

Columbiana First United Methodist
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June 29th, 2025

3rd Sunday after Pentecost

Prelude:

***Enter the Light of Christ**

Pastor's Welcome

Announcements:

- **Bible Study on Wednesday @ 10 am in the Pastor's Study.**
- **June 30th deadline for Newsletter Articles.**
- **July 6th we will have a Guest Speaker to deliver the Message. Coria Brock from Life with Christ Ministries will be giving her testimony.**
- **July 8th Drive-Thru Ham Dinner from 4 – 6 or until sold out. You can reserve your dinners by calling (330) 482-2382. Those interested in volunteering, please inform Anne Brown.**
- **July 13th Church Picnic. Details to come.**

Opening 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.

***Opening Hymn: "God of the Ages" 1, 2, & 3 #698**

Call to Worship:

L: Our freedom comes as life in the Spirit.

P: We reject the works based only on our fleshly desires.

L: We live a new life of spirit and truth.

P: Let us worship the Lord in full spirit. Amen.

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Offertory:

***Doxology**

#95

***Prayer of Dedication**

Liberating God, Who calls us to true freedom, we offer these gifts as signs of our commitment to live by the Spirit's leading. May our generosity reflect Your love that is joyful, peaceful, patient, and kind. Through Your grace, may we sow seeds of compassion and justice, nurturing the fruit of the Spirit in our lives and the world. Guide us to use our freedom not for ourselves but for service, so that we may build communities of faith and hope. With thankful hearts, we dedicate ourselves to Your transforming work. In Christ's name, we pray. Amen.

Hymn Sing: "America" 1, 2, & 4

#697

New Testament Reading: Galatians 5:1, 13-25

Gospel Reading: Luke 9:51-62

Gloria Patri

#70

Message: "Called to Freedom"

Pastor Cyndi

***Closing Hymn: "The Battle Hymn of the Republic" 1,2,3,4 #717**
(followed by Our National Anthem)

***Benediction**

***Sending: "God Be with You"**

***Postlude**

**Indicates for the congregation to stand if you are able*

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.” - Matthew 5:8

Dear Heavenly Father,

We come today to worship and praise Your name. For You are deserving of all our praise.

We do not always give you the praise that You deserve. We tend to give credit to worldly things that seem to have played a part in our successes, our healing, and our protection. For that, we ask Your forgiveness. I ask that You open our eyes and clear our vision, so that we see You in all things. Renew our minds so that our thoughts are driven by Your wisdom, and change our hearts so that our desires are Your desires for us. So that we live fully for and with You.

I bring to You praise this morning for the healing that You have given to our church family, our family, and our friends. I thank You for being with Vylee, Cory, Bob McMurray, Sally, my brother Bob, and myself, George

There is still a need for healing and miracles. We continue to hold in our prayers Vylee, Cory, Bob McMurray, Sally, my brother Bob, Beth, Tiffany, and Betty Fenelle. Your Word and the life experiences You have permitted us to endure have taught us that as long as there is breath, there is hope. Thus, we bring before You, the Great Physician, these individuals and others whom we may not be aware of, in the hope that Your healing hand will be felt and Your healing witnessed significantly. All for Your glory and honor.

Some are not able to join us physically, so we lift them to You also. You know their needs better than we do, fill their needs and allow them to know without doubt that it was You that was there for them. We lift to You, Inez Corey, Betty Ruppenthal, Don and Jackie Leonard, Beverly Warren, and Leland Mackall. Allow them to feel Your presence, and allow their caregivers to see You in them. Allow them to hear Your voice and see You throughout the week to come, helping them to get through the challenges of each day.

We have recently celebrated the day Your Church was birthed, and we continue to be Your Church. Through the years, we may have lost our boldness, strength, courage, and yes, even our zeal for Your Church. Renew our zeal, fill us with Your Spirit in a new way, so that we live each day looking forward to the opportunity to share You and Your love with one another, and more so to the stranger You place on our path. Help us to multiply Your kingdom on earth, as well as in heaven. All this we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.