

Throughout the Church...

Christian Ed Meeting - Tuesday @ 1:30pm
Justice Through Faith - Tuesday @ 2:30pm
Bible Study - Wednesday @ 10:30am
Book Club - Thursday @ 6pm



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*Please always check with the
church office if you are wanting
to use the church building.
Thank you!*

We are an open and affirming congregation that celebrates all people as sacred creations of a loving God. We embrace the fullness of human diversity - across orientations, identities, experiences, and backgrounds - and seek to follow Christ by offering love, compassion, and acceptance to all. In that spirit, we welcome everyone to participate fully in the life, leadership, and ministry of our church.

July's Theme:



What does it mean to follow a God whose deepest desire is liberation? Throughout this series, we will explore the liberating love of God revealed throughout scripture - from Jesus' own declaration of his mission, to the Exodus story, to the vision of justice found in the Year of Jubilee, and finally to the church's ongoing call to join God's work in the world. Together, we'll discover that liberation is more than freedom from something; it is freedom for abundant life, shared dignity, and communities where everyone has the opportunity to flourish. As followers of Christ, we are invited not simply to admire God's liberating love, but to embody it in the way we live, serve, and love our neighbors.



July 12, 2026
10:30am

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Today’s Meditation
We believe that the Christian gospel offers all sincere persons an authentic response to inhumanity by assuring them of God's participation in the struggle to end human suffering.
-Dr. James Cone

†Please Stand If You Are Able

Fellowship of the Church

Minute for Mission Foster Village

Music for Meditation
I Love Thee, My Lord - arr. Wagner

†Call to Worship
One: When Israel was in Egypt's land
Many: Let my people go!
One: Oppressed so hard they could not stand
Many: Let my people go!
One: No more shall they in bondage toil
Many: Let my people go!
One: Let them come out with Egypt's spoil
Many: Let my people go!
One: Oh, let us all from bondage flee...
Many: Let my people go!
One: ...and let us all in Christ be free!
All: Let my people go!

†Opening Hymn #581
Near to the Heart of God

†Opening Prayer
Leader: Let us pray together:
All: Hear us now, O great breaker of chains, mighty liberator in love, wonderful protector of our souls. You have heard your people cry, and your Spirit stirs amongst us still. You are never apart from creation, always accompanying the world with grace and peace - and for this devotion to us, we offer our worship and praise in devotion to you. Hear and now, we remember as holy guidance the prayer Jesus taught us to pray, saying: Our Father/Creator...

†Vision Response #357
We Call Ourselves Disciples - words on screen

Children’s Message Rev. Emily Williams

Special Music Jonathan Enderle & Adam Woods
Jesus Is Lord Of All - arr. Tom Fettke

Tithes & Offerings
Offertory on “Jewels” - Root/Smith

†Doxology #46

Scripture Reading Exodus 3:7-10
The Word of God, for the people of God, thanks be to God.

Sermon Rev. Adam Bradley
Setting the Captives Free

†Hymn of Invitation #130
My Soul Gives Glory to My God vs 1,3,5

A Time of Prayer
Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

The Lord’s Supper
Invitation to Christ’s Table
All: Here we celebrate that all people are welcome at this table of God’s grace.
Communion Hymn #33
How Great Thou Art vs 1-3
Elder Meditation & Blessing
Words of Institution

†Congregational Response #72
To God Be the Glory vs 1

†Benediction

Postlude
Postlude - McConnell



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Serving in Worship Today

Elders	Connie Sinn Dave Sinn
Deacons	Chancel Head Chris Carrico Alice Jury Dana Powers Larry Weber
Lay Reader Acolyte Tech	Larry Weber Natalie Woods Cindy Bridges Debra Kreps
Greeters	Owen & Alice Jury
Counters	Mike & Laura Buckley

Sunday School

Adult Classes	
The Open Table	Frank Wheeler
Responders Class	Becky Sisk
Youth Classes	
Friends with Jesus (Pre-k)	Chere Peters
Growing Disciples (5th-8th)	Frank Wheeler

Staff

Rev. Adam Bradley	Lead Pastor
Rev. Mason Fitch	Associate Pastor
Heather Woods	Music Ministry Coordinator
Brian Woods	Organist
Brandy Ganschow	Child Care
Lynn Hutton	Bookkeeper
Donnie Smith	Custodian