July 6<sup>th</sup>, 2025

4th Sunday After Pentecost

<u>Preludes:</u> "God Is In This Story"

"Who You Say I Am"
"O Come to the Altar"

<u>Welcome</u>

Call to Worship:

As we have been baptized into Christ,
We are clothed with Christ.
And if we belong to Christ,
Then we are Abraham's offspring
And heirs according to the promise.
Thanks be to God.

## Opening Prayer:

Holy God, there is much that tries to separate us from one another. Creed and color, gender and nation, class and culture call for our fragmentation, but you call us to live together in your grace. You call us your children. You call us beloved. Today, let the refrain: "There is no longer Jew or Greek; there is no longer slave or free; there is no longer male and female, for all of you are one in Christ Jesus" (Gal. 3:29) guide us with every step. We pray this in Jesus' name. Amen.

<u>\*Song of Praise</u> "Way-maker"

<u>Children's Message</u> "No Two Are Alike"

Joys and Concerns
Prayers for the People
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\*GLORIA PATRI UMH 70

<u>Choral Anthem</u> "Patriotic Hymn Medley"

## Praver of Confession

Loving and holy God, we confess that we hold tightly to our pride and resist your transforming grace. You offer us freedom and a welcome place in your family, yet we struggle, trying to earn what you have already given. We cling to our old ways of doing and thinking. You call us your beloved children. Help us hear and claim our new identity.

Free us from the bonds of limited imagination and empower us to thrive in your life of faith and grace. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

Faith has come, and we are free. Receive your forgiveness today.

New Testament Lesson(s): Galatians 3:23-29 Reader: The word of God, For the people of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

**The Offertory** 

\*DOXOLOGY UMH 95

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION:

Gracious and transforming God, you clothe us in grace and love. Receive these gifts as signs of our desire to live into Christ's vision of your beloved community. Baptized into your peace and justice, may we shed old divisions and embrace the unity you intend for all people. Use these offerings to build bridges, mend hearts, and proclaim that in Christ, all are one—equal, cherished, and free. May our giving reflect the boundless love you pour into us. We pray this in the name of the one who makes us whole. Amen.

\*Hymn "Be Thou My Vision" UMH 451

Message: "Dear Children of God: OMG"

Week 1: "Now That Faith Has Come"

Music Ministry "To The Table"

Communion

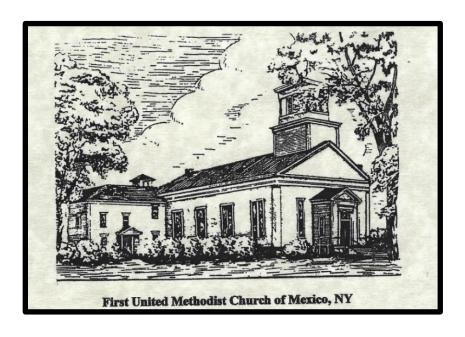
Prayer of Thanksgiving
The Lord's Prayer

<u>\*Hymn</u> "America the Beautiful" UMH 696

Passing the Peace and Love of Christ/Benediction "Be Alright"

28 There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave7 nor free, there is no male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus. 29 And if you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to promise. ~Galatians 3:28-29~

## "Making Disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world."



"All are welcome, none are turned away!"

## First United Methodist Church

Mexico, New York

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