

Worship Service for July 6, 2025

Welcome and Announcements ~

Jim West

Tuesday ~ The Uplift Cancer Support Group will meet in the fellowship room at 2:30 pm.

Wednesday ~ The Seeking God Together Group will meet at Kay Keith's home at 1 pm and discuss chapters 10-11.

Thursday ~ There is a Prudential Committee Meeting at 4:30 pm at the church and a Missions and Outreach Meeting at 7 pm via zoom.

Friday ~ We have another opportunity to show hospitality and interact with people in our community at the Street Fest from 5:30 – 8:30 pm. Some things that would be helpful are: small bottles of water, sweet snacks, and the gift of presence to set up, sit at the table, or put things away.

Looking Ahead ~ You are invited to celebrate the dedication of Charlotte Dombroski at her baby shower here at the church at 5 pm on Wednesday, July 16th. It will be a chance to meet the youngest person in our church family (she's 10 weeks old) and spend time with her whole family. Please see Pastor Rebecca if you would like any gift ideas.

~ Celebrations ~

Happy Anniversary to Jim and Bonnie Lincoln last Thursday and to Bryan Richheimer and Dottie Sundquist last Saturday.

Happy Birthday to Brittany Dombroski today, to Sara Beavin tomorrow and to Peggy Brockett on Saturday!



*Thank you to Bruce Fielding for flowers
in loving memory of his mother Jean Fielding
and to Lois Squires for flowers
in loving memory of Angie Coolidge.*

Word of Preparation ~

Jim West

Prelude ~ Please join us in this song celebrating *Freedom* as we prepare our hearts for worship.

*Verse~ Where the Spirit of the Lord is there is freedom
Where the Spirit of the Lord is there is freedom
There is peace. There is love. There is joy*

*Pre-Chorus ~ It is for freedom You've set us free
It is for freedom You've set us free*

Chorus

I'm free! I'm free! I'm free! I'm free!

*Bridge ~ We will walk in Your freedom, walk in Your liberty
We will walk in Your freedom, walk in Your liberty
We will dance in Your freedom, dance in Your liberty
We will dance in Your freedom, dance in Your liberty*

[Repeat Pre-chorus and Chorus]

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Call to Worship ~ “A Prayer for the Nation” (#723 in blue hymnal)

“Almighty God, you have given us this good land as our heritage.

Make us always remember your generosity and constantly do your will.

**Bless our land with honest industry,
truthful education, and an honorable way of life.**

Save us from violence, discord, and confusion;
from pride and arrogance and from every evil course of action.

**Make us who came from many nations
with many different languages a united people.**

Defend our liberties and give those whom we have entrusted
with the authority of government the spirit of wisdom
that there might be justice and peace in our land.

**When times are prosperous, let our hearts be thankful;
and in troubled times, do not let our trust in you fail.**

We ask all this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.”

Song ~ “O Beautiful for Spacious Skies” (#720, blue hymnal)

*O, beautiful for spacious skies, for amber waves of grain
For purple mountain majesties above the fruited plain
America! America! God shed full grace on thee
And crown thy good with servanthood 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 every 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 every flaw
Confirm thy soul in self-control, thy liberty in law*

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Praying Together ~

Space for requests

**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**

Song ~ “Eternal Father, Strong to Save” (#85 in the blue hymnal)

*Eternal Father, strong to save, whose arm has bound the restless wave
Who bid the mighty ocean deep its own appointed limits keep
O hear us when we cry to thee for those in peril on the sea
O Savior, whose almighty word the wind and waves submissive heard
Who walked upon the foaming deep, and calm amid its rage did sleep
O hear us when we cry to thee for those in peril on the sea
O Holy Spirit, who did brood upon the chaos wild and rude
And bid its angry tumult cease, and gave for fierce confusion peace
O hear us when we cry to thee for those in peril on the sea
O Trinity of love and power, all travelers guard in danger's hour
From rock and tempest, fire and foe, protect them wheresoe'er they go
Thus evermore shall rise to thee glad praise from air and land and sea
Amen*

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Introducing the Sermon ~ Rev. Rebecca Sommons

Scripture Text ~ Acts 5:12-35, 38-42 (Good News Translation)

¹² Many miracles and wonders were being performed among the people by the apostles. All the believers met together in Solomon's Porch.

¹³ Nobody outside the group dared join them, even though the people spoke highly of them.

¹⁴ But more and more people were added to the group—a crowd of men and women who believed in the Lord.

¹⁵ As a result of what the apostles were doing, sick people were carried out into the streets and placed on beds and mats so that at least Peter's shadow might fall on some of them as he passed by.

