

CHRIST

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Sixth Sunday of Pentecost

July 20, 2025

*Please stand in body or in spirit.

10:30am Worship Service

THE GATHERING

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sandy Foster

PRELUDE

INTROIT

Spirit Song

UMH 347 v. 1 (with refrain)

CALL TO WORSHIP¹

Leader: Children of God, in Jesus, Love became flesh and moved into the neighborhood.

People: We gather to worship Christ, the image of the invisible.

Leader: In Jesus, we meet the fullness of God with no barriers to access.

People: We gather to worship Christ, the image of the invisible.

Leader: In Jesus, our separation from God, neighbor, self, and creation has been removed. We are free for divine and loving connection once again.

People: We gather to worship Christ, the image of the invisible.

Leader: Children of God, come! Come, let us worship God, whose power makes Love visible to us so that we might reflect Love to the world.

People: Come, let us worship Christ, Love who came to dwell among us and within us!

***HYMN OF PRAISE**

Come and Find the Quiet Center

TFWS 2128

PRAYER OF INVOCATION²

As we come before you God, in the presence of our sisters and brothers, help us look honestly at our lives and see what you want them to be. Help us perceive the things and attitudes we need to change. As we open ourselves to your healing presence, fill us with the Spirit of your love and wholeness.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

¹ Written by Dr. Lisa Hancock, Discipleship Ministries, January 2025 <https://www.umcdiscipleship.org/worship-planning/dear-children-of-god-part-2/sixth-sunday-after-pentecost-year-c-lectionary-planning-notes/sixth-sunday-after-pentecost-year-c-liturgical-resources>

² Scifres, Mary; Beu, B. J.. The Abingdon Worship Annual 2022 (p. 170). Kindle Edition.

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

MINISTRY OF MUSIC *To Live Is Christ, To Die Is Vain*
Cleveland Karen Baptist Church Choir

CHILDREN'S HAPPENING

SCRIPTURE READINGS Amos 8:1-12 Pew Bible 748
 Colossians 1:15-28 Pew Bible 956
 *Luke 10:38-42 Pew Bible 845

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

*GLORIA PATRI *Glory Be to the Father* UMH 71

SERMON *Contemplation* Pastor Dianne Tobey Covault

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

HYMN OF REFLECTION *O Jesus, I Have Promised* UMH 396

CALL TO THE OFFERING³

OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* UMH 94

*OFFERTORY PRAYER

O God, receive these gifts, which are the product of our labors, and let us not forget the better part of our offering, which is our devotion to the words of life we have received from Christ our Lord. Amen.

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Leader: Let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy

THE LORD'S PRAYER UMH 895

PRAYER RESPONSE *El Shaddai* UMH 123

*HYMN OF DISCIPLESHIP *Take My Life, and Let It Be* UMH 399

*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. We will not be meeting this Wednesday, but please join us next **Wednesday, July 30** at 7:00pm.

CHURCH EVENTS FOR THE UPCOMING WEEK

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

- SUN (07/20):** Worship, 10:30am
 Cleveland Karen Baptist Church Choir, 10:30am Worship
 Potluck with CKBC, 11:45am/Jump Fellowship Hall
- THU (07/24):** Jefferson Rocks, 6:30p/Jefferson Park
- SUN (07/27):** Worship, 10:30am
 Ice Cream Social, 7:00p/San Diego Community Garden

We Are All God's Children

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

** denotes member*

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

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: **How has your word brought you joy so far this year?**

BOOK BAGS

Coming into summer means the Outreach Committee is getting ready to be a presence at Jefferson Rocks. Remaining dates are July 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

Today we are 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!

DINNER AND DISCUSSION

Our church will be hosting a free dinner and discussion on Monday August 25th from 5:00 - 7:00 with Dr. Mike Davis the administrator of religious services with the Ohio Department of Rehabilitation & Correction (ODRC). This is aimed to help people and congregations who may have family and friends who are incarcerated or have returned home after incarceration. Please attend if you are interested and help spread the word to others who may be interested. There are fliers on the back table with more information. Contact Sandy Foster @440-823-9853 or Desiree in the church office if you have any questions.

SERMON NOTES

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION⁴

Responding to the boasting of the disciples he sent out, Jesus said, “I watched Satan fall from heaven like a flash of lightning” (Luke 10:18). What does Jesus’ response indicate? What is he saying? Where and when have you seen Satan fall like lightning?

HOUSEHOLD PRAYER: MORNING

The earth is full of your call to feasting, Holy God, and you have given us rest for this new day. Guide us so that in all we do we may rejoice in the security of your promises. Make us honest about ourselves and others, and teach us to move with kindness as we work and play; in Jesus’ name. Amen.

HOUSEHOLD PRAYER: EVENING

As the sky grows dark, O God, we give you thanks for this day of work and rest, of fellowship with our family and friends, of living with the strengths and weaknesses of our bodies. Give us now the quiet and peace that will nourish us for tomorrow when, again, we will look to the Light of the world for hope and joy. We pray this in Jesus’ name. 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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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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