as one.
So, hear my prayer, O God of all the nations
Myself I give Thee; let Thy will be done.

Postlude

Voluntary in A Minor

John James

† Charge & Benediction

† *Standing if you are able.*

SERVING TODAY

Head Usher: *Jimmy Hall*

Liturgist: *Kim Whitman*

LAST WEEK'S RECAP

Attendance: 82

General Offering: \$2,712.10

Clean Start: \$117.07

Pastor's Discretionary Fund: \$55.00

Online Offering: \$304.26

Total Offering: \$3,188.43

IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

▶ **Sunday, July 7**

Armchair Theologians, 9:30 a.m.

Morning Worship, 10:50 a.m.

Youth Group Meeting, Noon

▶ **Monday, July 8**

Horizons Summer Bible Study, 4:30 p.m.

Ministry Teams Meeting, 5:30 p.m.

▶ **Wednesday, July 10**

Men's Bible Study, 7 a.m./Bob Evans

▶ **Thursday, July 11**

Men's Lunch Bunch, 11:30 a.m.

Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Ministry

During the month of July, we will collect school supplies: crayons, pencils, erasers, index cards, scissors, glue sticks, markers, chalk.

Ashland Blazer Youth Service Center

We are collecting back to school supplies, daily school life and pantry items for the Center from July 7 – August 4. There is a complete list located on the table in the narthex.

Attention Kids!

Kids' (birth—5th grade) are invited to a

pool party on **Sunday, July 21**

immediately following morning worship.

It is at the home of JT & Kelly Norris

(2300 Hickory Ridge).



VBS Weekend: August 9 – 11

▶ Friday, August 9, 5:30–8 p.m. at Bethesda Hall (all ages)

▶ Saturday, Aug 10, 11 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. (ages birth–grade 5)
at the Norris' home

11 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. (youth and adult class) at the church

▶ Sunday, Aug 11, 10:50 a.m. Worship

12 p.m. Celebration Luncheon at the church

VBS volunteers needed, please see Lisa Stevens.



First Presbyterian Women

Invite you to join us for the

**Second Annual
Flower Arranging Party & Luncheon**

Sunday, July 28, 12:15 p.m.
1600 Winchester Ave, Ashland

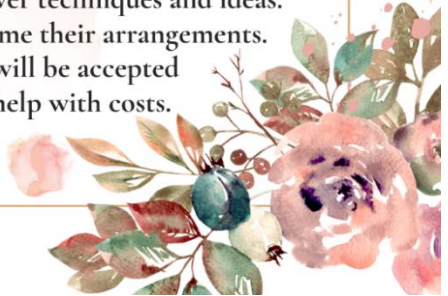
Led by florist
Jennifer Runyon Nelson of Jewlies

Lunch menu:
Sub-sandwiches, chips, salad, and dessert

RSVP by July 21
Cathy Wilson, 606.922.6425 or
Bettie George Frye, 606.831.8579

We'll expand on new flower techniques and ideas.
Every guest will take home their arrangements.
A love offering will be accepted
at the door to help with costs.

*Childcare will be available.



PRAYER CONCERNS

Week ending July 4, 2024

Cody Bowling and colleagues (PJ Roberts' fiancé)

Dr. Roger Potter

Family of Jeff Sanders (Judy Sanders' son)

Week ending June 27, 2024

Margaret Ruth (Kelly Hanni)

Michelle Stemmer Gifford (Nanette)

Family and Friends of Patricia Smith (Charlie & Jan Holbrook's neighbor)

Week ending June 20, 2024

Don and Rebecca Ballard DiLoreto (Bettie George Frye)

Family of Jean Fraley

Allyson & Andrew Garnes (Nanette's great niece and husband)

Ian McGill (Fetima McGill's grandson)

Jan Michel (Pastor Bill & Nanette)

Jay Sanderson (Scott Sanderson's brother)

Prayer requests will rotate off after three weeks. If you have an ongoing concern, please contact the church office.

Ongoing: Pastor Bill; Gretchen Dillon; Charlie Holbrook; Jane Justice; Kenny McGill; Derek Payne; Nancy Payne; Bonnie Pettijohn; Tim Shephard; Kim Whitman; Jan Winans; Ann Wiseman

The Lantern: Barry Barbour, Carolyn Graber

Woodland Oaks: Bob Miller

Military: Erik Adkins (USAF Reserves, son of Kris Adkins)

Cadet Katie Brown

(West Point, granddaughter of Kim & Mike Whitman)

Greg Weston (Kentucky National Guard)

Major Kaitlin Whitmore (US Army, niece of Don & Judy Lilly)

STAFF

Minister: *Rev. William Pollack*
Choirmaster/Organist: *Max Jackson*
Administrative Assistant: *Nanette Pollack*
Facilities Manager: *Glen Thomas*
Nursery Attendant: *Kara Adkins*

SESSION MEMBERS

President of Congregation: *Mitch Hall*
Secretary of Congregation/Clerk of Session: *Kelly Hanni*
Treasurer: *Cathy Wilson*

2025	2026	2027
<i>Kelly Hanni</i>	<i>Mitch Hall*</i>	<i>Jimmy Hall</i>
<i>Kim Whitman</i>	<i>Jan Holbrook</i>	<i>Lee McCloud *</i>
<i>Geri Willis</i>	<i>Ryan Whitman*</i>	<i>J.T. Norris *</i>
	*2nd term of service	

MINISTRY TEAMS

Building & Grounds: <i>Glen Thomas</i>	Membership: <i>Kim Whitman</i>
Christian Education: <i>Lee McCloud</i>	Mission: <i>Geri Willis</i>
Congregational Life: <i>Cathy Wilson</i>	Personnel: <i>Janet Holbrook</i>
Finance: <i>Trish Hall</i>	Worship: <i>Ryan Whitman</i>

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