

# CHRIST

## UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

**Fifth Sunday of Pentecost**

**July 13, 2025**

\*Please stand in body or in spirit.

10:30am Worship Service

### **THE GATHERING**

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Lisa Miragliotta-Van Scyoc

**PRELUDE**

**INTROIT**

*Spirit Song*

UMH 347 v. 1 (with refrain)

**CALL TO WORSHIP<sup>1</sup> (BASED ON PSALM 82)**

**Leader:** Shout to the Lord, you people of God. Bring your petitions before the judgment seat.

**People:** **Worship the one who hears our cries, rescues the perishing, and lifts up the lowly.**

**Leader:** Call to the Lord, you disciples of Christ. Proclaim your case before God's holy council.

**People:** **Worship the one who heeds our pleas, frees the captives, and sustains the widows and the orphans.**

**Leader:** Sing to the Lord, you children of the Most High. Declare your need before our righteous judge.

**People:** **Worship the one who responds to our needs, heals our wounds, and fills our world with light.**

**\*HYMN OF PRAISE**

*Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*

UMH 139

**PRAYER OF INVOCATION<sup>2</sup>**

**Holy God, you call us to live out your justice and righteousness. Help us to walk in your footsteps, so that we never lose our way. Enable us to live and love in the way that you have taught us, so that we can act in grace, even with those who we consider our enemies. In the name of Jesus we pray. Amen.**

**PASSING OF THE PEACE**

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<sup>1</sup> Scifres, Mary; Beu, B. J.. The Abingdon Worship Annual 2022 (pp. 165-166). Kindle Edition.

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## PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

*Grace*

Laura Story

Janis and Gillianne Pongallo, singers

CHILDREN'S HAPPENING

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Amos 7:7-17

Pew Bible 748

Psalms 82

UMH 804

\*Luke 10:25-37

Pew Bible 844

God is still speaking. **And we are still listening. Thanks be to God!**

\*GLORIA PATRI

*Glory Be to the Father*

UMH 71

SERMON

*Limitless*

Pastor Dianne Tobey Covault

## RESPONSE TO THE WORD

HYMN OF REFLECTION

*Make Me a Channel of Your Peace*

TFWS 2171

CALL TO THE OFFERING<sup>3</sup>

OFFERTORY

\*DOXOLOGY

*Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

UMH 94

\*OFFERTORY PRAYER

Thank you God: you are our soil, our food, our water, our sun, everything we need to grow. We offer these gifts to you, asking for your direction, as we work each day so that your kingdom of light becomes more and more of a reality in this world. Amen.

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Leader: Gracious God

People: Hear our prayer

THE LORD'S PRAYER

UMH 895

PRAYER RESPONSE

*El Shaddai*

UMH 123

\*HYMN OF DISCIPLESHIP

*Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life*

UMH 427 vs. 1, 2, 4, 6

\*BENEDICTION

\*BENEDICTION RESPONSE

*O God in Heaven*

UMH 119 v. 3

\*POSTLUDE

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# PRAYER AND VESPER SERVICES

During the months of July and August, weather permitting, there will be a service of evening prayer/vespers in the San Diego Community Garden. Our own Brian Pavick will be there with his guitar to aid us in our time of worship. Please join us this **Wednesday, July 16** at 7:00pm.

## CHURCH EVENTS FOR THE UPCOMING WEEK

*Non-weekly meetings and activities are in **bold print**.*

- SUN (07/13):** Worship, 10:30am  
**Finance, 11:45am/Emma Lang Lounge**
- WED (07/16):** Prayer and Vesper Service, 7:00p/SDCG
- THU (07/17):** Jefferson Rocks, 6:30p/Jefferson Park
- SUN (07/20):** Worship, 10:30am  
**Cleveland Karen Baptist Church Choir, 10:30am Worship**  
**Potluck with CKBC, 11:45am/Jump Fellowship Hall**

## *We Are All God's Children*

### REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

*\* denotes member*

|                          |               |                |                      |
|--------------------------|---------------|----------------|----------------------|
| *Bobby Blankenship       | Al Tobey      | Erik T.        | Lindsey Elswick      |
| *Monta Demchak           | Carol De Laat | Frank          | Lindsey Parker       |
| *Dave Dickman            | Carol         | Gail           | Mary                 |
| *Mitzi Herrick           | Caroline      | Geof Funk      | Mary Ellen           |
| *Cindy Light             | Chris M.      | J & J          | Mary W.H.            |
| *John Motley             | Darlene       | Jan            | Max                  |
| *Peter Oesterreich       | Darlene       | Jim            | MJ                   |
| *Janis Pongallo          | Daryana       | Jim            | Rosie                |
| *Linda Prudhoe           | David R.      | John           | Roy Buser            |
| *DeeDee Rencehausen      | Dennis        | Joshua C.      | Seth Buser           |
| *Nadene & Dennis Smith   | Diane         | Kathy          | Sheri G.             |
| *Joan Thorkelson         | Dixie         | Kevin Fischer  | Ted and Marie Nyland |
| *Galen Younkin           | Doug Emery    | Laurie         | Tom Szor             |
| Ukraine, Israel and Gaza | Dotty         | Lee            | Viola                |
| Pastor Jason Thompson    | Ed Rote       | Lily Van Scyoc |                      |

## STAR WORDS

At the beginning of the year, we handed out “Star Words”. I invite you to take the word you chose and use it throughout the year as a way to center your prayer time and to be aware of God’s presence throughout the day. If you have not received a word, please let Pastor Dianne know and she will get one to you! Each week in the bulletin there will be a journal prompt or reflection question that encourages you in your use of the word.

