

ST. JOHN'S UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
"Bringing People to Christ and Christ to People"

June 21, 2026

9:45 a.m.

Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

PRELUDE (*Please prepare your hearts and minds for worship.*)

LIGHTING OF THE ALTAR CANDLES

WELCOME – *A hearing assistance system and large print materials are available. See an usher.*

***CALL TO WORSHIP** (**Please rise in body or spirit.*)

Leader: If you are tired from carrying heavy burdens,

People: come to me and I will give you rest.

Leader: Take the yoke I give you.

People: Put it on your shoulders and learn from me.

Leader: I am gentle and humble, and you will find rest.

People: This yoke is easy to bear, and this burden is light.

Leader: Christ calls us to come to worship

People: To rest from the things that are troubling us

Leader: To learn what Christ can teach of life

People: To realize what we can offer to others and so to return into the world to serve. Let us worship God

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***HYMN** *Great is Thy Faithfulness*

UMH 140

SCRIPTURE READING

Leviticus 25: 1-7

The Lord said to Moses at Mount Sinai, ²"Speak to the Israelites and say to them: 'When you enter the land I am going to give you, the land itself must observe a sabbath to the Lord. ³For six years sow your fields, and for six years prune your vineyards and gather their crops. ⁴But in the seventh year the land is to have a year of sabbath rest, a sabbath to the Lord. Do not sow your fields or prune your vineyards. ⁵Do not reap what grows of itself or harvest the grapes of your untended vines. The land is to have a year of rest. ⁶Whatever the land yields during the sabbath year

will be food for you—for yourself, your male and female servants, and the hired worker and temporary resident who live among you, ⁷as well as for your livestock and the wild animals in your land. Whatever the land produces may be eaten.

The Word of God for the People of God.

Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE FOR YOUNG CHRISTIANS

WORSHIP WITH TITHES AND OFFERINGS

*DOXOLOGY

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.

*BLESSING THE OFFERING

SHARING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER/LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed by 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, the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

HYMN *Praise to the Lord* (vs 1,2,4)

UMH 139

SCRIPTURE

Leviticus 25: 13-22

“In this Year of Jubilee everyone is to return to their own property. ¹⁴“If you sell land to any of your own people or buy land from them, do not take advantage of each other. ¹⁵You are to buy from your own people on the basis of the number of years since the Jubilee. And they are to sell to you on the basis of the number of years left for harvesting crops. ¹⁶When the years are many, you are to increase the price, and when the years are few, you are to decrease the price, because what is really being sold to you is the number of crops. ¹⁷Do not take advantage of each other, but fear your God. I am the Lord your

God. ¹⁸“Follow my decrees and be careful to obey my laws, and you will live safely in the land. ¹⁹Then the land will yield its fruit, and you will eat your fill and live there in safety. ²⁰You may ask, “What will we eat in the seventh year if we do not plant or harvest our crops?” ²¹I will send you such a blessing in the sixth year that the land will yield enough for three years. ²²While you plant during the eighth year, you will eat from the old crop and will continue to eat from it until the harvest of the ninth year comes in.

MESSAGE “The Gift of Rest”

***HYMN** *Softly and Tenderly (vs 1,2,4)* **UMH 348**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

***BENEDICTION**

***CHORAL BENEDICTION** *Something Beautiful* **UMH 394**

EXTINGUISHING OF ALTAR CANDLES

POSTLUDE

**Music Director: Mike Nelson
Videographer: Roger Vandegrift
ASL Interpreter: Lynn Kohler
Liturgist: Lori Nelson**

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☞ Announcements ☞

Pastor Shannon will be on vacation this week. Should you need emergency pastoral support, please contact

Pastor Karen Sadvari at 610-955-7671

MISSIONS TEAM MEETING – Today after the service

ONE BOARD MEETING – Monday, June 22 at 6:30 p.m. via Zoom. Please see Linda Stark for the link. Everyone is welcome!

MONTHLY CHURCH DINNER – Tuesday, June 23 at 5:30 p.m. at The Candied Yam (located at 733 Roland Street in the Goliath Shopping Center near Acme). Please let Jean Powell know if you plan to attend.

PASTOR WELCOME/CELEBRATION DINNER – A covered dish dinner to celebrate Pastor Shannon's full-time appointment will be held on the first Sunday in July (July 5).

FAMILY FUN NIGHTS – Every Tuesday in July from 6:00-7:30 p.m., featuring dinner and a family activity. Everyone welcome.

FIRST BAPTIST FOOD BANK – Requests include diced tomatoes, spaghetti sauce, canned meat (chicken, corned beef, salmon, spam, tuna), snacks, and toilet paper. Donations due the first Sunday of the month.

SEVENTH DAY ADVENTIST FAMILY SUPPORT – Requests include: rice, beans, corn flour, vegetable oil, sugar, spaghetti noodles and sauce, and feminine hygiene products.

PRAYER CHAIN – For the next few weeks, please call or text Linda Stark at 410-726-2635. Wishing Pat a speedy recovery!

NEWSLETTER – Submit information by the 20th of the month to Paul Nelson at pnelson37@gmail.com

SOCIAL HOUR – See Buddy Pennewell or Cathy Grim to help.