SERVICE OF WORSHIP FOR JULY 4TH, 2025

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE HANDBELLS GOD OF GRACE AND GOD OF GLORY

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NTROIT (NONE THIS WEEK)

Gathering Around The Word

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: God, who rules the universe, calls us;
All: Christ, who took up his cross, calls us,

One: Holy Spirit, who frees us body and soul, calls us.

All: Let us faithfully answer

One: by worshiping the triune God.

*HYMN 265 Jesus Shall Reign Where're the Sun

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Patient God, you call and call and we come up with every excuse why we can't answer, at least not right now. Forgive our fear. Remind us that when we answer your call, we will not be sent out alone, but filled with your gifts, surrounded by your children, and held in your love. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ, our Rock and Redeemer. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Hear the good news! The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting.

In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Alleluia! Amen.

*PASSING THE PEACE

We invite you to share the peace of Christ with others.

Visiting today? Welcome!

Please tell us about yourself! You can scan this QR code with your smartphone to fill out our online form, or fill out a pew card



*RESPONSE 582

NEW GLORIA PATRI

Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me, and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me, and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

World without end, without end. Amen.

World without end, without end. Amen.

World without end, without end. Amen.

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

Listening To the Word

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION OF GOD'S WORD

FIRST READING

1 KINGS 19.15-16

(The scripture readings can be found on the back of the bulletin)

ANTHEM

Lord of all Hopefulness

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SECOND READING

GALATIANS 5.1, 13-15

SERMON

"Love your Neighbor"

Rev. David Holden

Responding to the Word

*HYMN

I've Got Peace like a River

Peace like a River

*Affirmation of Faith

The Confessions of 1967

To be reconciled to God is to be sent into the world as God's reconciling community, to share God's labor of healing the hostilities which separate people from God and from each other. Christ has called the church to this Mission and given it the gift of the Holy Spirit. The church follows Christ's pattern in the form of its life and in the method of its action. So to live and serve is to confess Christ as Lord.

SHARING OUR PRAYERS

See prayer concerns list, back page

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*for portions marked with an asterisk, you're invited to rise in body or spirit

THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

GREAT THANKSGIVING

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to the Lord!

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise!

(Prayer continues...)

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

SHARING THE FEAST

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

GIVING BACK TO GOD'S KINGDOM

OFFERTORY

*THE DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, you heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

God Sends Us Forth

*HYMN 837 What a Fellowship, What A Joy Divine SHOWWALTER

*CHARGE & BENEDICTION Irish Blessing (on back cover of Hymnal)

*BLESSING

HYMN 543 We Come as Guests Invited WE LIEBLICH IST DER MAIEN

POSTLUDE

First Reading—1 Kings 19:15-16,19-21

19:15Then the LORD said to him, "Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus; when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael as king over Aram.

19:16Also you shall anoint Jehu son of Nimshi as king over Israel, and you shall anoint Elisha son of Shaphat of Abelmeholah as prophet in your place.

19:19So he set out from there and found Elisha son of Shaphat, who was plowing. There were twelve yoke of oxen ahead of him, and he was with the twelfth. Elijah passed by him and threw his mantle over him.

19:20He left the oxen, ran after Elijah, and said, "Let me kiss my father and my mother, and then I will follow you." Then Elijah said to him, "Go back again, for what have I done to you?"

19:21He returned from following him, took the yoke of oxen, and slaughtered them; using the equipment from the oxen, he boiled their flesh and gave it to the people, and they ate. Then he set out and followed Elijah and became his servant.

Second Reading—Galatians 5:1, 13-25

5:1 For freedom Christ has set us free. Stand firm, therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery. 5:13 For you were called to freedom, brothers and sisters; only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for self-indulgence, but through love become enslaved to one another. 5:14 For the whole law is summed up in a single commandment, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." 5:15 If, however, you bite and devour one another, take care that you are not consumed by one another.

5:16Live by the Spirit, I say, and do not gratify the desires of the flesh. 5:17 For what the flesh desires is opposed to the Spirit, and what the Spirit desires is opposed to the flesh, for these are opposed to each other, to prevent you from doing what you want. 5:18 But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not subject to the law. 5:19 Now the works of the flesh are obvious: sexual immorality, impurity, debauchery, 5:20 idolatry, sorcery, enmities, strife, jealousy, anger, quarrels, dissensions, factions, 5:21envy, drunkenness, carousing, and things like these. I am warning you, as I warned you before: those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.

5:22 By contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, 5:23 gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against such things. 5:24 And those who belong to Christ have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires.

5:25 If we live by the Spirit, let us also be guided by the Spirit



Prayers for Comfort, Concern, and Healing

Autumn Brock; Stephanie McClendon; Calvin Kruse; Bill McAtee; Aaron Ramsey; Tim Noel; Leslie Phillips' parents, J.R & Karen Goff; Don Haney; Rebecca Davis; David & Brenda Bryant; Jeff & Kathy Bishop's daughter, Ashley Kerr; Ed & Joyce Mick; Bill House; Leslie Phillips

Current Giving

| | Rec'd month | Needed | Received | Needed |
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| | of June | Monthly | YTD | YTD |
| Offering | \$28,232 | \$16,522 | \$119,476 | \$99,132 |

Blessing Box Attendant

| This Week | ••••• | ••••• | ••••• | ••••• | Suzanne Kidd |
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| Next Week | ••••• | ••••• | ••••• | ••••• | Marshall Judy |

Deacons:

Linda Cook Rebecca Davis Sue Guffey

Don Haney Nancy Holland Marshall Judy Marci Randall

Elders:

Class of 2025 Class of 2026 Class of 2027

Charles Leveridge Sharon Mandt Jo Salmon Mark Dikeman

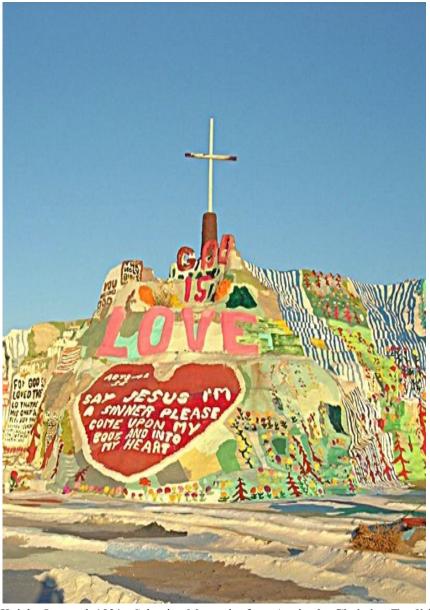
Perry Waller Laura Wright

Worship Assistants Next Week

| Liturgist | J.B. Pitman |
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| UshersLind | a Bonardel & Paula Burlew |
| Audio | Mary Beth Waller |
| Video | Jon Burlew |
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July 4th, 2025
Fourth Sunday After Pentecost



Knight, Leonard, 1931-. Salvation Mountain, from **Art in the Christian Tradition**, a project of the Vanderbilt Divinity Library, Nashville, TN. https://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:Salvation Mountain 001.jpg..

People of God, Welcome Home!

May Christ's peace and presence fill your heart as you worship this day, and may you go forth with the light and love of God shining within you.

We welcome you to worship, and ask that any electronic devices be placed on silent so that all may hear what God has to say.