For this week: **What antonyms most closely reflect the opposite of your understanding of your word?**

## BOOK BAGS

Coming into summer means the Outreach Committee is getting ready to be a presence at Jefferson Rocks. Remaining dates are July 17, 24, and 31. Each Thursday we provide two crafts that the children (and some parents) can enjoy. As in past years, we would like to collect back packs and school supplies to pass out on the last Thursday. There will be a bin in the back of the church for back packs and supplies. If you would prefer donating money, Gillianne and Janis Pongallo will be happy to go shopping towards the end of July. Thanks for your help.

## TAKE WHAT YOU NEED PANTRY BOX

The pantry box has become one of our most used outreach ministries! But keeping it full is a challenge. Please feel free to fill the box if you see it is empty, either from the supplies in the entryway or from your own cupboard! If you would rather, we could shop for you, just note that your monetary donation is for the pantry. Below are listed a few ideas of things you can donate. Thank you!

Canned soup  
Canned fruit  
Canned vegetables  
Cereal

Canned stew  
Canned fish  
Canned beans  
Baby Food

Peanut butter  
Pasta (most prefer whole grain)  
Rice (most prefer brown rice)  
Toiletries

# **SUNDAE SUNDAY**

The garden will be open for an ice cream social. Bring a yard chair, your favorite ice cream treat. Let us enjoy the garden as it grows. Social will take place on Sunday, July 27 at 7:00pm.

## **CLEVELAND KAREN BAPTIST CHURCH**

Next Sunday, July 20, we will be joined in worship by the members and friends of the Cleveland Karen Baptist Church Choir and friends. CKBC has been worshiping on Sunday afternoons in the sanctuary for a couple of years. Many of their members are first or second generation immigrants from the Karen ethnolinguistic group, who lived mostly on the eastern border of Myanmar (Burma) with Thailand. They use their native language during worship, although many speak English.

Their choir will be performing in our worship service, and after worship, we will enjoy some of the Karen native dishes as well as some of our favorites as we share a meal together – please bring a dish to share if you can, and let's celebrate our relationship with these wonderful people!

### **SERMON NOTES**

# SERMON NOTES

# QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION<sup>4</sup>

How can we bear God's fruit in the world? How can we live out the commandment to love God and to love our neighbor as ourselves?

## HOUSEHOLD PRAYER: MORNING

Prepare my mind to listen to you today.

Prepare my heart to be filled with your love today.

Prepare my lips, that they can shout your praise today.

Prepare my soul, that I can be attuned to your will today.

Prepare me to feel your presence in the world today! Amen.

## HOUSEHOLD PRAYER: EVENING

We come together, and this we pray: let us love the Lord our God, with all our hearts, with all our souls, with all our strength, with all our minds, and let us love our neighbor as ourselves.

By doing this, O God, we will truly live, because we will live under the guidance of your words, and the rest that your love provides. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

### *Christ UMC Welcomes All*

*We welcome all persons to our church without regard to race, ethnic or cultural background, social status, gender, sexual orientation, age, theological perspective, political affiliation, or other means people use to categorize or discriminate against others. For our full statement, go to our website.*

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Office Hours this week: Pastor Dianne will be on silent retreat from Sunday afternoon through Wednesday morning. If you have an urgent pastoral need, please leave a message on her cell phone and she will return your call as soon as possible. Non urgent messages and texts will be returned on Wednesday afternoon.

LITURGIST: *Lisa Miragliotta-Van Scyoc*

USHERS: *Al Naab, Phil Jennings, John Murphy*

GREETER: *Nancy Horton*

ACOLYTES: *Ian Eagan, Ben Eagan, Eli Gadomski Littleton, TJ Wood, Grace Horton*

AUDIO and VIDEO TECHNICIANS: *John Motley, Rob Pongallo*

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## GOAL - FOCUS - STRATEGIES

**GOAL:** Grow in relationship with Jesus Christ in order to change the world around us, starting with our own community.

**FOCUS:** To achieve this goal, we will prioritize reaching out to our community as essential to our personal and congregational growth as Christians.

### STRATEGIES:

1. We will build meaningful relationships with the people in our community.
2. We will strive to listen and understand the needs of our community.
3. We will use our building and resources to meet those needs in a tangible way.



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