

CHRIST

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Third Sunday of Pentecost

June 29, 2025

*Please stand in body or in spirit.

10:30am Worship Service

THE GATHERING

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Janis Pongallo

PRELUDE

We Are the Champions

F. Mercury

William Norris, baritone

INTROIT

O Worship the King

UMH 73 v. 1

CALL TO WORSHIP¹

Leader: God, who rules the universe,

People: calls us;

Leader: Christ, who took up his cross,

People: calls us;

Leader: Holy Spirit, who frees us body and soul,

People: calls us.

Leader: Let us faithfully answer

People: by worshiping the triune God.

***HYMN OF PRAISE**

The Summons

TFWS 2130

PRAYER OF INVOCATION²

Holy and gracious God, you call us to ventures that cannot be foretold, to paths we do not know. Be our guide, through your word, and feed us with your assurance that your way is truly the path of love, joy, and peace. Amen.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

CHILDREN'S HAPPENING

SCRIPTURE READINGS

2 Kings 2:1-2, 6-14

Pew Bible 338

Galatians 5:1, 13-25

Pew Bible 948

*Luke 9:51-62

Pew Bible 843

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² Ibid

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

*GLORIA PATRI	<i>Glory Be to the Father</i>	UMH 71
SERMON	<i>No Turning Back?</i>	Pastor Dianne Tobey Covault

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

HYMN OF REFLECTION	<i>I Have Decided to Follow Jesus</i>	See Insert
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CALL TO THE OFFERING³

OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY	<i>Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow</i>	UMH 94
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***OFFERTORY PRAYER⁴**

Take these gifts, O God, for the work of this church. Let them stand as signs of your love and faithfulness. In the name of the one who gave himself for us, we pray. Amen

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Leader: Hear us, O God

People: Your mercy is great.

THE LORD'S PRAYER	UMH 895
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PRAYER RESPONSE	<i>How Great Thou Art</i>	UMH 77 v. 1
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*HYMN OF DISCIPLESHIP	<i>Here I Am, Lord</i>	UMH 593
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***BENEDICTION**

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE	<i>Maker, in Whom We Live</i>	UMH 88 v. 1
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***POSTLUDE**

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. The first service will be this **Wednesday, July 2** at 7:00pm.

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CHURCH EVENTS FOR THE UPCOMING WEEK

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

SUN (06/29): Worship, 10:30am
WED (07/02): Prayer and Vesper Service, 7:00p/SDCG
FRI (07/04): **Independence Day**
SUN (07/06): Worship, 10:30am

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	

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.

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: **Has your understanding of the word changed since the year began? How?**

BOOK BAGS

Coming into summer means the Outreach Committee is getting ready to be a presence at Jefferson Rocks. Dates are to be announced, but 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

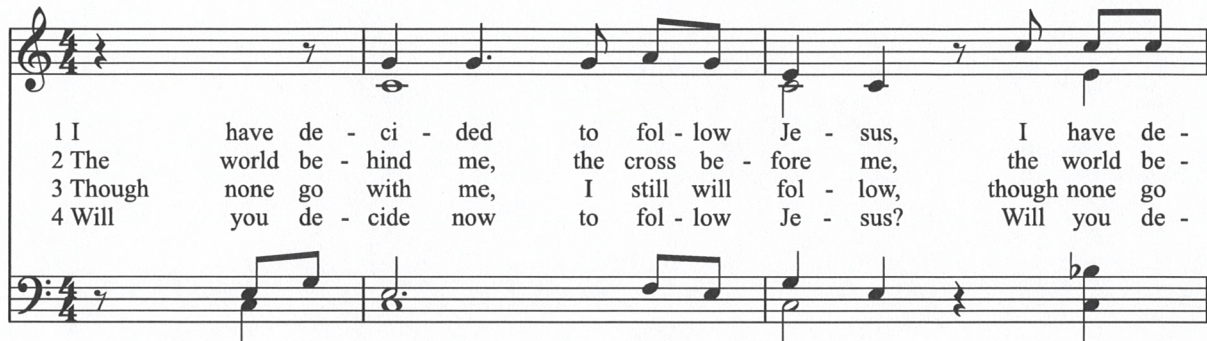
Peanut butter
Pasta (most prefer whole grain)
Rice (most prefer brown rice)
Toiletries

