

Independence Day Sunday

July 2, 2023 – 10:55 A.M.

*Please stand as you are able

ENTRANCE

MEDITATIVE MUSIC		Jeanne Banks, Pianist
ANNOUNCEMENTS		Rev. Will Waller
CHIMING THE HOUR		
OPENING VOLUNTARY	<i>Patriotic Melody—Martin</i>	Lynn Meeks, Organist
ACOLYTE MINISTRY		

GREETING

*CALL TO WORSHIP Caleb Godfrey and Bella Godfrey, Liturgists

L: We gather together to worship, knowing that God is already here among us;

P: We know that there is nothing that separates us from the presence of our Lord.

L: Wherever we are, wherever we go,

P: God is near.

L: So let us enter into this service of worship with confidence and hope,

P: Knowing that God is already with us, and that He stands eager to meet us and bless us with His love.

*HYMN OF PRAISE *Come, Christians, Join to Sing* No. 158

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *The Apostles' Creed* No. 881

INVITATION TO THE CHILDREN *Where Children Belong* TFWS No. 2233

CHILDREN'S TIME Rev. Waller

(Afterwards, children in preschool through 2nd grade may go to Children's Church.)

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

SCRIPTURE LESSON Hebrews 10:19-25 New Testament pg. 211

L: The Word of God for the people of God.

P: Thanks be to God!

SERMON *Superheroes: John* Rev. Waller

OFFERTORY *God Bless America—Berlin* Chancel Choir

(Please tear off the pew pad attendance sheet and place in the offering plate.)

*THE DOXOLOGY *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* No. 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 THANKSGIVING

PRAYER REQUESTS

CALL TO PRAYER *Spirit of the Living God* No. 393

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me. Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me. Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

PRAYER (in unison) *Jesu, Thy Boundless Love to Me* No. 183

ANTHEM *El Shaddai—Thompson* Kelly Henshaw, Soloist

INVITATION, CONFESSION AND PARDON No. 12

THE PRAYER OF GREAT THANKSGIVING

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.

GIVING THE BREAD AND CUP

At the invitation of an usher, please use a center aisle to come to a Communion Station. After receiving a piece of bread, please place it in the chalice of juice and eat it. A gluten-free station is located at the center of the Communion Rail. Afterwards, please return to your seat via a side aisle. All offerings left at the Rail are used in our "Helping Fund," supporting emergency needs for Franklin County residents.

(Individual communion containers will be available if you would like to use them.)

SENDING FORTH

*CLOSING HYMN *And Are We Yet Alive* No. 553

*THE ACOLYTE MINISTRY

*BENEDICTION

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE *As We Go*

As we go, may your spirit go before us. As we go, may we follow where you lead.

May we live what we have learned, share the message we have heard,
and be a light unto the world, as we go.

*GOING FORTH Rev. Waller

*POSTLUDE Mrs. Meeks

The flowers on the altar are given by Jack Watts to the Glory of God and in celebration and honor of the valiant efforts that led to America's Independence.

Serving Today:

Liturgists: Caleb Godfrey and Bella Godfrey
Greeter: Glenda Thompson
Acolytes: Lucas Call and Levi Call
Usher: Bobby Thompson
Children's Church: Jessica Call
Nursery: Mittie Hambrick
Counters: Bobby Thompson, Jack Watts

Serving Next Week July 9):

Liturgist: Steve Angle
Greeters: Jake and Jane Waller
Acolyte: Landry Foutz
Usher: Benny Board
Children's Church: Linda C. Handy
Nursery: Callie Angle
Counters: Linda Handy, Charlotte Hill

Elementary Small Group at 10:00 a.m. (July 9)

Emily Waller

Prayer Concerns:

Our country, our church and those serving in our armed forces; People of Ukraine; Willie Denny; Arnold Dillon, Sr.; Rodney Cundiff; Bob Huffman; Debbie Caulder; Jack Dillon; Jason Lavinder; Hazel Henderson; Lillie Hatchett; Jerry Davis; Barbara Huffman; Lynn Cooper; Betty Dillon; CO Brickey; Jennifer Cooper; John Cooper; Dr. Matthew and Amanda Billups (Jack Watts); Don Angle (Steve Angle); Mike Shea (Enna Roseberry); Debbie Ford (Ben Whitesell); and Dennis Holland (Cyndee Holland).

Forget-Me-Nots:

Kathleen Higgins

**Will Waller, Pastor
Lynn M. Meeks, Director of Music/Diaconal Minister
Jeanne Banks, Pianist
Valerie Latimer, Administrative Assistant
Jennifer Ardis, Nursery Attendant
Rebecca Dillon, Children's Church Coordinator
Brad Hodges, Custodian**

Meetings and Announcements:

- Tuesday, July 4** **The church office will be closed in observance of Independence Day**

- Next Sunday, July 9** **10:00 a.m.**, Small Groups
 10:55 a.m., Worship

- Tuesday, July 11** **6:00 p.m.**, Trustees Committee Meeting
 7:00 p.m., Staff/Parish Relations Committee Meeting

- Wednesday, July 12** **7:00 p.m.**, Chancel Choir

- Sunday, July 16** **10:15 a.m.**, Chancel Choir

- Monday, July 17** **August Newsletter Deadline**

- Wednesday, July 19** **6:00 p.m.**, Nominations and Leadership Development Meeting

Assistive listening devices are available outside the sanctuary.

Save the date!!!! Family pool party on August 6 at 5:00 p.m. at Furnace Creek Swim Club. All families and youth invited! Individuals who are not members of Furnace Creek Swim Club will be required to pay a \$5 fee. Potluck style, so bring a dish to share with everyone!!

Rocky Mount United Methodist Church announces an opening for a Part-time Office Manager. The hours for this position will be Monday through Thursday 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and will begin at the beginning of August. We are looking for a person who has excellent writing skills and can communicate well with the pastor and staff. Some duties would include greet visitors and direct incoming phone calls, type and print the weekly worship bulletins, type, print and mail the monthly newsletters, maintain a calendar of church events and special activities, and maintain the church website and online calendar. We prefer the applicant to be strongly proficient with social media. Please send a resume to sprc@rm-umc.org.

We are collecting green beans and corn for Heavenly Manna this month. Please put your donations in the barrel located in the narthex. Thank You!

Pastor Will will be on vacation from the afternoon of Sunday, July 2 through July 5. If you have an emergency, please call Rev. Clayton Payne (434-258-9515).