

“A Christian is a perfectly free lord of all,  
subject to no one. A Christian is a perfectly  
dutiful servant of all, subject to all.”

MARTIN LUTHER

*We invite, encourage, educate and empower  
all people to follow God and serve others.”*

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6<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

July 4, 2021

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## PRELUDE

## WELCOME

## RINGING OF THE BELL

## INVOCATION

*We gather for worship in the name of the Triune God – Father, Son  
and Holy Spirit. **Amen.***

## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

*Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, who forgives all our sin,  
whose mercy endures forever. **Amen.***

*Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and  
from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the  
inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and  
worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.***

*Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.*

Silence is kept for reflection.

*Most merciful God,*

**we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.**

**Amen.**

*In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.*

**HYMN**

*As We Gather at Your Table*

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**As we gather at your table, as we listen to your word,  
help us know, O God, your presence;  
let our hearts and minds be stirred.**

**Nourish us with sacred story till we claim it as our own;  
teach us through this holy banquet  
how to make Love's vict'ry known.**

**Turn our worship into witness in the sacrament of life;  
send us forth to love and serve you,  
bringing peace where there is strife.**

**Give us, Christ, your great compassion  
to forgive as you forgave;**

**may we still behold your image in the world you died to save.**

**Gracious Spirit, help us summon  
other guests to share that feast  
where triumphant Love will welcome  
those who had been last and least.  
There no more will envy blind us  
nor will pride our peace destroy,  
as we join with saints and angels  
to repeat the sounding joy.**

## OPENING PRAYER

*Lord God Almighty,*

**you have made all the peoples of the earth for your glory, to serve you in freedom and in peace: Give to the people of our country a zeal for justice and the strength of forbearance, that we may use our liberty in accordance with your gracious will; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.**

~ from the United Church of Christ in Medfield website. <http://www.uccmedfield.org/>

## SCRIPTURE READING

**1 Corinthians 10:23-11:1**

“All things are lawful,” but not all things are beneficial. “All things are lawful,” but not all things build up. Do not seek your own advantage, but that of the other. Eat whatever is sold in the meat market without raising any question on the ground of conscience, for “the earth and its fullness are the Lord’s.” If an unbeliever invites you to a meal and you are disposed to go, eat whatever is set before you without raising any question on the ground of conscience. But if someone says to you, “This has been offered in sacrifice,” then do not eat it, out of consideration for the one who informed you, and for the sake of conscience— I mean the other’s conscience, not your own. For why should my liberty be subject to the judgment of someone else’s conscience? If I partake with thankfulness, why should I be denounced because of that for which I give thanks?

So, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do everything for the glory of God. Give no offense to Jews or to Greeks or to the church of God, just as I try to please everyone in everything I do, not seeking my own advantage, but that of many, so that they may be saved. Be imitators of me, as I am of Christ.

*The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.*

## SCRIPTURE READING

**Psalms 130**

*To you I lift up my eyes, O you who are enthroned in the heavens!*

**As the eyes of servants look to the hand of their master, as the eyes of a maid to the hand of her mistress, so our eyes look to the LORD our God, until he has mercy upon us.**

*Have mercy upon us, O LORD, have mercy upon us, for we have had more than enough of contempt.*

**Our soul has had more than its fill of the scorn of those who are at ease, of the contempt of the proud.**

## **SCRIPTURE READING**

**Galatians 5:1-14**

For freedom Christ has set us free. Stand firm, therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery.

Listen! I, Paul, am telling you that if you let yourselves be circumcised, Christ will be of no benefit to you. Once again I testify to every man who lets himself be circumcised that he is obliged to obey the entire law. You who want to be justified by the law have cut yourselves off from Christ; you have fallen away from grace. For through the Spirit, by faith, we eagerly wait for the hope of righteousness. For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision counts for anything; the only thing that counts is faith working through love.

You were running well; who prevented you from obeying the truth? Such persuasion does not come from the one who calls you. A little yeast leavens the whole batch of dough. I am confident about you in the Lord that you will not think otherwise. But whoever it is that is confusing you will pay the penalty. But my friends, why am I still being persecuted if I am still preaching circumcision? In that case the offense of the cross has been removed. I wish those who unsettle you would castrate themselves!

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 slaves to one another. For the whole law is summed up in a single commandment, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." If, however, you bite and devour one another, take care that you are not consumed by one another.

*The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.*

## **SERMON**

***"Freedom"***

## **APOSTLES' CREED**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended into hell. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

*Hear our prayer, O God:* **Show us your mercy**

## **OFFERING**

## **OFFERING PRAYER**

## **WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

## **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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

## **HOLY COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION**

## **POST COMMUNION BLESSING AND PRAYER**

## **BENEDICTION**

## **SENDING SONG**

*America, the Beautiful*

#888

**O beautiful for spacious skies, for amber waves of grain,  
for purple mountain majesties above the fruited plain:  
America! America! God shed his grace on thee,  
and crown thy good with brotherhood  
from sea to shining sea.**

**O beautiful for heroes proved in liberating strife,  
who more than self their country loved,  
and mercy more than life:  
America! America! May God thy gold refine,  
till all success be nobleness, and ev'ry gain divine.**