SUNDAE SUNDAY

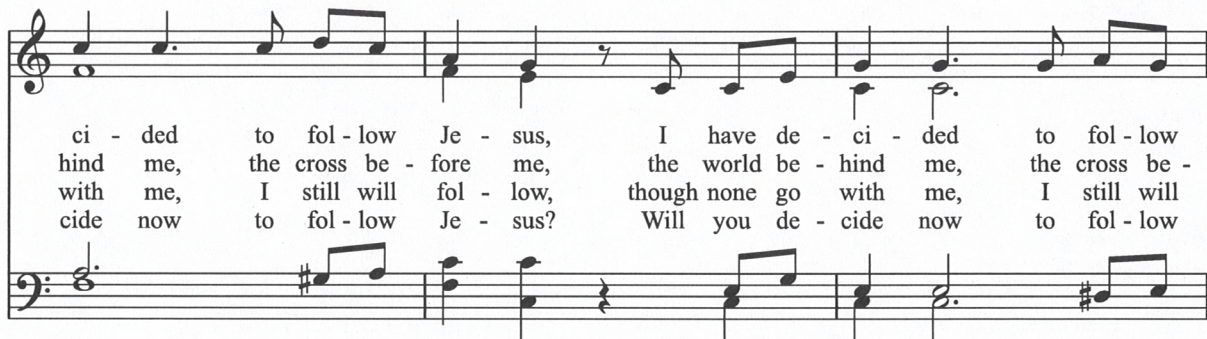
The garden will be open for an ice cream social. Bring a yard chair, your favorite ice cream treat. Let us enjoy the garden as it grows. Social will take place on Sunday, July 27 at 7:00pm.

SERMON NOTES

I Have Decided to Follow Jesus



1 I have de - ci - ded to fol - low Je - sus, I have de -
 2 The world be - hind me, the cross be - fore me, the world be -
 3 Though none go with me, I still will fol - low, though none go
 4 Will you de - cide now to fol - low Je - sus? Will you de -



ci - ded to fol - low Je - sus, I have de - ci - ded to fol - low
 hind me, the cross be - fore me, the world be - hind me, the cross be -
 with me, I still will fol - low, though none go with me, I still will
 cide now to fol - low Je - sus? Will you de - cide now to fol - low



Je - sus no turn - ing back, no tur - ning back.
 fore me no tur - ning back, no tur - ning back.
 fol - low, no tur - ning back, no tur - ning back.
 Je - sus? no tur - ning back, no tur - ning back.

Text: Anonymous
 Tune: Indian folk tune



10 10 10 8
 ASSAM
www.hymnary.org/text/i_have_decided_to_follow_jesu

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QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION⁵

To what is God calling me? How might others know that I walk in the Spirit with Christ?

HOUSEHOLD PRAYER: MORNING

Almighty God, in awe I remember that you made me in your image and breathed the Spirit of life into me.

I marvel that your Son, Jesus, took on flesh and bone just like mine, and gave himself for my salvation.

Help me to live this day fully open to your presence. Let me worship you alone with my body, mind, and spirit, delighting in what is good and turning from what is not.

Let me love my neighbor as myself with all that you give me. Be patient with me, and help me to be patient with others.

Teach me how to bring peace to those who are troubled and to show kindness, especially to the weak.

Today, let me seek your kingdom, through Jesus Christ, my Lord. Amen.

HOUSEHOLD PRAYER: EVENING

O God, guardian of your people, thank you for your care today. As I move into evening, help me to recall with thanksgiving the wonders I have known, the joy I have felt, and your love I have received.

Forgive me for the ways in which I misused what you intend for good. Jesus had nowhere to rest his head; let me rest in him.

I pray for all who are dear to me, that they, too, may abide in your care. Grant the peace of sleep to all who are weary; and let us rise to a new day, giving you praise as we prepare for the eternal day you are bringing through Jesus Christ, the Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and forever. Amen.

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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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