

Independence Day Weekend SUNDAY WORSHIP with Communion

July 5, 2026 ~ 10:30am

Guest Pastor Eryn Morency

Mission Statement: As a community of faith, we welcome all who seek understanding. • As a community of hope, we offer friendship and comfort to those in need. • As a community of love, we provide caring support and shared fellowship to all

WE ARE A COMMUNITY CHURCH. OUR FRIENDS, NEIGHBORS AND MEMBERS COME FROM MANY PLACES AND MULTIPLE FAITH TRADITIONS. EVERYONE IS WELCOME TO FIND A SPIRITUAL SANCTUARY HERE.

— ANNOUNCEMENTS & WELCOME —

CENTERING MUSIC

Sharon Novak

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: God of every people and every land, you call us beyond fear and division into lives shaped by love.

People: You are present among all people, drawing the world toward mercy, justice, and peace.

One: Your Spirit brings good news to the weary, freedom to the burdened, and hope to those who have been overlooked.

People: Open our hearts to the wideness of your love.

One: When we are tempted to draw lines that divide, remind us that your table is larger than our fear.

People: Teach us to use our freedom not for ourselves alone, but in loving service to one another.

One: Gather us now across every difference and distraction, and shape us into a community of compassion and peace.

People: May your Spirit continue to transform us with mercy, courage, and hope.

All: Let us worship the God whose love sets people free. Amen.

*SONG #20

*All People that on
Earth Do Dwell*

Sharon Novak

— PRAYING —

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & MOMENT OF SILENCE

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 sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, the power, and glory forever. *Amen.*

— REFLECTING —

SCRIPTURE

*Isaiah 61:1-2 & Acts 11:1-18
& Galatians 5:13-14*

MESSAGE

**A FREEDOM
SHAPED BY LOVE**

Eryn Morency

*SONG #23

We Gather Together

Sharon Novak

— COMMUNION —

WELCOME to TABLE & BLESSING of ELEMENTS

PRAYER of CONFESSION ^(unison) — Most merciful God, we confess that we do not always live as the people you call us to be. Too often fear, distraction, and self-interest pull us away from love. We have sinned against you and against one another in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not always honored the dignity of others, cared for our neighbors, or welcomed one another with the compassion of Christ.

COMMUNION *cont'd.* — PG 1

PRAYER of CONFESSION *cont'd.*

Forgive us, renew us, and lead us back into your ways of mercy, justice, and peace. Free us to live more fully in your grace, that we may love more courageously and serve more faithfully. *Amen.*

ASSURANCE of PARDON

Eryn Morency

THE SURSUM CORDA and SANCTUS

One: God be with you.

People: And also with you.

One: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the skies.

One: Let us give thanks to God Most High.

People: It is right to give thanks and praise.

One: It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto you, everlasting God. Therefore, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify your glorious name, evermore praising you, and singing.

*All: Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty,
Early in the morning, our song shall rise to thee;
Holy, holy, holy, Merciful and mighty,
God in three persons, blessed Trinity. — Nicaea 351*

THE SHARING OF BREAD AND CUP

STATEMENT OF THANKSGIVING

One: We are not alone, God made us.

People: We are not alone; we have each other.

One: Can anything separate us from the love of Christ?

People: Can trouble, pain, or persecution?

COMMUNION *cont'd.* — PG 2

THE SURSUM CORDA and SANCTUS *cont'd.*

One: No. In all these things we win an overwhelming victory through the one whose love for us has been proven.

All: Neither death, nor life, neither messenger of heaven nor ruler on earth, neither what happens today nor what may happen tomorrow, neither power from on high nor power from below, nor anything else has power to separate us from the love of God! Thanks be to God! Amen!

*SONG #311 *Let Us Break Bread*

Sharon Novak

— OFFERING —

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Deacons

DISTRIBUTION OF ORIGAMI STARS

Deacons

(Keep one origami star for yourself, and if supplies permit, take a second star to pass along to someone else this weekend as a remembrance of freedom founded on love.)

*SONG 44 *Doxology*

Sharon Novak

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Eryn Morency

— CLOSING —

BENEDICTION SONG

May the love of God live in us today, may the love of God live in us today.

May the warmth we feel within us show in all we do and say.

May the love of God live in us today.

May the peace of God be with us today,

May the peace of God be with us today.

May it guide us and protect us, as we go our separate ways.

May the peace of God be with us, May the love of God live in us,

May the love of God shine through us today.

