



**Bel Air United Methodist Church**  
**5<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost – July 2, 2023 – 9:15 AM**

**Gathering Music -Ministry Opportunities-Announcements**

Organist, Jeff Beyers

**Bold Print is the Gathered Community's Response**

**Welcome**

Rev. Lynn Boyd

**Call to Worship:**

Janet Dorer, SPRC Chair

Loving God, just as you have unconditionally welcomed us,  
with your love and kindness,  
we seek to welcome all who have come to worship and praise you.

**May we offer that same love and kindness to all whom we encounter,  
knowing it is Christ whom we greet as we welcome others.**

**Hymn\***

*America the Beautiful*

UMH 696

**Opening Prayer \***

**O God, You are truly worthy to be praised,  
for you are gracious, compassionate, and merciful.  
Send your Holy Spirit among us,  
that we may hear your voice and praise your name  
this day and forevermore. Amen.**

**Hymn\***

*There's a Spirit in the Air*

UMH 192

**Prayer of Confession and Silent Prayer**

Dave Fisher

**Words of Assurance**

Brothers and sisters, hear the good news. Dwell in the promises of God's word. For all who believe by faith, God forgives, redeems, and restores us in Christ.

**We are forgiven, glory to God.**

**Passing the Peace of Christ**

As forgiven people, let us welcome one another. I welcome you with love, friendship, and peace in Jesus' name.

**And we welcome you with love, friendship, and peace in Jesus' name. Hallelujah!**

**Special Music**                      *Battle Hymn of the Republic*                      arrangement by Mark Hayes  
Soloist: Devonna Rowe

**Gospel Reading\***                      Matthew 10:40-42

**Hymn\***                                      *The Summons*                                      TFWS 2130

**Sermon**                                      “Welcome All with Love”                                      Rev. L. Lynn Boyd

**Response to the Word**                      *Open My Eyes, That I May See*                                      UMH 454

**Offering Our Gifts**

*This moment of reflection is an opportunity to consider your response to God. How will you demonstrate your love for God? How will you give of your time, your talents, and your treasures? Please consider giving electronically; ask us how?*



**Offertory Prayer**

**Gracious God, your hospitality has surrounded us and welcomed us, even when we only grudgingly extended hospitality to sisters and brothers who are also your children. May we grow each day in our willingness to be welcoming disciples, not just to those who look like us, talk like us, or think like us. May our offering this morning be received not just in gratitude for your hospitality, but as our way to extend comfort and welcome to those for whom your love is a mystery. We pray in Christ’s holy name. Amen**

**Hymn of Praise -Doxology**                      *Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow*                                      UMH 95

**Communion and The Lord’s Prayer**                                      UMH 895

*All are welcome to receive communion.*

**Hymn\***                                      *The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve*                                      TFWS 2241

**Benediction & Organ Postlude\***                                      Ashley Sanders

Prayers

Call to Worship-adapted from Feasting of the Word, Year A

Offertory- Feasting on the Word, Year A

Discipleship Ministries for the Fourth Sunday after Pentecost, Year A

UHM-red hymnal

TFWS-thin black hymnal

(\* Please stand if you are comfortable standing.

**Continued Prayers:** Art Benson, Paul Bowden, Byron Brought, Dee Calligaro, Ron Forbes, Jim Hainley, Stephanie Juchs Heidbreder, Carolyn Higgins, Jane Indyke, Nancy Jenkins, Wes Jenkins, Brian Jones, Pat Jones, Sandy Juchs, Jill Kruger, Ted Lingelbach, Shirley MacLean, Linda Mazziott, Joy Merryman, Bruce Middlekauff, Robert Miller, Dick Moen, Skip Panowitz, Alice Paradise, Warren Pardo, Rachel Pazdersky, Joe Schrufer, Mary Schrufer, Dave Shaffer, Kathy Shaffer, Ron Stearn, Deanna Stielper, Paula Van Hart, Lauren Wessel, Linda Williams.

We extend our deepest Christian sympathy: Richard & JoAnn Meeker on the passing of his mother, Mary Helen Meeker.

**Altar Flower Dedication** – The flowers on the altar table are dedicated to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Teri Prindiville and Chip Obrecht, by the Prindivilles.

**Pre-packaged Gluten Free Communion Elements are available upon request.** Please ask an usher and they will provide it for you.

