

Affton Presbyterian Church

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**July 4, 2021
Independence Day**



Service for the Lord's Day

Words of Welcome & Announcements

Prelude

↑Call to Worship

You awaken the sun, O God, to guide us into the new day:

Your name, O God, like your praise, sings in every person.

You speak your Word, O God, to guide us into your kingdom:

Your hope, O God, like your joy, echoes in every soul.

You guide us to those who are looking for you:

Your love, O God, like your name, fills the emptiness of every heart.

↑Hymn #561 “My Country, ‘Tis of Thee”

Prayer of Confession

You know how stubborn we can be, Holy God. You call us to serve others, and we stay in the coolness of our own homes. You would send us to where the hopeless live, but we are reluctant to leave the comfort of our complacency. You would feed us on the peace and joy of your word, but we pull our chairs up to the tables of those who serve false promises.

Forgive us, Guiding God. Transform our defiance into discipleship, and our rejection of others into the resurrection of welcoming all people as sisters and brothers in Christ. Help us to love as faithfully as you have always loved us and send us forth to take the good news of Jesus Christ to everyone we meet. Amen

Assurance of Pardon

↑Response “Gloria Patri”

Passing the Peace

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture Galatians 5:13

Sermon “Freedom Isn't Free” Reverend Darrell Coats, author

↑Hymn #262 “God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand”

↑Affirmation of Faith *The Apostles' Creed*

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 Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on 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 Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

Offering

Please place offerings in collection plate on the table upon entering or exiting the building. Checks can also be mailed to the church or donations made online.

↑Response of Praise “Doxology”

↑Prayer of Dedication

As we have heard, so we have seen God's compassion in our lives. As we have seen, so we will live, offering our gifts to God, so others might know God's steadfast love is present with them in every moment. Amen.

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

↑Hymn #564 “O Beautiful for Spacious Skies”

↑Charge and Benediction

Postlude

The people serving you...

Musician: Lynette Milles

Liturgist: Anna Belveal

Sermon reading: Karen Murawski

Please remember in your prayers...

Bill Campey, Diane Kauffmann, Jeff Maze, Joe Maze and Clyde O'Bryan.

ZOOM Instructions for homebound:

Meet with us online or via phone at 10 am: Look under “Updates” on our site to join online or call 312-626-6799 and when prompted enter the Meeting ID: 942 617 477 (followed by #).

*When asks for a Participant ID number, dial #. On the phone, dial *6 to mute or unmute yourself. If asked for a password, enter 3410.*