

Morning Worship

July 4, 2021, 8:45 am

**Denotes Standing, in body and/or spirit
Please remember to silence your cell phones*

WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

Welcome Pastor Chuck

Call to Worship (Responsively) Psalm 78 Leader

Leader: In the daytime he led them with a cloud,
People: **and all night long with a fiery light.**
Leader: He split rocks open in the wilderness,
People: **and gave them drink abundantly as from the deep.**
Leader: Yet he commanded the skies above,
People: **and opened the doors of heaven;**
Leader: he rained down on them manna to eat,
People: **and gave them the bread of heaven.**
Leader: Mortals ate of the bread of angels;
People: **he sent them food in abundance.**

Opening Prayer (Unison) Leader
Holy One, Provider, and Lover of our Souls, we welcome you into this place. We praise you and thank you for the freedom to worship you today. We thank you for those, your servants, that have sacrificed to ensure us those liberties. As the Apostle Paul wrote, *"Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty."* Thank you for your Spirit here today. Please guide us in our worship. Amen.

Opening Hymn "America (My Country 'Tis of Thee)" UMH # 697
(V 1 & 4)

Offering One Another the Peace of Christ

A Time for Children of All Ages Pastor Chuck

WE PROCLAIM THE WORD OF GOD

Old Testament Exodus 16:1-4, 13-18 (NSRV) Leader
Lector: The Word of the Lord.
People: **Thanks be to God!**

Gospel Reading John 21: 4-14 (NSRV) Leader
Lector: The Gospel of the Lord.
People: **Praise to you, Lord Christ!**

Sermon "Jesus Provides" Pastor Chuck

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

Hymn of Response "Amazing Grace (My Chains are Gone)"

Prayer of Confession (Unison) Leader
Heavenly God, we confess that we all too often tend to "go it alone," ignoring the ever-present offering of assistance from you. We forget that you know where the "fish" are. We don't expect you to provide for us. As a result, we struggle and get frustrated at our own inadequacies and failures. But Lord, we were never meant to do it alone. We were never meant to do anything without you. Just as you graciously provided food to the Israelites grumbling in the desert, you graciously served your Disciples struggling in the water. Grant us the wisdom and humility to accept your outstretched hand. Grant us the strength to ask for help – to ask for You. Remind us that you are always on the shore. Thank you for always being there. Amen.

Silent Meditation

Words of Assurance

We Lift Up to God Our Prayers and Concerns

Silent Prayer followed by the Pastoral Prayer

The Offering of our Gifts (Please mail in your offerings)

Doxology

Offering Prayer (Unison)

Heavenly Father, everything we have, and everything we are, is a gift from you. Please take these gifts as an offering of our borrowed treasures, back into your use. Multiply them in your power to

produce more Fruit for your Kingdom of Heaven here on Earth than we could ever produce on our own. More importantly, we offer ourselves to be used in your ministry wherever you would have us serve. May Your will be done. Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Giving of the Bread and Cup

Pastor Chuck

Prayer of Thanksgiving

WE CARRY THE LIGHT OF CHRIST INTO THE WORLD

Sending Hymn

"One Bread, One Body"

UMH # 620

Benediction

Benediction Response "Let There Be Peace on Earth" UMH # 431

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"Growing in the Body of Christ"