

Order of Worship

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

July 4, 2021

The liturgical color is red remembering the Holy Spirit coming to the Church.

We lift up prayers for the community, our church family, staff, ministers, and for the work of Christ in the world.

Prelude "Down to the River to Pray" arr. Crowe
Brass
(The Prelude is a pathway into the presence of God. Let the worshipers remain silent and contemplative.)

* **Opening Hymn** "National Hymn" McChesney
Brass, Handbells, Organ *(words on pg. 3)*

* **Pledge of Allegiance**
I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America and to the Republic for which it stands,
one Nation, under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

* **Pledge to the Christian Flag**
I pledge allegiance to the Christian flag and to the Savior for whose kingdom it stands.
One brotherhood, uniting all mankind, in service and love.

* **Pledge to the Bible**
I pledge allegiance to the Bible, God's Holy Word. I will make it a lamp unto my feet and a light
unto my path and will hide its words in my heart that I might not sin against God.

Welcome Rev. Dr. George K. Howle

* **Affirmation of Faith** UMH #881

* **The Gloria Patri** UMH #70
*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.*

Pastoral Prayer Rev. Jennifer Hupko

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.*

Celebrating Grace by Returning God's Tithes and Giving Our Offerings
(Offering Stewards will come forward at this time)

Offertory "Lead Me, Lord" arr. D.S. Ferguson

* **The Doxology** "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" UMH #95
*Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.*
*(11:00 | Children 3 years old to 1st Grade are invited to attend Little Church.
Please pick your child up following the service in room 201, Wesley Bldg.)*

* Hymn of Preparation	“God Bless America” Brass, Handbells, Organ	arr. Wilson <i>(words on pg. 3)</i>
Sermon Text	Isaiah 2:4	Sherrill Allen 8:30 Annette Willett 11:00
Anthem	“America the Beautiful” Brass, Handbells	arr. Sherman
Sermon	“Religious Freedom”	Rev. Howle
* Closing Hymn	“Battle Hymn of the Republic” Brass, Handbells, Organ	arr. Dobrinski <i>(words on pg. 3)</i>
* Benediction	<i>(Please be seated for the Postlude.)</i>	Rev. Howle
Postlude	“Patriotic Celebration” Handbells, Flute, Percussion	arr. McChesney

() Please stand as you are able*

The Flowers that beautify our sanctuary today are given to the Glory of God and in memory of Robert “Bob” Poston’s heavenly birthday on July 2nd by Phyllis Poston.

Flowers are needed for the following dates: Aug 15, 22; Sept 5, 12, 19, 25. To place flowers in honor or in memory of a loved one, please contact Jennifer Julian in the church office, 843-448-7164 or jennifer@fumcmb.org.

Thank you to the following musicians for their contribution to the service today:

Brass & Percussion—James Seidell, *Trumpet*; Estaban Pope, *Trumpet*; Jennifer Egan, *French Horn*; Jason Coker, *Trombone*; Dave Howard, *Tuba*; Mark Roddy, *Timpani*; Charles Dumas, *Director*.

Adult Handbell Choir—Kathy Brittain, Preston Bowers, Denise Daniels, Glen Daniels, Debbie Duncan, Jamie Eagerton, Dabney Joyner, Mary Margaret Kittle, Melinda Morgan, Darlene Rebeck, Kathy Rodwell, Ginny Roof, Susan Wagner, Willa Wrenn; Lisa Washburn, *Flute*, and Jayne Smith, *Director*.

D. Scott Ferguson, *Organist*.

We welcome our guests today and pray that you will experience the presence of Christ in our worship together.

Sunday Worship may be viewed Live on Facebook at 8:30AM or on the website (www.fumcmb.org), on our mobile app, or on FOX TV Sundays at 10AM on channel 7 (one week delay).

Mask and distancing requirements for those vaccinated are optional; please be respectful of others.

“National Hymn”

God of our fathers, whose almighty hand leads forth in beauty all the starry band.
Of shining worlds in splendor through the skies, our grateful songs before Thy throne arise.