**Summer Fellowship** – Lemonade and cookies at the Connection Corner/Welcome Area. We invite you to please bring your own coffee and feel welcome to bring it to worship.

**First Time Guests** – Welcome Friends! We're glad you are here. First time guests, we have a gift for you. Meet us at the "Connection Corner" in the lobby. Look for the "Come, Care, and Connect" sign. Looking forward to meeting you!

**Creation Care Sunset Canoe Trip** – Thursday, July 27th; 5:45-8:00 pm. Eden Mill Park. \$15 per person. Ages 6 years and up. Sign-up info. in the e-Spire or contact Sheryl Pedrick at [sherylpedrick@hotmail.com](mailto:sherylpedrick@hotmail.com)

**College and Senior High Summer Study** – Sunday evenings 7-8 pm, July 9 & 23, and August 6 & 13. Location to be determined. Please reach out to Pastor Byron if you'd like to come [lamptond@baumc.com](mailto:lamptond@baumc.com).

**Summer Musicians** – Can you sing, play an instrument, or dance? We'd love to have you share your gifts in worship. Please reach out to one of the pastors, the church office, or Dave Tramontana for an opportunity to glorify God through music. Thank you!

The Church Building will be CLOSED on Tuesday, July 4<sup>th</sup> in celebration of Independence Day.

**Vacation Bible School July 24 -27, 9:00 am – 12 Noon. Register NOW on the website!**

***America the Beautiful***

Oh 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! May God thy gold refine, till all success be nobleness, and every gain divine.

O beautiful for patriot dream that sees beyond the years thine alabaster cities gleam, undimmed by human tears! America! America! God mend thine every flaw, confirm thy soul in self control, thy liberty in law.

***There's a Spirit in the Air***

There's a Spirit in the air, telling Christians everywhere: praise the love that Christ revealed, living, working, in our world.

Lose your shyness, find your tongue; tell the world what God has done. God in Christ has come to stay. Live tomorrow's life today!

When believers break the bread, when a hungry child is fed, praise the love that Christ revealed, living, working, in our world.

Still the Spirit leads the fight, seeing wrong and setting right: God in Christ has come to stay. Live tomorrow's life today!

When a stranger's not alone, when the homeless find a home, praise the love that Christ revealed, living, working, in our world. May the Spirit fill our praise, guide our thoughts and change our ways: God in Christ has come to stay. Live tomorrow's life today!

***The Summons***

Will you come and follow me if I but call your name? Will you go where you don't know and never be the same? Will you let my love be shown, will you let my name be known, will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?

Will you leave yourself behind if I but call your name? Will you care for cruel and kind and never be the same? Will you risk the hostile stare should your life attract or scare? Will you let me answer prayer in you and you in me?

Will you let the blinded see if I but call your name? Will you set the Prisoners free and never be the same? Will you kiss the leper clean, and do such as this unseen, and admit to what I mean in you and you in me?

Will you love the “you” you hide if I but call your name? Will you quell the fear inside and never be the same? Will you use the faith you’ve found to reshape the world around, through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?

Lord, your summons echoes true when you but call my name. Let me turn and follow you and never be the same. In your company I’ll go where your love and footsteps show. Thus I’ll move and live and grow in you and you in me.

### ***Open My Eyes, That I May See***

Open my eyes, that I may see glimpses of truth thou hast for me; place in my hands the wonderful key that shall unclasp and set me free. Silently now I wait for thee, ready, my God, thy will to see. Open my eyes illumine me, Spirit divine!

Open my ears, that I may hear voices of truth thou sendest clear; and while the wave notes fall on my ear, everything false will disappear. Silently now I wait for thee, ready, my God, thy will to see. Open my ears, illumine me, Spirit divine!

Open my mouth, and let me bear gladly the warm truth everywhere; open my heart and let me prepare love with thy children thus to share. Silently now I wait for thee, ready, my God, thy will to see. Open my heart, illumine me, Spirit divine!

### ***Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow***

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.

### ***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.

### ***The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve***

The Spirit sends us forth to serve; we go in Jesus’ name to bring glad tidings to the poor, God’s favor to proclaim.

We go to comfort those who mourn and set the burdened free; where hope is dim, to share a dream and help the blind to see.

We go to be the hands of Christ, to scatter joy like seed and, all our days, to cherish life, to do the loving deed.

Then let us go to serve in peace, the gospel to proclaim. God's Spirit has empowered us; we go in Jesus' name.