

**Seventh Sunday after Pentecost**  
**Sunday, July 27, 2025**

**Opening Song**

**Opening Words      Psalm 138**

I will praise you, LORD, with all my heart;  
    before the “gods” I will sing your praise.  
I will bow down toward your holy temple  
    and will praise your name  
    for your unfailing love and your faithfulness,  
for you have so exalted your solemn decree  
    that it surpasses your fame.  
When I called, you answered me;  
    you greatly emboldened me.  
May all the kings of the earth praise you, LORD,  
    when they hear what you have decreed.  
May they sing of the ways of the LORD,  
    for the glory of the LORD is great.  
Though the LORD is exalted, he looks kindly on the lowly;  
    though lofty, he sees them from afar.  
Though I walk in the midst of trouble,  
    you preserve my life.  
You stretch out your hand against the anger of my foes;  
    with your right hand you save me.  
The LORD will vindicate me;  
    your love, LORD, endures forever—  
    do not abandon the works of your hands.

**\*Hymn “Crown Him with Many Crowns”    Hymnal 327**

WORDS: Matthew Bridges, MUSIC: George Elvey

Crown him with many crowns,  
the Lamb upon his throne.  
Hark how the heavenly anthem  
drowns all music but its own.  
Awake, my soul, and sing of him  
    who died for thee, and hail him  
as thy matchless King through all eternity

Crown him the Lord of life,  
who triumphed o’er the grave,  
and rose victorious in the strife  
for those he came to save.

His glories now we sing, who died,  
and rose on high, who died,  
eternal life to bring,  
and lives that death may die.

Crown him the Lord of peace,  
whose power a scepter sways  
from pole to pole, that wars may cease,  
and all be prayer and praise.  
His reign shall know no end,  
and round his pierced feet fair  
flowers of paradise extend  
their fragrance ever sweet.

Crown him the Lord of love;  
behold his hands and side,  
those wounds, yet visible above,  
in beauty glorified.

All hail, Redeemer, hail!  
For thou hast died for me;  
thy praise and glory  
shall not fail throughout eternity.

**Welcome**

**Pastor Scott Clawson**

## **Call To Worship**

Children of God, when the journey ahead seems long and hard, full of unknown dangers and all-too-real risks, remember:

**Keep the faith. God, who made us alive, is our Guardian and Guide.**

When the voices on the side of the road tempt us with their misinformation full of unearned certainty, simple solutions, and quickness to blame and shame those who disagree with them, remember:

**Stay the course. God, who made us alive, is our Wisdom and Judge.**

When those in power place barriers in our way, making it harder to share the love of God in our communities, they are trying to convince us it is easier to do nothing than remain firm in God's call to act for the flourishing of all our neighbors, remember:

**Do not be afraid. God, who made us alive, is our Strength and our Advocate.**

Children of God, come! Let us worship God, whose persistent love empowers us to persevere, to stay the course, to live by faith, and to

not fear.

**Come, let us worship God, who makes us alive, through  
grace to love and serve God and one another**

## **Hymn "And Yet Are We Alive" Hymnal 553 V1-3**

WORDS: Charles Wesley, MUSIC: Johann G. Nageli

And are we yet alive,  
and see each other's face?  
Glory and thanks to Jesus  
give for his mighty grace!

Preserved by power divine  
to fulfill salvation here,  
again in Jesus' praise we join,  
and in his sight appear.

What troubles have we seen,  
what mighty conflicts past,  
fightings without, and fears within,  
since we assembled last!

## **Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer**

### **Prayer of Intercession**

**Just God, we sense your anger at the injustice that thrives in  
the world. We share your grief at the discord that rages  
among your children, the rejection of those who bear your  
image, and the oppression of those you know by name. We  
turn toward you for strength and guidance to turn away from  
the norms of this world, the lure of self-righteousness, and  
the appeal of comfort over justice. Embolden us to believe  
that another world is possible and empower us to participate  
in its creation. Amen.**

### **Prayer of Confession**

We do not find it easy to speak of how we do not live as your people,  
but you call us to share our weaknesses and failures with you, Inviting  
God. Tempted to think your salvation is for a select few, we put up  
barriers for others. Clinging to all you give to us, we are reluctant to  
share with those in need. Surrounded by evil and violence, we find it  
easier to close ranks with those just like us, rather than seeking peace  
and reconciliation for our world. Forgive us, God of our salvation.  
Open our hearts to our siblings all around us. Open our minds to the  
word of hope you speak to us. Open our spirits to the presence of

Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, who flings wide the open doors of your kingdom, that all might find life with you.

*Silent prayers of confession.*

### **Assurance of Pardon**

Receive the good news, my friends:

Christ came searching for us,  
calling us by name,  
leading us into God's kingdom.

**In Christ, we become new people:**

**empty, we are made full;**

**lost, we are found;**

**dead in sin, we are made alive.**

**Thanks be to God. Amen.**

### **Hymn "And Yet Are We Alive" Hymnal 553 V4-6**

Yet out of all the Lord  
hath brought us by his love;  
and still he doth his help afford  
and hides our life above.

Then let us make our boast  
of his redeeming power,  
which saves us to the utter most,  
till we can sin no more.

Let us take up the cross  
till we the crown obtain  
and gladly reckon all things loss  
  
so we may Jesus gain.

### **Gospel Lesson Luke 11: 1-13**

#### **Jesus' Teaching on Prayer**

One day Jesus was praying in a certain place. When he finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray, just as John taught his disciples."

