

Fourth Sunday After Pentecost  
Communion Sunday, Independence Day  
July 2, 2017 11:00 am

“God is Spirit, and His worshipers must worship in spirit and in truth.” (John 4:24)

Prelude “All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name” (arr. Benjamin) Sandy Griese

Welcome and Announcements

\*Call to Worship

L: Blessed is the one whose transgressions are forgiven.

P: Sing joyfully to the Lord, who heals and forgives.

L: Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord.

P: Give thanks to the Lord, who protects and provides.

L: Blessed are the people whose God is the Lord.

P: Sing joyfully to the Lord, our Rock of salvation. Amen.

\*Opening Hymn “All Things Bright and Beautiful” UMH 147

Lighting of the Candles

\*Opening Prayer (in unison)

“Gracious God, You have made us in Your image and called us to serve You in freedom and in peace. May we discern and live out Your gracious will. Inspire us to live and worship in Your freedom and for the sake of Your Kingdom. Amen.”

Special Music Selections from Vacation Bible School

Children’s Message

Hymn Response “This Is the Day” UMH 657

\* Prayer for Independence Day (in unison)

“Almighty God, as we celebrate this Independence Day, remind us of our complete dependence upon You. We give You thanks for the blessing of freedom and peace we enjoy. We praise You for those who have sacrificed themselves in the pursuit of freedom and justice. May Your mighty power keep our nation! May Your abounding grace overflow above and beyond the border of our nation; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.”

*\*Please rise either in posture or in spirit.*

Hebrew Scripture Genesis 22:1-14 Bonnie Revell  
Epistle Lesson Romans 6:12-23  
L: This is the Word of God for the people of God.  
P: Thanks be to God.

\*Hymn of Faith “The Lord’s My Shepherd” UMH 136

Message “On the Mountain of the Lord” Rev. Wayne Chung  
*God demands Abraham a most horrible thing. “Take your only son and offer him as a burnt offering.” Abraham doesn’t say much but prepares for the journey to worship and return. Do you want to worship such a God? “The gift of God is eternal life in Christ.”*

Giving in Response to God’s Love  
Offertory “Shepherd Thy People” (Shea) Sandy Griese

HOLY COMMUNION  
The Great Thanksgiving–The Lord’s Prayer–Sharing of the Bread and Cup UMH 15-16  
Communion Hymns: UMH 396 O Jesus, I Have Promised, 354 I Surrender All, 128  
He Leadeth Me, O Blessed Thought, 616 Come Sinner to the Gospel Feast

Pastoral Prayer

\*Closing Hymn “America, the Beautiful” UMH 696

Sending Forth with God’s Blessing

\*Hymn Response “Blest Be the Tie That Binds” (vs. 1) UMH 557

Postlude “Fanfare on an Original Theme” (Martin) Sandy Griese

Lection Reading for Following Sunday  
Genesis 24:34-38, 42-49, 58-67 Psalm 45:10-17 or 72  
Romans 7:15-25a23 Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

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*The altar flowers are given by Bonnie Revell in celebration  
of the 4<sup>th</sup> of July – “God Bless America”*  
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OUR FAITH IN ACTION  
**Our Prayers:** Family & Friends of Barbara Tucker who passed away on June 14, Jay Lounsbury, Sally Lounsbury - recovering from hip surgery, Olivia Gammel – friend of Chris Heyer, Sarah Stallings, Jerome Stallings, Shirley Wood, Carl Stallings, Sr., Those who travel

Our Presence:                      Worship Attendance Last Sunday                      174  
Average Weekly Attendance                      198

Our Gifts: Please strive to tithe! The Bible asks us to tithe 10% of our income to God. Many of our members are doing this already. How about you? You may give your offering electronically (EFT). Call the church office to set it up. *Stewardship is rather a way of life than an annual campaign. Thank You for your faithful stewardship!*

Record of Giving (Funds Received by the Church)

|                    | January-May 2017 |    |           |   |                     |       |
|--------------------|------------------|----|-----------|---|---------------------|-------|
|                    | Actual           |    | Budget    |   | Surplus / (Deficit) | Var % |
| General Fund       | \$166,657        |    | \$160,623 |   | \$6,034             | 4%    |
| Missions Fund      | \$9,298          |    | \$9,499   |   | (\$201)             | -2%   |
| P&I Fund           | \$8,155          |    | \$7,500   |   | \$655               | 9%    |
| Building Fund      | \$30,181         |    | \$27,500  |   | \$2,681             | 10%   |
| Kitchen Fund       | \$1,945          |    | \$10,000  |   | (\$8,055)           | -81%  |
| Weekly SCAN Report | Cereal           | 35 | Other     | 0 | YTD Cereal          | 750   |

\*Kitchen Fund Balance = \$114,856 as of May 31, 2017  
Mortgage Loan Balance = \$385,046 as of May 31, 2017

Service:  
Ministers                      All Members and Volunteers at Friendship  
Secretary                      Bonnie Dean [bsuedean@friendshipmethodist.org](mailto:bsuedean@friendshipmethodist.org)  
Music Team                      Sandy Melson Griesse, Holly Reynolds Lee,  
                                         Chrys Hill, Micah Cooley  
  
Custodian                      Jim Fowler  
Ushers                      Richard Chaney & Wheeler Green  
Altar Guild for July                      Bee Hobbs (301-855-5269)  
Friendship Hour                      No Friendship Hour during July & August  
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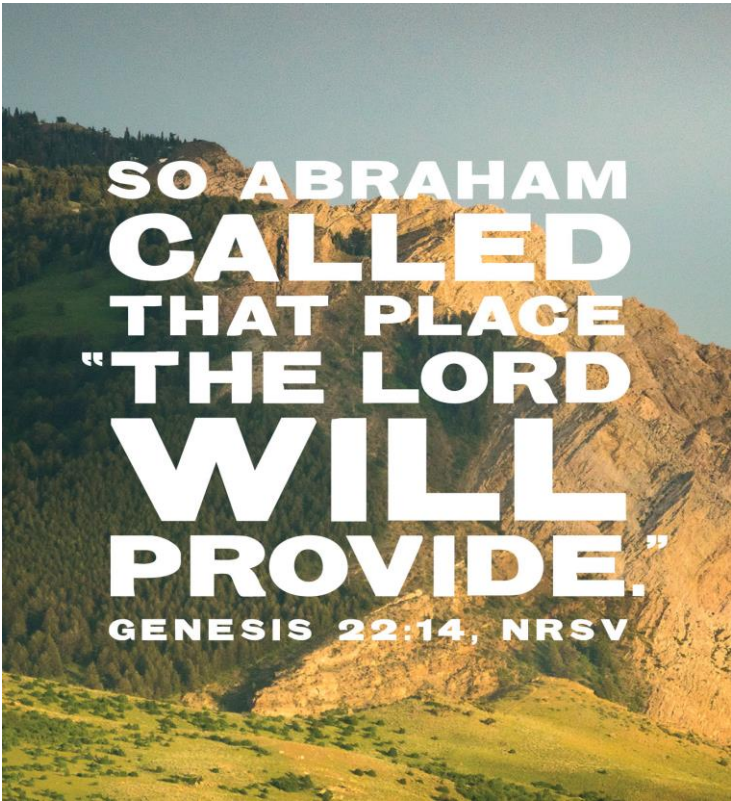
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Sunday, July 2, 2017  
11:00 a.m. Worship Service



Our Mission :                      “Grow as Disciples, Serve as Friends.  
Love All; Serve All; Follow One!”

Our Motto:                      “Each One, Reach One!”