

## **Third Sunday after Pentecost**

### **Sunday, June 29, 2025**

#### **Video Ancient Words**

#### **Opening Words Luke 9: 51-62**

#### **Samaritan Opposition**

As the time approached for him to be taken up to heaven, Jesus resolutely set out for Jerusalem. And he sent messengers on ahead, who went into a Samaritan village to get things ready for him; but the people there did not welcome him, because he was heading for Jerusalem. When the disciples James and John saw this, they asked, "Lord, do you want us to call fire down from heaven to destroy them?" But Jesus turned and rebuked them. Then he and his disciples went to another village.

#### **The Cost of Following Jesus**

As they were walking along the road, a man said to him, "I will follow you wherever you go."

Jesus replied, "Foxes have dens and birds have nests, but the Son of Man has no place to lay his head."

He said to another man, "Follow me."

But he replied, "Lord, first let me go and bury my father."

Jesus said to him, "Let the dead bury their own dead, but you go and proclaim the kingdom of God."

Still another said, "I will follow you, Lord; but first let me go back and say goodbye to my family."

Jesus replied, "No one who puts a hand to the plow and looks back is fit for service in the kingdom of God."

#### **\*Hymn "Close to Thee" Hymnal 407**

WORDS: Fanny J Crosby, MUSIC: Silas J Vail

Thou my everlasting portion,  
more than friend or life to me,  
all along my pilgrim journey,  
Savior, let me walk with thee.

Close to thee, close to thee,  
close to thee, close to thee,  
all along my pilgrim journey,  
Savior, let me walk with thee.

Not for ease or worldly pleasure,  
nor for fame my prayer shall be;  
gladly will I toil and suffer,  
only let me walk with thee.

Close to thee, close to thee,  
close to thee, close to thee,  
gladly will I toil and suffer,  
only let me walk with thee.

Lead me through the vale of shadows,  
bear me o'er life's fitful sea;  
then the gate of life eternal  
may I enter, Lord, with thee.

Close to thee, close to thee,  
close to thee, close to thee,  
then the gate of life eternal  
may I enter, Lord, with thee.

**Welcome**

**Pastor Scott Clawson**

### **\*Call To Worship**

Our freedom comes as life in the Spirit.

**We reject the works based only on our fleshly desires.**

We live a new life of spirit and truth.

**Let us worship the Lord in full spirit. Amen.**

### **Hymn "Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus" Hymnal 349**

Text: Helen H. Lemmel, 1922, Music: Helen H. Lemmel, 1922

Turn your eyes upon Jesus,  
look full in his wonderful face,  
and the things of earth  
will grow strangely dim  
in the light of his glory and grace.

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

#### **Communal Prayer**

**God of all life and love: we are your children, and you made us free to live in joyful relationship with you and one another. Your grace empowers us to love our neighbors as we love ourselves. Give us the courage to love ourselves as much as you love us and to love others with the same compassion. Amen.**

#### **Prayer of Confession**

Loving God, you give us freedom. In fact, in you, we live in perfect freedom. Fear tries to bind us. Idolatry comes chasing after us. Divisive arguments try to trap us in corners and keep us locked away from one another. These are not the freedoms you have in mind for your children, loving God. We confess, we have submitted to them in the past, but no more. Inspire us to live in the freedom you have given us for love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness,

gentleness, and self-control. You set us free. Give us the courage to enjoy it. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

Beloved children of God: hear and believe the good news, for freedom Christ has set us free to live anew.

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### **New Testament Lesson Galatians 5: 1, 13-25**

#### **Freedom in Christ**

It is for freedom that Christ has set us free. Stand firm, then, and do not let yourselves be burdened again by a yoke of slavery.

#### **Life by the Spirit**

You, my brothers and sisters, were called to be free. But do not use your freedom to indulge the flesh; rather, serve one another humbly in love. For the entire law is fulfilled in keeping this one command: "Love your neighbor as yourself." If you bite and devour each other, watch out or you will be destroyed by each other.

So I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh. For the flesh desires what is contrary to the Spirit, and the Spirit what is contrary to the flesh. They are in conflict with each other, so that you are not to do whatever you want. But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law.