¹⁶ And crowds of people came in from the towns around Jerusalem, bringing those who were sick or who had evil spirits in them; and they were all healed. *(Continued on the next page)*

¹⁷ Then the High Priest and all his companions, members of the local party of the Sadducees, became extremely jealous of the apostles; so they decided to take action.

¹⁸ They arrested the apostles and put them in the public jail.

¹⁹ But that night an angel of the Lord opened the prison gates, led the apostles out, and said to them,

²⁰ “Go and stand in the Temple and tell the people all about this new life.”

²¹ The apostles obeyed, and at dawn they entered the Temple and started teaching. The High Priest and his companions called together all the Jewish elders for a full meeting of the Council; then they sent orders to the prison to have the apostles brought before them.

²² But when the officials arrived, they did not find the apostles in prison, so they returned to the Council and reported,

²³ “When we arrived at the jail, we found it locked up tight and all the guards on watch at the gates; but when we opened the gates, we found no one inside!”

²⁴ When the chief priests and the officer in charge of the Temple guards heard this, they wondered what had happened to the apostles.

²⁵ Then a man came in and said to them,

“Listen! The men you put in prison are in the Temple teaching the people!”

²⁶ So the officer went off with his men and brought the apostles back. They did not use force, however, because they were afraid that the people might stone them.

²⁷ They brought the apostles in, made them stand before the Council, and the High Priest questioned them.

²⁸ “We gave you strict orders not to teach in the name of this man,” he said; “but see what you have done! You have spread your teaching all over Jerusalem, and you want to make us responsible for his death!”

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²⁹ Peter and the other apostles answered,

“We must obey God, not men.

³⁰ The God of our ancestors raised Jesus from death, after you had killed him by nailing him to a cross.

³¹ God raised him to his right side as Leader and Savior, to give the people of Israel the opportunity to repent and have their sins forgiven.

³² We are witnesses to these things— we and the Holy Spirit, who is God's gift to those who obey him.”

³³ When the members of the Council heard this, they were so furious that they wanted to have the apostles put to death.

³⁴ But one of them, a Pharisee named Gamaliel, who was a teacher of the Law and was highly respected by all the people, stood up in the Council.

He ordered the apostles to be taken out for a while,

³⁵ and then he said to the Council,

“Fellow Israelites, be careful what you do to these men... If what they have planned and done is of human origin, it will disappear,

³⁹ but if it comes from God, you cannot possibly defeat them. You could find yourselves fighting against God!”

The Council followed Gamaliel's advice.

⁴⁰ They called the apostles in, had them whipped, and ordered them never again to speak in the name of Jesus; and then they set them free.

⁴¹ As the apostles left the Council, they were happy, because God had considered them worthy to suffer disgrace for the sake of Jesus.

⁴² And every day in the Temple and in people's homes they continued to teach and preach the Good News about Jesus the Messiah.

Sermon ~ **“Unstoppable”** ~ Pastor Rebecca Sommons

Song ~

“You Cannot Be Stopped”

*The dark tried to hide You and steal You away
Death tried to keep You inside of the grave
The enemy fought You. He tried but he lost
You cannot be stopped*

*When we cried for freedom You tore down the walls
The weight of our burdens, You carried it all
Our fears and our failures hang dead on the cross
You cannot be stopped*

Chorus

***Mover of mountains, Breaker of chains
Jesus has triumphed over the grave
Sing hallelujah! The battle is won!
Nothing can stand against our God***

*We stand on Your victory and shout out Your praise
Miracle maker, You're mighty to save
Awesome in power, relentless in love
You cannot be stopped*

Chorus

***Bridge ~ There's nothing that can stop our God
There's nothing that can stop our God
There's nothing that can stop our God
There is nothing (there is nothing) [3 times]***

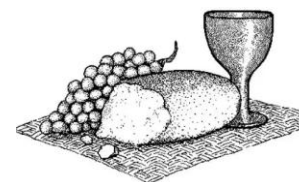
Chorus

*Sing hallelujah! The battle is won!
Nothing can stand against our God*

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Communion ~

Everyone is welcome to partake of the bread and cup from the Lord's Table. Jesus invited us to join Him in this sacred act at the Last Supper just before He was arrested. He knew that the opposition was coming and that He was about to die to secure the eternal freedom for humanity. May we do this in gratitude and remembrance of Him.



Song ~ “Beautiful the Blood”

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Benediction ~

**May you go forth now
as Jesus' brothers and sisters.
Living in freedom,
dedicated to God's salvation purpose
which is far greater than trying to secure your own comfort.
The Lord who calls and sends you
will be with you.
And with Him,
you are unstoppable.**