

Fourth Sunday After Pentecost
 Communion Sunday, Independence Day
 July 2, 2017 8:30 am

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

Prelude

Welcome

*Opening Songs **"To God Be the Glory"** **UMH 98**
 "America the Beautiful" **UMH 696**

Announcements

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Prayer Song **"Dear Jesus, In Whose Life I See"** (vs. 1) **UMH 468**

*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."

Pastoral Prayer

Prayer Song **"Dear Jesus, In Whose Life I See"** (v. 2) **UMH 468**

*Passing of the Peace

Children's Moment

* 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** Paula Madden
Epistle Lesson **Romans** **6:12-23**
 L: This is the Word of God for the people of God.
 P: Thanks be to God.

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 **"Let Us Break Bread Together"** 8:30 Praise Team

Sacrament of Holy Communion
The Lord's Prayer – Sharing of the Bread and Cup

*Closing Song **"The Battle Hymn of the Republic"** **UMH 717**

*Sending Forth with God's Blessing

Response Shalom, dear friends, Shalom, dear friends,
 Shalom, Shalom.
 We'll see you again, we'll see you again,
 Shalom, Shalom.

Postlude

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

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*The altar flowers are given by Bonnie Revell in celebration
of the 4th 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, Family &, 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