The acts of the flesh are obvious: sexual immorality, impurity and debauchery; idolatry and witchcraft; hatred, discord, jealousy, fits of rage, selfish ambition, dissensions, factions and envy; drunkenness, orgies, and the like. I warn you, as I did before, that those who live like this will not inherit the kingdom of God.

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law. Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit. Let us not become conceited, provoking and envying each other.

The Word of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Sermon "New Birth of Freedom" Pastor Scott Clawson**

## Hymn "Take My Life and Let It Be" Hymnal 399

Words: Frances R Havergal, Music: Louis J.F. Herold

Take my life, and let it be consecrated,  
Lord, to thee. Take my moments and my days;  
let them flow in ceaseless praise.  
Take my hands, and let them move  
at the impulse of thy love.  
Take my feet, and let them be  
swift and beautiful for thee.

Take my voice, and let me sing always only,  
for my King. Take my lips, and let them be  
filled with messages from thee.  
Take my silver and my gold;  
not a mite would I withhold.  
Take my intellect and use  
every power as thou shalt choose.

Take my will and make it thine; it shall be  
no longer mine. Take my heart, it is thine own;  
it shall be thy royal throne.  
Take my love, my Lord, I pour  
at thy feet its treasure store.  
Take myself and I will be ever, only all for thee.

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

Children of God: you are loved into freedom, set loose on the world to share the gifts of the Holy Spirit, **and so we will go and love our neighbor, all of our neighbors, as we love ourselves, in the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit. 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: Susan Smith  
Usher/Greeters: Anderson Family

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### NMUMC by the Numbers: June 22, 2025

8:15 AM: 12   9:30 AM: 40   11:00 AM: 63   Online: 13

**Total Offering:** \$5,504.00   *Regular Offering:* \$4,083.00\*

Building Fund: \$175.00   Food Pantry: \$200.00   Hope4Kids: \$210.00

Memorial Fund: \$35.00   Pastor's Discretionary: \$301.00

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

### Church Meetings

Sunday, June 29: 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Potluck – 12:15 PM - Schoolhouse

Monday, June 30: History Center Meeting – 9:00 AM - ED Building

Tuesday, July 1: Scripture to Life – 10:00 AM – Sanctuary

Tuesday, July 1: Trustees Meeting – 6:00 PM – ED Building

Saturday, July 5: Disciple – 10:00 AM – Contact Nick Wood

### 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

**The Called to Care team** wants to let the congregation and anyone you may know that we are here to serve you, your friends, or your family during times of need. A new Called to Care brochure will be on the resource table at the back of the church. Please check out the brochure and contact me to discuss joining us, making a referral for someone in need, or to discuss any situation coming up in your future where you might need a bit of extra help:  
Pastor Patty Robinson | Cell: 240-441-1170 | Pattyrob16@msn.com

**Forgot to sign up to join us for the potluck meal on the 29<sup>th</sup> TODAY?**  
No problem . . . there's always plenty of good food and fellowship. Come join us!

**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 **Troy Skinner**

## **Daily Devotions Starting 6/30/2025**

### **Monday (6/30)- 2 Kings 5: 1-14**

Do we often ignore an easy solution placed before us by God? How can we refrain from stubbornness when God is trying to intervene?

### **Tuesday (7/1)- Psalm 30**

What healing do you need in your life to turn your weeping into joy, your mourning into dancing? Ask God for that healing today.

### **Wednesday (7/2)- Isaiah 66: 10-14**

What would it feel like to mentally curl up in your father or mother's lap today? What emotions do you feel? How can we mentally curl up in God's lap?

### **Thursday (7/3)- Psalm 66: 1-9**

What are you thankful for today? Sing praises to God for those good and abundant gifts.

### **Friday (7/4)- Galatians 6: 1-16**

What words have you sown this week? Were they kind and uplifting or bitter and angry? What do you expect to reap from these words? How can you repent for the unkind words you may have spoken this week?

### **Saturday (7/5)- Luke 10: 1-11, 16-20**

When have you had to shake "the dust off your sandals" in relationships in your life? Ask God if you should revisit those relationships to see if healing is possible.

### **Sunday (7/6)- Worship in person or online.**

## **NOTES:**