

FIRST UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
Sunday, July 4, 2021
Worship Service 10:00 a.m.

(*Please stand, if you are able, at each asterisk.)

Welcome to our Sunday service. Please use the time during the Prelude to prepare yourself for worship in quiet reflection and prayer and allow others to do the same.

Prelude "Our Country" *Albin Whitworthy*
(Lighting of the Candles)

Greeting

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

Welcome and Announcements Leader

Please stand for the national anthem and remain standing for the Call to Worship:

National anthem: #802 "The Star-Spangled Banner"

*Call to Worship:

Leader: Almighty God, You have blessed us with a great country.

All: May we forever find favor in Your sight.

Leader: Help us, O Lord, to include You in our lives.

All: May we find You in all that we do and say.

Leader: Lord, we have turned away from You in so many ways.

All: Forgive us and give us the courage and strength to return to You.

Leader: May we, again, become a nation of faith and compassion, leading the rest of the world to You.

All: May we forever be a nation of God as we ask for Your blessings through Christ our Lord, amen.

Quartet "God Bless America" *Irving Berlin*
(Joanne Bode, Melanie Burger, Beverly DeSavigny, Judy Fabian)

*Unison Invocation:

All: Holy Father, today we celebrate the birthday of our nation. We celebrate the freedoms we enjoy including the right to praise You and

glorify You without the fear of persecution. As we celebrate, let us be mindful of all You have done for us and use our freedoms to do Your bidding as we ask You to bless the United States of America, in Jesus's name, amen.

Gloria Patri #812 "Glory Be to the Father"

Quartet "This Is My Country" *Al Jacobs*

Joys and Concerns

Time of Silent Prayer

The Lord's Prayer (debt and debtors)

Prayer Response "Alleluia" *Jerry Sinclair*

Offering Prayer

Giving of our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory "Song of Peace" *"Finlandia" Tune/Jean Sibelius*

Doxology #815 "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"

Hymn #799 "America the Beautiful"

Quartet "God Bless the U.S.A." *Lee Greenwood*

Scripture **Psalm 48:1-14** (pg. 518 O.T.) Leader

Scripture **2 Corinthians 12:2-10** (pg. 185-186 N.T.)

Sermon "God Bless America" Leader

Hymn #804 "Battle Hymn of the Republic"
(congregation sings stanzas 1,2, &3/quartet sings stanza 4)

*Benediction

Postlude "This Land Is Your Land" *Woody Guthrie*
(Organ/Piano)

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

7/4/21

If you want to put someone on the prayer chain or prayer list, you must call the church office or fill out a prayer card in church.

The flowers have been placed on the altar to the honor and glory of God by Joanne Bode, and in honor of our country.

Next week: Liturgist/Lay Reader: Judy Fabian

Thought for the week: “How have I used my freedom to help others?”

Floating Five: Today’s “loose offering (coins or cash)” will go to the Floating Five food vouchers. If you choose to write a check, please put it in an envelope and mark the envelope “Floating Five”. Thank you for your support!

Covid Restrictions: Masks are no longer required to be worn by those that are fully vaccinate against the COVID-19 virus. Those that have not been vaccinated are encouraged to continue to wear masks for protection, however, it is an individual choice. Those that have been vaccinated and choose to wear a mask may do so. Sanitizer stations will remain available. As always, if you do not feel well, you are encouraged to remain home.

Memorial Service: A memorial service for June Johnson will take place at the church on Saturday, July 31, 2021, at 10:00 a.m. Friends and family may view her obituary and leave condolences by visiting www.NicholasFuneralHome.com.

Annual Picnic: The Deacons are making plans for our annual congregational picnic! Please use the sign up sheet in the lobby.

From the Pastor: Although Marian and I are not physically with you this week, we remain with you in spirit. We wish you a happy Fourth of July and a blessed week. We will see you next Sunday!

Next Sunday: Wear something that reveals something about YOU! We have undergone a lot in the last year and it is easy to forget who we are with all the changes we have undergone. It is fun to discover things about people we associate with !

	6/6/21	6/13/21	6/20/21	6/27/21
Attendance	28	26	36	32
Benevolent	\$ 5.00	\$ 50.00		
Building Fund				
Current Expenses	\$2,287.00	\$1,500.00	\$181.00	\$830.00
Floating Five	\$ 102.02	\$ 180.00	\$220.00	\$120.00
Flowers		\$ 30.00		\$ 30.00
Irma Allen MF		\$2,000.00		
WFM	\$ 100.00			
TOTAL	\$2,494.02	\$3,760.00	\$401.00	\$980.00

Altar Flowers: If you would like to order flowers to be put on the altar in remembrance of a loved one, the price is \$30 for two vases or \$15 each. If you order flowers for Sunday, you are now responsible for disposal/disbursement of those flowers.

PRAYER LIST

William Anderson, Sr.	Pam Hayes
Donna Beavers	Betty Jamison
Simone Bellando	Gretchen Leiby
Beth Bennett	Mitch Paxson
Joanne Bode	Mary Sabol
Charlie Cope	Bob Spencer
Betsy Chapley	Barb Sponaugle
Nolan Champ	Vicky Town
Edie English	Wayne Vidovich
Ruth Gilbert	Marna Williams
Charlie Grounds	

Jean Tunstell family

IMPORTANT DATES

Sunday, July 4	Floating Five/Independence Day
Monday, July 5	OFFICE CLOSED
Wednesday, July 7	Men’s Fellowship breakfast @9:00 a.m.
Thursday, July 15	Parish News deadline
Saturday, July 31	June Johnson Memorial Service @10:00 a.m.