**O beautiful for patriot dream that sees beyond the years  
thine alabaster cities gleam, undimmed by human tears:  
America! America! God mend thine ev'ry flaw,  
confirm thy soul in self-control, thy liberty in law.**

## **DISMISSAL**

*You are the body of Christ. Go in peace. Share the good news.*

**Okay, we will. Thanks be to God.**

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### **Sunday, July 4<sup>th</sup>**

*Independence Day*

**9:30am** Worship @ OSL and live on Facebook/YouTube

*Fellowship following worship*

### **Monday July 5<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday July 6<sup>th</sup>**

*Office closed*

### **Friday July 9<sup>th</sup>-Monday July 12<sup>th</sup>**

*Pastor Deb out with the OSL Community Youth Group summer trip*

### **Sunday, July 11<sup>th</sup>**

**9:30am** Worship @ OSL and live on Facebook/YouTube

*Fellowship following worship*

[www.facebook.com/OSLHermosa](http://www.facebook.com/OSLHermosa)  
[www.youtube.com/TheOSLHermosa](http://www.youtube.com/TheOSLHermosa)

# *In Our Thoughts & Prayers*

## **We Lift in Prayer...**

\*\*Those who are grieving losses of any sort, including the friends and family of Delmar Plamp (cousin to Marvin and Stan Neugebauer and Lois Rudd), Marlin Neugebauer (cousin to Carol Neugebauer); Randy Seidel

\*\*Those recovering from COVID-19, surgeries, and those who are ill or hospitalized, including Marquita Prince (Friend of Linda Morrison); Clay Walberg; Rhonda (Cousin of Suzan Heidelberger); Gary Walberg (father of Clay Walberg); Ron Wagner; Monique (friend of Diana Baschnagel); David Brimer (Son of Iris Brimer); Lois (Mother of Steve Pendegraft); Ashley James

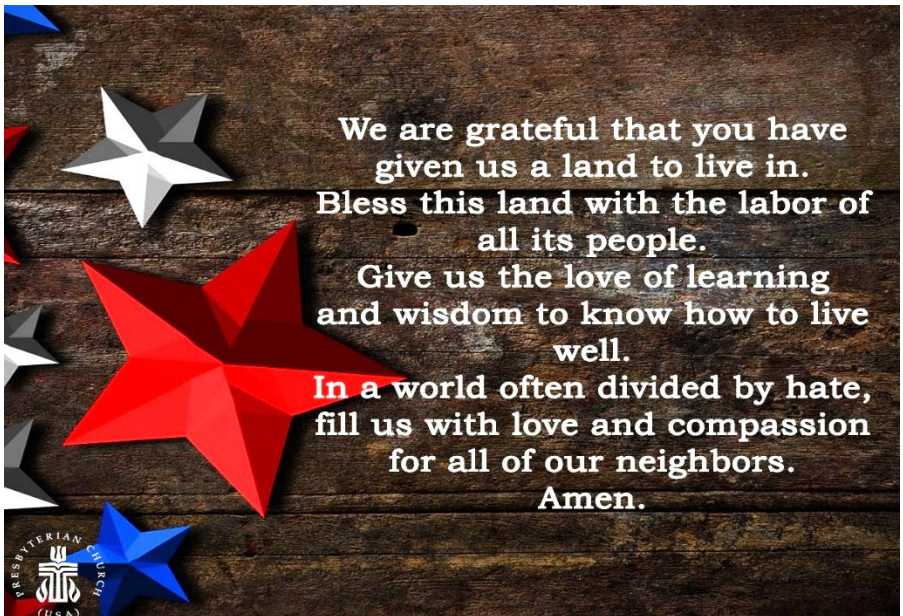
\*\*Those with on-going health concerns, including Shelly (friend of Carla Oerter), Linda (friend of Cathy Dahl); Peg Tesch; Suzan Heidelberger; Chelle Schefcik; Michael (cousin of Donna Zuerlein); Brenda Kummer; Bernadean (mother of Alan Johnson);

\*\*For Bible Camp staff and campers

\*\*For Pastor Deb, Rod and the OSL Community Youth Group as they get ready for their summer trip

\*\*For our leaders at every level

\*\*For our siblings in Christ, our friends and enemies, both near and far.



Mission  
of the  
Month



**Save the Children®**

*U.S. Border Crisis Children's Relief Fund*

**Save the Children**, a humanitarian nonprofit organization, was the first global movement for children, boldly declaring that children have rights. 85% of every dollar you give goes straight to their mission – helping children grow up healthy, learning and safe.

In the United States, Save the Children is supporting programmatic and advocacy work at the U.S.-Mexico border to ensure that children are being protected. Your donation to the U.S. Border Crisis Children's Relief Fund will help them provide care and basic hygiene items to families and children, many of whom are exhausted and overwhelmed after a harrowing journey. Your gift will also help provide safe spaces where families and children can play, rest and receive emotional support.

- \$50 can provide warm blankets to 10 children living in a shelter
- \$100 can treat 15 children who have become malnourished after a long journey
- \$150 can provide towels, cloths, soap, shampoo and more to 10 families

More information about this organization can be found at <https://www.savethechildren.org>.

*To support this mission, drop your donation in the offering plate, the Globe Offering, or the Mission Box in the fellowship hall. (Checks made payable to OSL with "Mission" in the memo line. Thank you for your support!*



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