Thy love divine hath led us in the past, in this free land by Thee our lot is cast;
be Thou our ruler, guardian, guide and stay, Thy word our law, Thy paths our chosen way.

From war's alarms, from deadly pestilence, be Thy strong arm our ever sure defense;
Thy true religion in our hearts increase, Thy bounteous goodness nourish us in peace.

Refresh Thy people on their toilsome way, lead us from night to never-ending day;
fill all our lives with love and grace divine, And glory, laud, and praise be ever Thine.

“God Bless America”

God bless America, land that I love; stand beside her and guide her
through the night with the light from above
From the mountains to the prairies to the oceans white with foam

God bless America, my home sweet home
God bless America, my home sweet home *(repeat)*

“America the Beautiful”

America! America! God shed His grace on thee
And crown thy good with brotherhood from sea to shining sea! *[Refrain only]*

“Battle Hymn of the Republic”

Mine eyes have seen the glory of the coming of the Lord
He is trampling out the vintage where the grapes of wrath are stored
He have loosed the fateful lightening of his terrible swift sword
His truth is marching on.

Glory, Glory hallelujah
Glory, Glory hallelujah
Glory, Glory hallelujah
His truth is marching on

I have seen him in the watch-fires of a hundred circling camps
They have builded him an altar in the evening dews and damps
I have read his righteous sentence by the dim and flaring lamps
His truth is marching on. *[Refrain]*

In the beauty of the lilies Christ was born across the sea
With a glory in his bosom that transfigures you and me
As he died to make men holy let us live to make men free
His truth is marching on. *[Refrain, 2 times]*

Assisting in Worship

USHERS FOR JULY

8:30 TBD

11:00 Captain: **Annette Willett**; Ed Willett, John Poupore, Dennis Ruby

VIDEO | Jim Lewis

AUDIO | Dan Fleming

Festive Brass will present their Patriotic Concert here on **Sunday, July 4th, 5:30PM**. Free admission; donations accepted.

VETERANS! First Church wants to maintain a current list of our Veterans so that we may recognize your service on various occasions during the year. Please provide your **name and branch of service** to the church office by phone, 843-448-7164, or email jennifer@fumcmb.org.

FAITH FAMILY FITNESS—WEDNESDAY, July 7th @ 6PM—North Campus.

FUMC Thrift Store needs volunteers to sort/size inventory while the store is closed. Please call Jean Clemmons at 843-283-7473 to **volunteer/help**. Please refer to The Steeple for more information.

Youth—July 4, No Youth Group tonight.

No construction experience needed. Join us for the Conway **Habitat for Humanity FUMC build day Saturday, July 10th**. Minimum age, 16. Contact Rod Adelstone for more information, rod@habitatmb.org.

All **First Church** 2021 graduating **seniors** and current **college students**—join us on **Sunday, July 11th at 6:00PM** in the **church parlor** for a pizza **dinner and dessert**. **RSVP to Rev. Meredith** at 864-597-9525 or mmdark@umcsc.org.

Join us for **Ladies Lunch & Devotion**, Wednesday, **July 14th**, 11:30AM at Magnolia's, upstairs.

A representative from **AngelicHealth Hospice Care** will speak at the Congregational Care Group meeting on **Thursday, July 15th at 10:30AM in the Parlor and Sunday, July 18th at 9:45AM in the Chapel** (during the Sunday School hour). All are welcome to attend.

Vacation Bible School will be **July 19-22, 2021** at our North Campus soccer field. Registration online at www.fumcmb.org.

Stephen Ministries offers a proven way to organize, equip and supervise a team of congregation members to provide high-quality one-to-one crisis-centered care. If you desire to serve, please contact Gerrie Watson at 843-424-9965 or Rev. Meredith Dark at 843-448-7164 for details.

OPEN REGISTRATION 2021-22 Kindergarten Enrollment. Register Online: www.fumamb.org or contact: Melody Gildner, 585-770-4183, or mgildner@fumamb.org.

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