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Focus for Next Service

July 12th, 2026

What Is Important?

Seventh Sunday of Kingdomtide

Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

Public WIFI Log-in

PFUMC-Guest *Password: ConnectMe!*

Let us know you are worshipping with us,
whether you are in the Sanctuary or on YouTube.

Please fill out a connect card in your bulletin
or use the comment section on YouTube
to make your prayer request known to the pastor.

He will include your thanks to God

and your prayer concerns in our pastoral prayer.

If you would like to add your prayers to the weekly prayer chain,
contact Karen Lynch at 717-571-5903 or karen_lynch@me.com.

9:00 AM Non-Traditional Service

10:30 AM Traditional Service

All services are live-streamed on our website and YouTube.

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United Methodist Church



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July 5th, 2026

True Freedom

Independence Weekend

10:30 AM Service

Serving Christ, Changing Lives!

*Congregation standing, as able

True Freedom

Prelude

*Call to Worship Shuman p. 166 (Lectionary Worship Aids) alt.

Leader: When people are held captive by others,
or are overwhelmed by natural disasters,
God calls us to be ready;

**People: ready to respond to those in need;
ready to respond to God's freedom.**

Leader: When "friends" persecute us,
or we are at odds with neighbors,
remind us of our call to love;

**People: to love others as deeply as we love ourselves;
to love God with every fiber of our being.**

Leader: For people who see the pain of the world,
for people who know the brokenness of their lives,
God provides a table:

**All: feeding us with grace and hope;
inviting us to eat as one family.**

*Opening Hymn #696 "America the Beautiful"

Opening Prayer Shuman p. 166-167 (Lectionary Worship Aids) alt.

**Holy God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
you set us free from our loneliness
by the touch of another's hand.
You deliver us from our selfishness,
so we may serve others.
You break the chains of our pride,
so we might humbly walk with you.
When we would cling to our anger,
you send us forgiveness to hold our hand.
When we would feast on our bitterness,
you share the bread of heaven.
When we would drink at sin's fountain,
you pour out the cup of salvation.**

You bring us together

**so we might learn to live together,
to love together, to serve together,
so those around us would know that you , O God,
are in our midst. Amen.**

Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament Reading Exodus 12:1-14
Epistle Reading Matthew 26:17-30
Sermon "True Freedom"

*Hymn of Response #363 "And Can It Be that I Should Gain"

Prayer of Confession Kirkland p. 266 (Lectionary Worship Aids) alt.

**Almighty God,
we come into your presence
conscious of our weakness.
When we are puffed up, bring us back to reality.
When our spirits are low, speak words of encouragement.
When we are angry, help us to forgive.
When we are wandering, lead us in the right path.
When we are puzzled, reveal yourself to us.
We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.**

Silent Prayers of Confession

Offering
*Offertory Response #95 "Praise God For Whom...."
*Prayer of Dedication

Pastoral Prayer

Sacrament of Holy Communion
The Prayer of Great Thanksgiving and Consecration #15 & #16
The Lord's Prayer
"using the word *sins* instead of *trespasses*"
Giving and Receiving of the Bread and Cup

*Closing Hymn #437 "This is My Song"

*Benediction
*Choral Response #438 v. 1 "Forth in Thy Name, O Lord"
Postlude