

GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME

INTROIT

† CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Come to Christ, that living stone, rejected by the world, but in God’s sight chosen and precious.
P: We have responded to Christ’s call, and seek to be built into a spiritual house, a living reminder of God’s presence on earth.

L: Once we were no people, but now we are God’s people, called out of the darkness into God’s marvelous light. Therefore, we sing with the church in all ages:
P: Blessed be your name, O God, our Redeemer. By your mercy we have been born anew, to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.

† HYMN *My County, ‘Tis of Thee* UMH #697

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Almighty God, you rule all the peoples of the earth. Inspire the minds of all women and men to whom you have committed the responsibility of government and leadership in the nations of the world. Give to them the vision of truth and justice, that by their counsel all nations and peoples may work together. Give to the people of our country zeal for justice and strength of forbearance, that we may use our liberty in accordance with your gracious will. Forgive our shortcomings as a nation; purify our hearts to see and love truth. We pray all these things through Jesus Christ. Amen.

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON Galatians 5:1, 13-25

¹ For freedom Christ has set us free. Stand firm, therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery. ¹³ For you were called to freedom, brothers and sisters, only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for self-indulgence, but through love become enslaved to one another. ¹⁴ For the whole law is summed up in a single

commandment, “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” ¹⁵ If, however, you bite and devour one another, take care that you are not consumed by one another. ¹⁶ Live by the Spirit, I say, and do not gratify the desires of the flesh. ¹⁷ For what the flesh desires is opposed to the Spirit, and what the Spirit desires is opposed to the flesh, for these are opposed to each other, to prevent you from doing what you want. ¹⁸ But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not subject to the law. ¹⁹ Now the works of the flesh are obvious: sexual immorality, impurity, debauchery, ²⁰ idolatry, sorcery, enmities, strife, jealousy, anger, quarrels, dissensions, factions, ²¹ envy, drunkenness, carousing, and things like these. I am warning you, as I warned you before: those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God. ²² By contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, ²³ gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against such things. ²⁴ And those who belong to Christ have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. ²⁵ If we live by the Spirit, let us also be guided by the Spirit.

CHILDREN’S TIME

† HYMN *O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee* UMH #430

GOSPEL LESSON Luke 9:51-62

⁵¹ When the days drew near for him to be taken up, he set his face to go to Jerusalem. ⁵² And he sent messengers ahead of him. On their way they entered a village of the Samaritans to prepare for his arrival, ⁵³ but they did not receive him because his face was set toward Jerusalem. ⁵⁴ When his disciples James and John saw this, they said, “Lord, do you want us to command fire to come down from heaven and consume them?” ⁵⁵ But he turned and rebuked them. ⁵⁶ Then they went on to another village. ⁵⁷ As they were going along the road, someone said to him, “I will follow you wherever you go.” ⁵⁸ And Jesus said to him, “Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head.” ⁵⁹ To another he said, “Follow me.” But he said, “Lord, first let me go and bury my father.” ⁶⁰ And Jesus said to him, “Let the dead bury their own dead, but as for you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God.” ⁶¹ Another said, “I will follow you, Lord, but let me first say farewell to those at my home.” ⁶² And Jesus said to him, “No one who puts a hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God.”.

MESSAGE *“Freedom’s Responsible Response”* Rev. David Magruder

PASTORAL PRAYER & THE LORD’S PRAYER

- † AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

A Modern Affirmation

UMH #885
- † GLORIA PATRI

UMH #70
- † HYMN

Freely, Freely

UMH #389
- † BENEDICTION

† Stand as you are able



**Join us on July 27, as we
celebrate our Savoïr’s birth
in the Summer!
We will also focus on a new
mission opportunity which
our youth will be
explaining more about!**

Lectionary for June/July 2025

<u>July 6</u>	<u>July 13</u>	<u>July 20</u>	<u>July 27</u>
2 Kings 5:1-14	Amos 7:7-17	Amos 8:1-12	Hosea 1:2-10
Psalms 30	Psalms 82	Psalms 52 or 82	Psalms 85
Galatians 6:7-16	Collations 1:1-14	Collations 1:15-28	Collations 2 :6-15
Luke 10:1-11, 16-20	Luke 10:25-37	Luke 10:38-42	Luke 11:1-13

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our gifts to grow, share, nurture, and serve.*

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Where the
SPIRIT OF THE LORD
is, there is freedom.

2 Corinthians 3:17, NRSV



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