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Called to Freedom

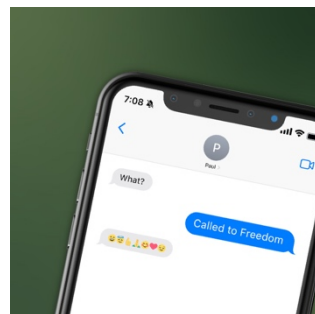
Third Sunday After Pentecost – Year C

Welcome and Announcements

Opening Prayer

2025 Annual Conference Report – Mrs. Lisa West

Wesley Chapel UMC



Call to Worship

**** P – Pastor Bold – C: Congregation responds ****

P: Our freedom comes as life in the Spirit.

C: We reject the works based only on our fleshly desires.

P: We live a new life of spirit and truth.

C: Let us worship the Lord in full spirit. Amen!

Our Statement of Faith – The Apostles Creed p. 881 UMH

**** All to recite in unison ****

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth;
And in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by
the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius
Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he rose from
the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand
of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge
the quick 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!

The Gloria Patri p. 70 UMH

*Glory be to the Father
and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning,
is now and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen, Amen.*

Opening Hymn – O God, Our Help in Ages Past p. 117 UMH
vv. 1, 2, 4, 7

Sharing Our Praises & Prayers

Pastoral Prayer & Lord's Prayer

Offering – Ushers come forward

Doxology p. 95 UMH

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heav'nly host,
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

Old Testament Reading – Psalm 77:1-2, 11-20 (NRSVue)

**** L – Leader Bold – C: Congregation responds ****

L: ¹ I cry aloud to God, aloud to God, that he may hear me.

C: ² **In the day of my trouble I seek the Lord; in the night my hand
is stretched out without wearying; my soul refuses to be
comforted.**

L: ¹¹ I will call to mind the deeds of the Lord; I will remember your

wonders of old.

C: ¹² I will meditate on all your work and muse on your mighty deeds.

L: ¹³ Your way, O God, is holy. What god is so great as our God?

C: ¹⁴ You are the God who works wonders; you have displayed your might among the peoples.

L: ¹⁵ With your strong arm you redeemed your people, the descendants of Jacob and Joseph. *Selah*

C: ¹⁶ When the waters saw you, O God, when the waters saw you, they were afraid; the very deep trembled.

L: ¹⁷ The clouds poured out water; the skies thundered; your arrows flashed on every side.

C: ¹⁸ The crash of your thunder was in the whirlwind; your lightnings lit up the world; the earth trembled and shook.

L: ¹⁹ Your way was through the sea, your path through the mighty waters, yet your footprints were unseen.

C: ²⁰ You led your people like a flock by the hand of Moses and Aaron.

Hymn – A Might Fortress is Our God p. 110 UMH vv. 1, 2, 4

New Testament Reading – Galatians 5:1, 11-23 (NRSVue)

¹ For freedom Christ has set us free. Stand firm, therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery. ¹³ 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 enslaved to one another. ¹⁴ For the whole law is summed up in a single commandment, “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” ¹⁵ If, however, you bite and devour one another, take care that you are not consumed by one another. ¹⁶ Live by the

Spirit, I say, and do not gratify the desires of the flesh. ¹⁷ For what the flesh desires is opposed to the Spirit, and what the Spirit desires is opposed to the flesh, for these are opposed to each other, to prevent you from doing what you want. ¹⁸ But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not subject to the law. ¹⁹ Now the works of the flesh are obvious: sexual immorality, impurity, debauchery, ²⁰ idolatry, sorcery, enmities, strife, jealousy, anger, quarrels, dissensions, factions, ²¹ envy, drunkenness, carousing, and things like these. I am warning you, as I warned you before: those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God. ²² By contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, ²³ gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against such things. ²⁴ And those who belong to Christ have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. ²⁵ If we live by the Spirit, let us also be guided by the Spirit.

Sermon – Called to Freedom

Closing Hymn: Lord, I Want to Be a Christian p. 402 UMH
vv. 1, 2, 4

Benediction & Commission

Children of God: you are loved into freedom, set loose on the world to share the gifts of the Holy Spirit, so go and love your neighbor, all of your neighbors, as you love yourself, in the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Amen!

Lectionary Readings beginning June 30, 2025

2 Kings 5:1-14 | Psalm 30 | Galatians 6:1-16 | Luke 10:1-11, 16-20

Announcements

- Our traditional July 4th Celebration will take place today at 12:30 PM. Hot dogs and hamburgers, with all the fixings, along with yummy desserts will be served and bluegrass music will entertain us. Invite your friends and families, bring your yard chair, and come on out.

Prayer List

Steve and Lena Gough

All who are serving our country at home and abroad

Church Family

Wayne Bumgardner

Frank Dalton

Sherry Doub

Frances V. Gough

Church Friend / Extended Family

Tommy Bost

Tammy Seats Boyd

Jimmy & Deborah Branch

Jane Bullin

Leisha Carpenter

Joe Dean

Mack Edwards

Joanne Everhart

Mary File

Garry Harbin

Kathy Harbin

Lynda Harper

Ronald Howell

David Joyner

Amber Lambert

Kevin McBride

Kevin McDaniel

Mark Megela

Dawn Proctor

Jay D. Prevette

Vivian Royal

Mary Ellen Smith

Kim Triplette

Mark Wall

Ann Wallace

Robert and Susan Warren

Savannah Wooten

JULY BIRTHDAYS

Tyler Manring	2	Randall Pitts	14
Samantha Gould	5	Cara Blackburn	15
Clint Hunter	5	Randy Edwards	17
Carolyn Perdue	5	Kathy Harbin	20
Peggy Willard	11	Alan Hunter	25
Erin Collins	12	Baron Tate Doub	29

Wesley Covenant Prayer

I am no longer my own, but thine. Put me to what thou wilt, rank me with whom thou wilt.

Put me to doing, put me to suffering.

Let me be employed by thee or laid aside for thee, exalted for thee, or brought low for thee.

Let me be full, let me be empty.

Let me have all things, let me have nothing.

I freely and heartily yield all things to thy pleasure and disposal.

And now, O glorious and blessed God,

Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, thou art mine, and I am thine. So be it. And the covenant which I have made on earth, let it be ratified in heaven. Amen!

SERMON NOTES

- Where did you hear God speaking to you in today's message?
- What main thought(s) can you use this coming week?
- Did you hear anything new and/or different from the scripture or the message today?
- What reaffirmed or challenged you?
- Additional thoughts and/or ideas?