

July 13th, 2025

5th Sunday After Pentecost

Preludes:

Welcome

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.

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.

*Song of Praise "Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)"

Children's Message "F-R-E-E-D-O-M"

Joys and Concerns

Prayers for the People

The Lord's Prayer

*GLORIA PATRI

UMH 70

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.

New Testament Lesson(s): Galatians 5:1, 13-25

Reader: The word of God, For the people of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

The Offertory

*DOXOLOGY

UMH 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

"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"

UMH 110

Message:

"Dear Children of God: OMG"

Week 2:

"Call to Freedom"

*Hymn

"Freely, Freely"

UMH 389

Passing the Peace and Love of Christ/Benediction

22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, 23 gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law. 24 Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. 25 Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit.

~Galatians 5:22-25~

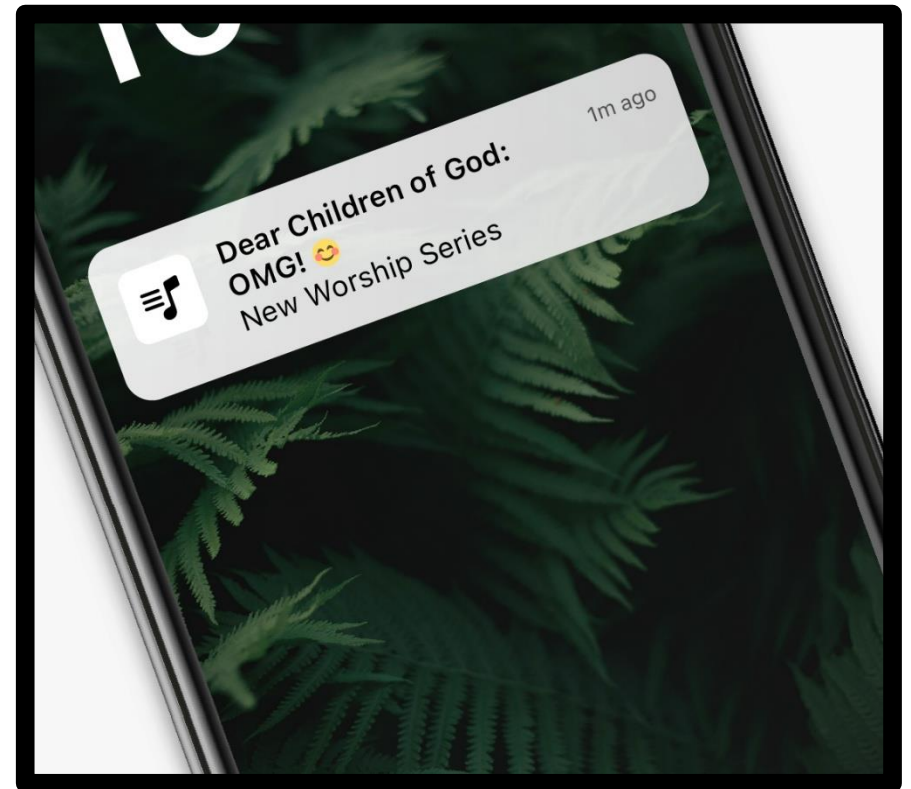
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Jesus Christ for the
transformation of the
world.”**

First United Methodist Church

Mexico, New York
July 13th, 2025



**“All are welcome,
none are turned away!”**



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