He said to them, "When you pray, say:

**"Father,**

**hallowed be your name,**

**your kingdom come.**

**Give us each day our daily bread.**

**Forgive us our sins,  
for we also forgive everyone who sins against us.  
And lead us not into temptation.'"**

Then Jesus said to them, "Suppose you have a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say, 'Friend, lend me three loaves of bread; a friend of mine on a journey has come to me, and I have no food to offer him.' And suppose the one inside answers, 'Don't bother me. The door is already locked, and my children and I are in bed. I can't get up and give you anything.' I tell you, even though he will not get up and give you the bread because of friendship, yet because of your shameless audacity he will surely get up and give you as much as you need.

"So I say to you: Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives; the one who seeks finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened.

"Which of you fathers, if your son asks for a fish, will give him a snake instead? Or if he asks for an egg, will give him a scorpion? If you then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!"

The Word of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Sermon "You Can't Always Get What You Want" Pastor Scott Clawson**

**Hymn "Christ for the World We Sing" Hymnal 568**

WORDS: Samuel Wolcott, MUSIC: Felice De Giardini

Christ for the world we sing,  
the world to Christ we bring,  
With loving zeal; the poor,  
and them that mourn,

the faint and overborne,  
sin sick and sorrow worn,  
whom Christ doth heal.

Christ for the world we sing,  
the world to Christ we bring,

with fervent prayer,  
the wayward and the lost,

by restless passions tossed,  
redeemed at countless cost,  
from dark despair.

Christ for the world we sing,  
the world to Christ we bring,  
With one accord;  
with us the work to share,

with us reproach to dare,  
with us the cross to bear,  
for Christ our Lord

Christ for the world we sing,  
the world to Christ we bring,  
with joyful song;  
the newborn souls,

whose days reclaimed  
from errors ways,  
inspired with hope and praise  
to Christ belong

### **Benediction: Pastor Scott Clawson**

Go now in the blessing and power of God, who gives us life, **that we may grow in faith and live as bearers of love and life everywhere we go. Amen.**

### **Prayer of Dedication**

**Postlude:** "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" Hymnal 95

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

**9:30 AM WORSHIP LEADERS**

Lay Reader: Charlene Bishop  
Usher/Greeters: Shawn and Riley Kocher

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**NMUMC by the Numbers: July 20, 2025**

8:15 AM: 15   9:30 AM: 30   11:00 AM: 44   Nursery: 4   Online: 13

**Total Offering:** \$5,801.23   *Regular Offering:* \$4,433.23\*

Building Fund: \$1,283.00   Hope4Kids: \$5.00

Pastor's Discretionary Fund: \$50.00   VBS: \$30.00

*\*Regular Offering Needed to Meet Weekly Budget: \$5,503.92*

**Church Meetings**

Tuesday, July 29: Scripture to Life – 10:00 AM - Sanctuary  
Thursday, July 31: Generosity Meeting – 10:00 AM - Pastor’s Office  
Saturday, August 2: Disciple – 10:00 AM – Contact Nick Wood  
Saturday, August 2: VBS Decorating – ALL DAY – Sanctuary & Ed.  
Building

**VBS: August 4-8 | 6-8 PM**

**"Travel to Egypt with us and journey with Joseph from hardship to victory."**

Register Here: <https://www.myvbs.org/NMUMC/> or contact Donna  
Clawson

for more info: declawson16@gmail.com | 301-418-0863

**Items we need are:**

**Due on August 2**

foil mini loaf pans (12)	Pitted dates (3 bags)
toilet paper (12 rolls)	Pitted dates (3 bags)
Large car washing sponge (2)	Large container of raisins (2)
8 oz. bottled water (24-bottle case)	2 boxes or 1 large container of golden raisins (2)
	Large bag of plain granola (2)

**Due earlier than July 27 and no later than August 2**

Frozen bread dough (5 loaf bag)	Frozen bread dough (5 loaf bag)
Frozen bread dough (5 loaf bag)	Green grapes (1 lb)
Green grapes (1 lb)	Green grapes (1 lb)
Green grapes (1 lb)	Red grapes (1 lb)
Red grapes (1 lb)	Red grapes (1 lb)
Red grapes (1 lb)	Concord grapes (1 lb)
Concord grapes (1 lb)	Concord grapes (1 lb)
Concord grapes (1 lb)	Concord grapes (1 lb)
Honeydew (3 melons)	Watermelon (2 small round)
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**Fresh Start Service:** This service will be held at 8:15 am at Fairview Chapel. (6802 Boyers Mill Rd, New Market 21774) The design for this service is for those who want to get an early start on their Sunday and those who are seeking an alternate worship experience. Acoustic guitar, prayer, a short inspirational message, and Communion will be highlighted. The service is designed to last a half hour. OR join us later for an evening service at 6:00 PM

Our speaker this Sunday is **Mary Chaney**

**Daily Devotions Starting 7/28/2025**

**Monday (7/28)- Hosea 11: 1-11**

Do you ever feel as if God is a parent when angry? Why does God relent of God’s anger?

**Tuesday (7/29)- Psalm 107: 1-9, 43**

When things are going wrong why is it wise to consider the steadfast love of God?

**Wednesday (7/30)- Ecclesiastes 1: 2,12-14; 2: 18-23**

Have you ever felt the same about life as Solomon? What gives you purpose in life?



**Thursday (7/31)- Psalm 49: 1-12**

How does this Psalm reflect the negative side of death and the need for the good news of the Gospel?

**Friday (8/1)- Colossians 3: 1-11**

How does one concentrate on the things above when there is so much information from the world that distracts us?

**Saturday (8/2)- Luke 12: 13-21**

Have you ever received a windfall of prosperity? How did you use it, and why? After reading this verse, do you think differently about your possessions?

**Sunday (8/3)- Worship in person or online**

**NOTES:**