The liturgical color is green for
Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

PRELUDE "How Great Thou Art" arr. Joel Raney
Bonnie Budziak & Amy Bender, piano

WELCOME Kate Colbow, liturgist

***CALL TO WORSHIP**
L: Though we may be inclined to brag, boast and gloat,
C: let us come together with humility.
L: How good a thing it is when all of God's people live together in unity.
Though we may be tempted to use harsh words,
C: let us come together with gentleness.
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Though we may want everything to happen quickly,
C: let us come together with patience.
L: How good a thing it is when all of God's people live together in unity.
Though the world around often encourages hate,
C: let us come together in love.
L: How good a thing it is when all of God's people live together in unity.
In humility, gentleness, patience, love, and unity,
C: let us worship the God who has called us together.

***OPENING HYMN** "We Gather Together" UMH 131

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

OPENING PRAYER
Heavenly Father, we gather as a community, recognizing your power and your might. We are bound by common goals and shared experiences. We come seeking ubuntu (ooo-boon-too), seeking togetherness. May our church be a place of refuge, worship, and togetherness, where we grow in our relationship with you and find comfort in one another. Grant us the wisdom to work together harmoniously, respecting diversity and embracing unity. May our collective efforts bring positive change and a sense of belonging, as we build a community that reflects your love and grace. Amen.

Children invited to stay with families or to go to Sunday School at this time

SCRIPTURE Psalm 133, p. 446

ANTHEM "Battle Hymn of the Republic" arr. Peter J. Wilhousky
Charter Members Men's Choir & Chardon UMC Men's Choir; Linda Prusha, Director

SHARING STORIES OF GOD AT WORK THROUGH CELEBRATIONS & CONCERNS

SILENT PRAYER

PASTORAL PRAYER

MENTOR IN MINISTRY

SHARING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY "How Can I Keep from Singing?" arr. Bradley Ellingboe

***DOXOLOGY #94**
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts!
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

***HYMN OF CENTERING** "Blessed Assurance" UMH 369
Hymn History: The music to this hymn was written by Phoebe Knapp. She was born in New York City in 1839. Her parents were religious teachers and were estimated to have converted forty thousand souls in their lifetimes. Phoebe married Jospeh Knapp who was the president of Metropolitan Life Insurance Company. They had three children. Jospeh had a pipe organ installed in their New York City apartment, considered to be the largest pipe organ in the world in a private residence. The Knapps were members of the John Street Methodist Episcopal Church (now known as John Street United Methodist Church) located in Lower Manhattan near Ground Zero. It is considered the first Methodist church in America. In 1873, Phoebe composed the music of this hymn to the text written by fellow John Street church member, Fannie Crosby (1820-1915). Phoebe Knapp died in Poland, Maine in 1908.

SCRIPTURES Acts 4:32-35 NIV, p. 772

MESSAGE "Together: Ubuntu"
Rev. Dr. Ivy Smith

HOLY COMMUNION UMH 12

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. Amen.

**Congregation invited to stand if able*

***BENEDICTION**

***BENEDICTION SUNG RESPONSE** "Go Now In Peace"

Go now in peace. Never be afraid. God will go with you each hour of every day.
Go now in faith, steadfast, strong, and true. Know He will guide you in all you do.
Go now in love, and show you believe. Reach out to others so all the world can see.
God will be there watching from above. Go now in peace, in faith, and in love.
Amen. Amen. Amen.

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POSTLUDE "Fantasia on OLD HUNDRETH" Gordon Young

Altar Flowers are presented by Debra & Dale Lewis

In Honor of their daughters Tiffany Hughes & Mallory Miller

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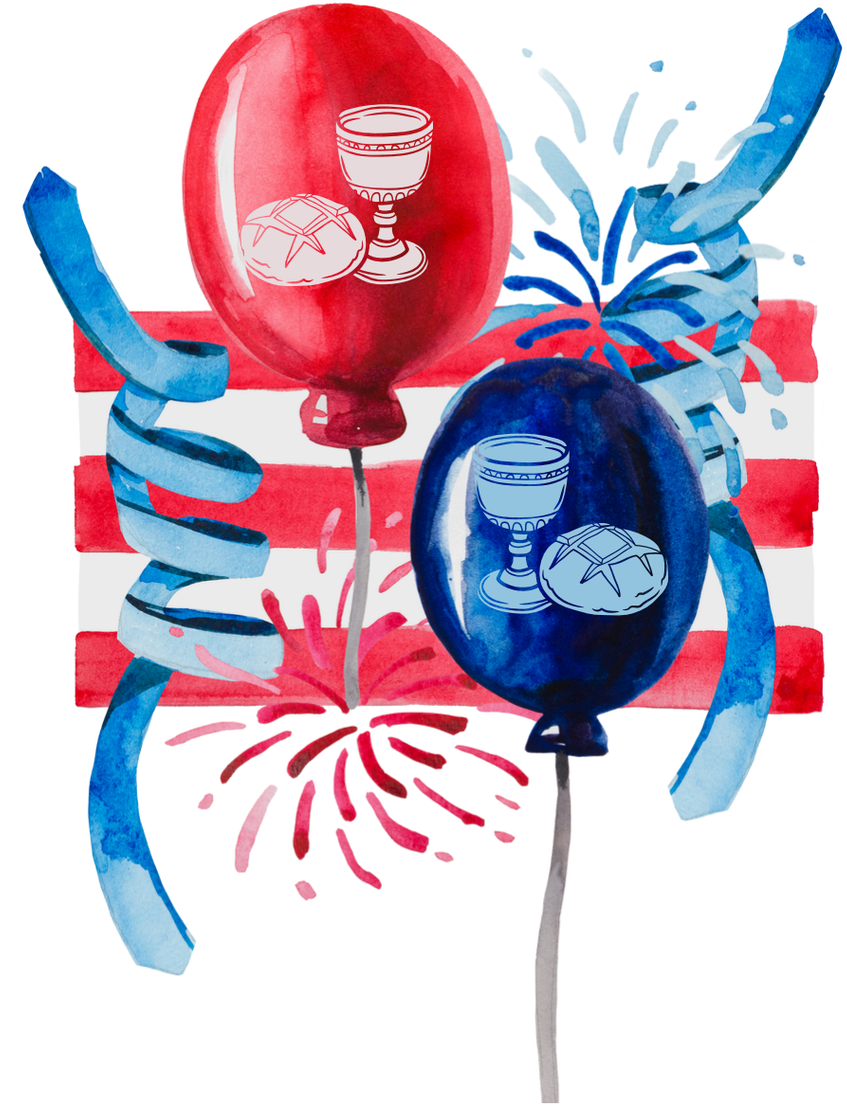

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