

**Order of Worship**  
**Friendship United Methodist Church**  
**Sunday, July 13, 2025**

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**Gathering**  
**Greeting/Announcements**

***"This Is The Day"***

**\*Call to Worship**

**from Psalm 24**

**L:** Lift up your heads, O gates!  
and be lifted up, O ancient doors,  
that the King of glory may come in!

**P:** *Who is the King of glory?*  
*The Lord, strong and mighty,*  
*the Lord, mighty in battle.*

**L:** Lift up your heads, O gates!  
and be lifted up, O ancient doors,  
that the King of glory may come in!

**P:** *Who is this King of glory?*  
*The Lord of hosts,*  
*he is the King of glory.*

*All: O come, let us worship the Lord.*

**\*Invocation**

**Shirley Waldrum**

**\* Hymn of Praise**

**CWH #9**

***"Come Thou Almighty King"***  
*Come, Thou Almighty King,*  
*help us Thy name to sing;*  
*help us to praise:*  
*Father, all glorious,*  
*o'er all victorious,*  
*come, and reign over us,*  
*Ancient of Days.*

*Come, Thou Incarnate Word,*  
*gird on Thy mighty sword,*  
*our pray'r attend:*  
*come, and Thy people bless,*  
*and give Thy Word success:*  
*Spirit of holiness,*  
*on us descend.*

*Come, Holy Comforter,*  
*Thy sacred witness bear*  
*in this glad hour:*  
*Thou who almighty art,*  
*now rule in every heart,*  
*and ne'er from us depart,*  
*Spirit of pow'r.*

*To Thee, great One in Three,*  
*eternal praises be*  
*hence, evermore.*  
*His sov'reign majesty*  
*may we in glory see,*  
*and to eternity*  
*love and adore!*

**\*Affirmation of Faith**

**UMH #883**

*We are not alone,*  
*we live in God's world.*  
*We believe in God:*  
*who has created and is creating,*  
*who has come in Jesus,*  
*the Word made flesh,*  
*to reconcile and make new,*  
*who works in us and others by the Spirit.*  
*We trust in God.*  
*We are called to be the Church:*  
*to celebrate God's presence,*  
*to love and serve others,*  
*to seek justice and resist evil,*

*to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,  
our judge and our hope.  
In life, in death, in life beyond death,  
God is with us.  
We are not alone.  
Thanks be to God.*

**\*Gloria Patri**

**UMH # 70**

**Scripture Reading**

**Matthew 1:18-24**

*Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be pregnant from the Holy Spirit. Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to divorce her quietly. But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." All this took place to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet:*

*"Look, the virgin shall become pregnant and give birth to a son,  
and they shall name him Emmanuel,"*

*which means, "God is with us." When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife*

**L:** This is the Word of God, for the people of God.

**P:** *Thanks be to God!*

**Offertory Prayer**

**Rev. Spore**

**Musical Offering**

**Linda Pease**

*As the Spirit leads, those worshipping in person may place their gifts  
in the offering plates located near the doors of the sanctuary.*

**\*The 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*

**Children's Time**

**Sharing Our Joys and Concerns/Pastoral Prayer/Lord's Prayer**

*During this time, the congregation is invited to offer up their concerns  
for others by speaking their name or by typing their name into the  
"chat" box on Facebook. Please offer only their first name to protect  
their privacy. After each name is raised, let the congregation respond:  
"Lord, hear our prayer."*

**Hymn of Celebration**

**CWH #244**

**"The Lilly of the Valley"**

*I have found a friend in Jesus,  
He's ev'rything to me,  
He's the fairest of ten thousand to my soul;  
The "Lily of the Valley," in Him alone I see,  
all I need to cleanse and make me fully whole.  
In sorrow He's my comfort, in trouble He's my stay,  
He tells me ev'ry care on Him to roll;  
He's the "Lily of the Valley, the Bright and Morning Star,"  
He's the fairest of ten thousand to my soul.*

*He all my grief has taken, and all my sorrows borne,  
in temptation He's my strong and mighty tow'r;  
I have all for Him forsaken, and all my idols torn  
from my heart, and now He keeps me by His pow'r.  
Though all the world forsake me, and Satan tempt me sore,  
through Jesus I shall safely reach the goal;  
He's the "Lily of the Valley, the Bright and Morning Star,"  
He's the fairest of ten thousand to my soul.*

*He will never, never leave me, nor yet forsake me here,  
while I live by faith and do His blessed will;*

*A wall of fire about me, I've nothing now to fear,  
with His manna He my hungry soul shall fill.  
Then sweeping up to glory, to see His blessed face,  
where rivers of delight shall ever roll;  
He's the "Lily of the Valley, the Bright and Morning Star,"  
He's the fairest of ten thousand to my soul.*

### **Hymn of Preparation**

**UMH # 174**

#### ***"His Name is Wonderful"***

*His Name is Wonderful. His Name is Wonderful  
His Name is Wonderful. Jesus My Lord*

*He is the Mighty King, Master of everything  
His Name is Wonderful. Jesus My Lord*

*He's the Great shepherd. The Rock of All Ages  
Almighty God is He*

*Bow down before Him, Love and adore Him.  
His Name is Wonderful. Jesus My Lord*

### **Message**

**Rev. Spore**

*"Joseph: An Unlikely Hero"*

### **Invitation to Discipleship**

#### **\*Hymn of Discipleship**

**CWH #66**

#### ***"True-Hearted, Whole-Hearted"***

*True-hearted, whole-hearted, faithful and loyal,  
King of our lives, by Thy grace we will be;  
Under the standard exalted and royal,  
Strong in Thy strength we will battle for Thee.*

*Chorus:*

*Peal out the watchword! silence it never!  
Song of our spirits, rejoicing and free  
Peal out the watchword! loyal forever;  
King of our lives, by Thy grace we will be.*

*True-hearted, whole-hearted, fullest allegiance  
Yielding henceforth to our glorious King;  
Valiant endeavor and loving obedience,  
Freely and joyously now would we bring. (Chorus)*

*True-hearted, whole-hearted, Savior all-glorious!  
Take Thy great power and reign Thou alone,  
Over our wills and affections victorious,  
Freely surrendered and wholly Thine own. (Chorus)*

### **Benediction**

## **Opportunities for Involvement and Ministry**

#### **Each Sunday**

9:50 – Sunday School

11:00 – Worship

#### **Each Wednesday**

10:00 – Friendship Crafters

#### **Saturday, July 26**

2:00 – Cookie Bake-Off for Kairos

4:00 – Ice Cream Social & White Elephant Bingo

#### **Worship Leaders**

Rev. Roy Spore – Pastor

Shirley Waldrum – Music leader

Linda Pease – Guest Pianist

Karen Spore – Technical Assistant

David Hartwig – Lay Reader

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