BENEDICTION

Eryn Morency

SCRIPTURE

ISAIAH 61:1-2—The spirit of the Lord God is upon me because the Lord has anointed me; he has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed, to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives and release to the prisoners...

ACTS 11:1-18—*Peter's Report to the Church at Jerusalem*

Now the apostles and the brothers and sisters who were in Judea heard that the gentiles had also accepted the word of God. ² So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, ³ saying, “*Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?*”

⁴ Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, ⁵ “*I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners, and it came close to me. ⁶ As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. ⁷ I also heard a voice saying to me, ‘Get up, Peter; kill and eat.’ ⁸ But I replied, ‘By no means, Lord, for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth.’ ⁹ But a second time the voice answered from heaven, ‘What God has made clean, you must not call profane.’ ¹⁰ This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. ¹¹ At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. ¹² The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man’s house. ¹³ He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, ‘Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; ¹⁴ he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved.’ ¹⁵ And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. ¹⁶ And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, ‘John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.’ ¹⁷ If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?’”*

¹⁸ When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, “*Then God has given even to the gentiles the repentance that leads to life.*”

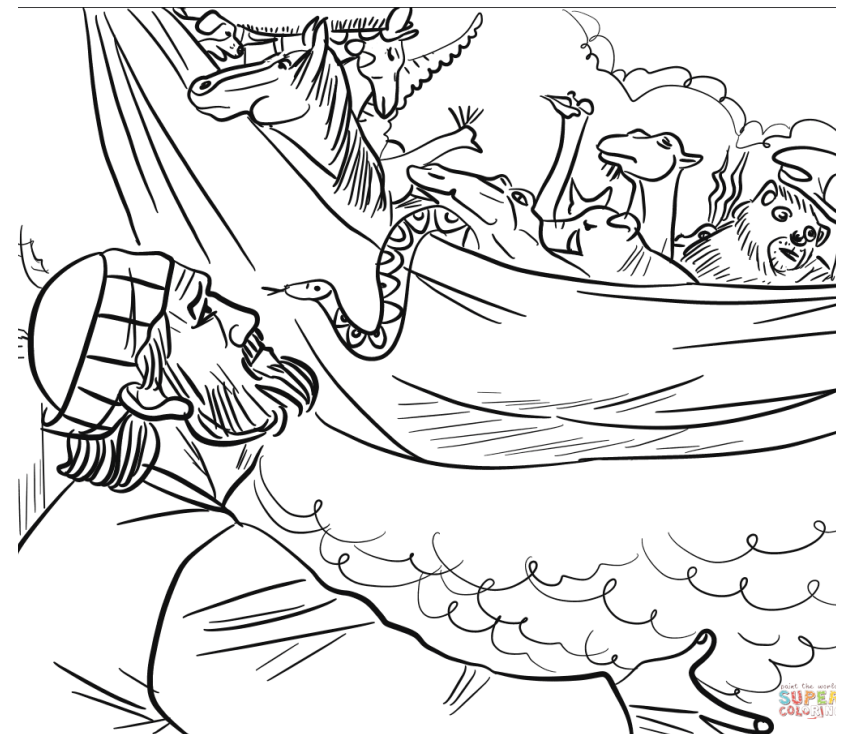
GALATIANS 5:13-14 *(First Nations Version)* — ¹³ But you, my sacred family members, have been called to walk in freedom. Do not use this freedom to walk in weak and broken human ways. Instead, walk in love and serve each other. ¹⁴ For all of our tribal law finds its full meaning and purpose in this one instruction, “*Love your fellow human beings in the same way you love yourself.*”

Independence Weekend Observance

SUNDAY WORSHIP

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PRAYERS

For PEOPLE: Alex A., Alexis, Allison, Ana, Annie, Ariana, Ashley family, Bette D., Bill M., Bob C., Bob G., Brianna & baby Addie, 'Doc' G. & Cindi G., Cindy K., Corky, Deb L., Hannah, Huntley, Jenn, Jess, Joanne's parents, Kailee, Karen, Kate & Rusty, Larry, Liberty, Mary, baby Miles, Mike, Nancy, Nat & baby June, baby Noelle, Rob, Ruth, Sascha, Steve, Sue D., Tom, and baby Quinn N. For those serving as first responders, for those serving on the front lines of public health and safety, for those deployed and on active military duty. For our leaders. For those grieving, including the family of 4-yo. Kelaya. Our adversaries and enemies.

For PLACES: For Chikanga Church in Mutare, Zimbabwe and communities in Honduras. For hurting places in the world, wounded by natural disasters or human-made causes and conflicts.