

# Ebenezer United Methodist Church

July 4, 2021



*Ebenezer United Methodist Church is a*

*Stephen Ministry Congregation.*



*The Flowers today are presented to the Glory of God and*

*In Loving Memory of my sister, Carol Patterson*

*Presented by Wayne Patterson and family*

## Participating in Service

Pastor:	Rev. Mary H. Browne
Director of Music:	Robert Rudolph
Worship Leader:	Michael Lynch
Live Stream Team:	Richard Browne, Bill Clark, Reed Williams
Ushers:	Dorothy Towery, Sherri Hodgson
Song Leader:	Sharon Keeler

# SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

*“Show us your steadfast love, O LORD, and grant us your salvation.  
Let me hear what God the LORD will speak, for he will speak peace to his people,  
to his faithful, to those who turn to him in their hearts.  
Surely his salvation is at hand for those who fear him, that his glory may dwell in our land.  
Steadfast love and faithfulness will meet; righteousness and peace will kiss each other.  
Psalm 85:7-10*

July 4, 2021

10:00 a.m.

## GATHERING

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CENTERING MUSIC

“Prelude”

A. Veal

## \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Jesus Christ, the crucified Lord, calls us to believe the good news of salvation.

**His grace is sufficient for us.**

Let us enter into God’s new realm rejoicing, not in our own strength,  
but in the power of the Holy Spirit.

**Let us worship God.**

\*PRAISE SONG (UMH 98)

“To God Be the Glory”

TO GOD BE THE GLORY

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

**Loving God, your Word has the power to restore our lives.**

**Open our hearts to the presence of your Spirit, for you are mighty to save.**

**Amen.**

## NEW TESTAMENT READING

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Acts 16:16-34

## MINISTRY OF MUSIC

“Lift Every Voice and Sing”

(Text may be found in UMH 519)

Sharon and Calvin Keeler Jr., soloist

Johnson/Johnson

## CHILDREN’S CHAPEL TIME

### MESSAGE

“Armor Up with Salvation”

Rev. Mary Browne

*Be strong in the LORD and in the strength of his power. Ephesians 6:10*

## RECOGNITION AND CELEBRATION OF INDEPENDENCE DAY

**Almighty God, in whose name the founders of this country won liberty for themselves and for us and lit the torch of freedom for nations then unborn: Grant that we and all the people of this land may have the grace to maintain our liberties in righteousness and peace.**

**As we celebrate the founding of our nation 245 years ago on this date, we are thankful for the opportunities and freedoms with which you have blessed**

**all who live in this nation. We offer our deepest gratitude for the sacrifices that others have made to build, serve, and defend our country.**

**Give to the people of our nation a zeal for justice and the strength of character, that we may use our liberty in accordance with your gracious will. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.**

"For This Land in All Its Wonder"

Carolyn Winfrey Gillette.

For this land in all its wonder, for each city, farm and town,  
For each mountain filled with splendor, for each place where love is found,  
For the freedoms we enjoy here,  
God, may thanks to you abound! God, may thanks to you abound!

For your peace and love unending, breaking barriers that divide;  
For the joy of cultures blending as we live here side by side;  
God, we thank you and we pray now:  
May we all be unified! May we all be unified!

For your hand to lead and guide us, for your work in history,  
For your vision born inside us of a just society,  
God, we thank you and we pray now:  
May this vision come to be! May this vision come to be!

May we be a nation seeking ways that are both wise and fair,  
May our living and our speaking serve your purpose everywhere.  
May we follow where you lead us;  
God, this is our hope and prayer! God, this is our hope and prayer!

Biblical References: Psalm 147; Micah 6:8; Colossians 1:19-20

Tune: John Hughes, 1907 ("God of Grace and God of Glory") (MIDI)

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PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Holy Three, Holy One, triune God, we confess that we do not believe that you have overcome sin and death.**

**We are more in touch with the pangs of our weakness than we are with the power of your love.**

**In fear, we worship idols;**

**in despair, we collapse in hopelessness;**

**in rage, we seek to dominate others.**

**O God of David, forgive us.**

**O Son of David, have mercy on us,**

**O Spirit of the Living God, grant us peace.**

**Send us out with the good news:**

**nothing can withstand the victory of the cross**

**and resurrection of Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.**

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

\*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

"Interlude"

A. Veal

\*PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS (UMH 94)

"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

LAST UNS ERFREUEN

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.**

**Praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**Praise God, the source of all our gifts!**

**Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!**

**Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

\*OFFERING PRAYER

**Gracious triune God, we thank you for the suffering love of Jesus Christ,  
and for your presence with us in times of joy and of sorrow,  
sickness and health, faithfulness and brokenness.**

**We bring these tithes and offerings as signs of our gratitude  
and as tools in the ministry of the church.**

**Use them and us to make known the good news of your healing love  
and renewing power, in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.**

\*THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

THE 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.**

BREAKING THE BREAD

SHARING THE BREAD AND CUP

\*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

**Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery  
in which you have given yourself to us.**

**Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit,  
to give ourselves to others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

\*CLOSING HYMN (UMH 374)

"Standing on the Promises"

PROMISES

\*DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

Show the love of God in all you do.  
Be faithful witnesses to the grace of Jesus Christ.  
Live in the power and joy of the Holy Spirit.

