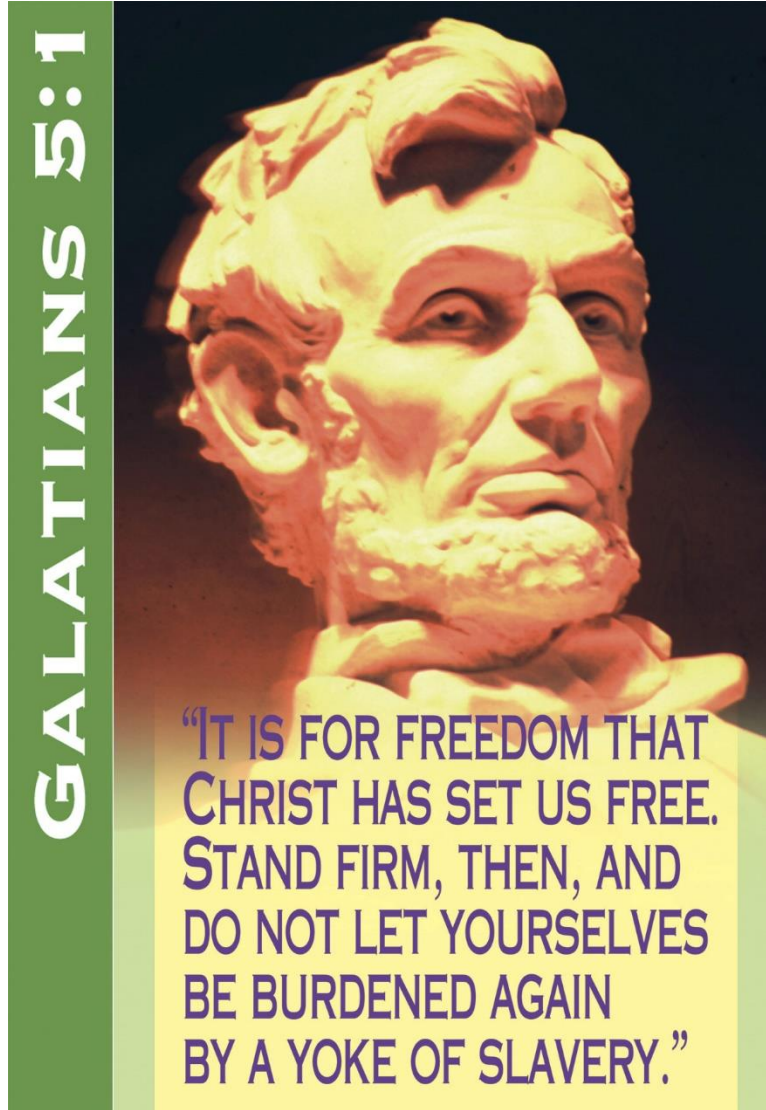


FRIENDSHIP UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Sunday, June 30
11:00 am Worship Service



GALATIANS 5:1

“IT IS FOR FREEDOM THAT
CHRIST HAS SET US FREE.
STAND FIRM, THEN, AND
DO NOT LET YOURSELVES
BE BURDENED AGAIN
BY A YOKE OF SLAVERY.”

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FRIENDSHIP UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

INDEPENDENCE SUNDAY
11:00 am Service for June 30, 2019

GATHERING

We welcome you and rejoice that you have chosen to worship with us. We are a congregation of caring and committed Christians who hope that this worship experience will help strengthen your faith and perhaps enable you to grow in your love of God. We do ask that you complete the information sheet found in the “RED” Registration Pads in each pew. Where there is an asterisk in the service, we invite you to stand if you are able. Where you see **bold print**, we encourage you to join in the reading with others. If you seek more information concerning Friendship Church, please mark the appropriate space on the information sheet or contact the Church Office.

The Flowers on the Altar today are given by Bonnie Revell

Oliver Joel MacBride was born on June 15th to Lydia & Brendan MacBride; grandparents are Mike & Gina Scerbo; great-grandmothers are Marji Fowler and Marge Lewis

WELCOME

PRELUDE “Ariosto” (Bach)

*INDEPENDENCE DAY LITANY

L: The forests and the streams, the rivers and the meadows, the valleys and the mountains, the fields brimming with wheat and corn, the great cities with their towering skyscrapers of steel and glass, the small towns with their rising steeples witnessing to your presence among us – truly, O God, ours is a land that you have blessed abundantly.

P: Accept our prayer of thanksgiving, O God, for the marvelous land you have given us to dwell in.

(Moment of Silence)

L: Many years ago, the founders of our country gathered in Philadelphia to initiate a new experiment in government. They were people of faith – faith in the Providence of God and the competence of all citizens to manage their own destiny – and possessed a vision of a land where the human spirit, created free and owing ultimate allegiance only to the Creator, would be free to reach its highest potential.

P: We are heirs of that faith and that vision. Yet we know that unless the Lord keeps watch over a nation, in vain the watchman stands on guard. Therefore, O God, hear our prayer.

ALL: Bless this land of ours, O Lord, keep watch over it and protect it from the powers of tyranny and all that oppresses the human spirit. Grant us the wisdom to use our freedom wisely, to choose our leaders well, and to work for equality and justice not only within our borders but throughout the world. In the name of Jesus, we pray. Amen.

*HYMN OF PRAISE:

UMH 696 “America the Beautiful”

TIME OF SHARING
MORNING PRAYER

MOMENT OF REMEMBRANCE

- Rev. Thomas E. Young, Jr.

THE GATHERING OF OUR OFFERING

Offertory “Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing” (arr. Rice)

*Doxology: “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*

*Prayer of Dedication & 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*

*HYMN OF PREPARATION:

UMH 117 “O God, Our Help in Ages Past”

SCRIPTURE READING: Galatians 5:1, 13-26 (New Testament p. 179)

MESSAGE: “Freedom is Relationship”
- Rev. Thomas E. Young, Jr.

PRAYER

*CLOSING HYMN:

UMH 698 “God of the Ages”

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE “Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies” (Werner)