May the love of God,  
the power of Christ,  
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit dwell richly in you forever. **Amen.**

*Please be seated*

SENDING FORTH

"Carillon Finale"

A. Veal

*Please remain seated until the SENDING FORTH is concluded  
and you are dismissed by an usher.  
You will be dismissed by rows, starting at the back of the sanctuary.*

*\*please stand, in body or spirit*  
**bold text indicates congregation response**

*UMH: The United Methodist Hymnal (red)*  
*TFWS: The Faith We Sing (black)*

††This Order of Worship is subject to the direction of the Holy Spirit. ††

Lectionary Scriptures for the **Seventh Sunday after Pentecost**, July 11, 2021:  
2 Samuel 6:1-5, 12b-19; Psalm 24; Ephesians 1:3-14; Mark 6:14-29

## ANNOUNCEMENTS



**Attention Graduates!** If you or someone in your family is graduating this spring please contact the church office and let us know the graduates name, school graduating from and future plans. **We will be honoring our graduates on Sunday, July 11<sup>th</sup>.**

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Starting in July, mini choir rehearsals will begin for all former and perspective choir members. No audition is required. There is no tuition. There is no set schedule, the rehearsals are around your schedule. Rehearsals during the day are encouraged. These choral rehearsals are for one-on-one instruction, couples, trios, quartets. It depends on your comfort level with singing with other people. You're welcome to organize groups up to four people for these sessions.

The goal is to have a head start on getting back to singing in a group. By having the individual choir rehearsals, you will have learned that basic notes and rhythms, so that when we return as a group, we can focus on learning how to, again, sing together.

It is this simple. To schedule your time for a choir rehearsal, please contact me by e-mail ([eumc\\_music@aol.com](mailto:eumc_music@aol.com)) or call me at the church office. We will schedule a time that is convenient for you to come in for a 30-45-minute rehearsal. These mini choir rehearsals will include vocalization to get back to singing again.

Robert Rudolph,  
Director of Music



## Our Prayers



Michele Berk Kevin and Tanya Brownlee +++++ Brian Fulton April Frusher-Boyle +++ Ruth Johnson	Becky & Becca Mack ++ Robert Pierce + Gary Pierce <b>Susan Russell</b> Ann Varey + <b>Victoria</b> <b>Jenny Wilhelm</b> Elaine Williams +	<u>Ongoing Concerns</u> Jade August Barbara Anna Marie Beasom Michele Berk Donald Bogert Clara Brelsford Roy Brown Judy Crescenzo Frieda Crossan Ruth Dore Victoria "Bo" Fulton	Ethel Horsey Ken Johnson Kristin Louise Pierce Denise Reedy Jeannette Richart Olivia Richart Zach Trexler Josh Vible Alex Wiant
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In an effort to list all prayer requests each will appear for 4 weeks as indicated by the number of + after the name

**Please pray for all Law Enforcement Officers.**

**Please continue to remember all who serve our country in the military,  
especially pray for those represented from our congregation.**

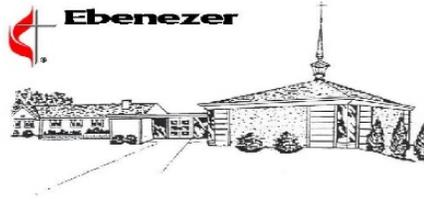
### **STAY CONNECTED THROUGH SOCIAL MEDIA!**

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**On the Calendar, this week....**

Sun	07/04	<b>6<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost</b> 10:00am Worship 5:00pm BSA50 - Outside
Mon	07/05	11:30am Social Seniors Club -- GHH 5:30pm Ladies Exercise Class - CLC 7:00pm NA Meeting - GHH
Tues	07/06	<b>7:00pm COM – Room 204</b>
Wed	07/07	10:00am AA Meeting – CLC 6:00pm Good Chimes - Sanctuary
Thurs	07/08	10:00am Ladies Exercise Class - CLC 6:00pm BSA50 – Outside <b>6:30pm Health &amp; Wellness - CLC</b> 7:00pm NA Meeting - GHH & Old Kitchen
Sat	07/10	6:30pm NA Meeting - GHH 10:00pm NA Meeting - GHH & Old Kitchen
<b>Looking forward....</b>		
Sun	07/11	<b>7<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost</b> 10:00am Worship
Mon	07/12	5:30pm Ladies Exercise Class - CLC 7:00pm NA Meeting - GHH
Tues	07/13	<b>7:00pm Trustees – CLC</b> <b>7:00pm Endowment – Room 204</b>
Wed	07/14	10:00am AA Meeting – CLC 3:30pm Staff Meeting – Room 204 5:30pm Project Linus - GHH 6:00pm Good Chimes - Sanctuary
Thurs	07/15	10:00am Ladies Exercise Class - CLC 6:00pm BSA50 – Outside 7:00pm NA Meeting - GHH & Old Kitchen
Sat	07/17	6:30pm NA Meeting - GHH 10:00pm NA Meeting - GHH & Old Kitchen

