

***RESPONSE** “There’s a Sweet Sweet Spirit”

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Sweet Holy Spirit, sweet heavenly Dove
Stay right here with us, filling us with your love;
And for these blessings we lift our hearts in praise;
Without a doubt we’ll know that we have been revived
When we shall leave this place

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you

People: And also with you

Leader: Let us share this peace with one another

(Please share the peace of Christ with those around you)

***POSTLUDE**

***Please stand if you are able**

Scripture for July 12: Genesis 25:19-34



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***Loving God;
Loving Neighbors;***

Helping Our Neighbors to Love God

July 5, 2026

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

**As we prepare our hearts and minds to spread the good news of
Christ’s salvation**

GATHERING

PRELUDE

Skye Lanham

***CALL TO WORSHIP** (From Psalm 33) Liturgist Denise Mathias

Sing joyfully to the Lord, you righteous; it is fitting for the upright
to praise him. Praise the Lord with the harp; make music to him
on the ten-stringed lyre. Sing to him a new song; play skillfully, and
shout for joy. For the word of the Lord is right and true; he is
faithful in all he does.

**The Lord loves righteousness and justice; the earth is full of his
unfailing love. By the word of the Lord the heavens were made,
their starry host by the breath of his mouth. He gathers the waters
of the sea into jars; he puts the deep into storehouses.**

Let all the earth fear the Lord; let all the people of the world
revere him. For he spoke, and it came to be; he commanded, and
it stood firm. The Lord foils the plans of the nations; he thwarts
the purposes of the peoples. But the plans of the Lord stand
firm forever, the purposes of his heart through all generations.

**Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord, the people he chose for
his inheritance. From heaven the Lord looks down and sees all
mankind; from his dwelling place he watches all who live on
earth - he who forms the hearts of all, who considers everything
they do.**

***PRAYER OF ADORATION** (unison)

Ever present God, we seek and you offer. We ask and you give. We knock and you open the door. Ever gracious God, you hear the requests of your people and in your goodness, you answer. In Christ, you offer the gift of new life and hope to all who seek your blessing. Through your Spirit, you pray within us, even when we cannot find words ourselves. Receive our praise and our prayers this day, O God, and draw us into your holy presence, so that your love will transform us to serve you in the world you love. Amen

***HYMN** "From All That Dwell Below the Skies" 327

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Father God, whose covenant is never broken, we confess that we fail to fulfill your will. Though you have bound yourself to us, we will not bind ourselves to you. In Jesus Christ you serve us freely, but we refuse your love and withhold ourselves from others. We do not love you fully or love one another as you command. In your mercy forgive and cleanse us. Lead us once again to your table and unite us to Christ, who is the bread of life and the vine from which we grow in grace. Amen

Silence is kept for a time of personal confession

DECLARATION OF PARDON

As God's own people, be merciful in action, kindly in heart, humble in mind. Be always ready to forgive as freely as God has forgiven us. And, above everything else, be loving, and never forget to be thankful for what Christ has done for us. My friends, believe the good news of the Gospel - I declare to you in the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Amen

***RESPONSE** "Lord, I Lift Your Name on High"

HEARING THE WORD

PRAYER OF UNDERSTANDING

Guide us, O God, by your Word and Spirit, that in your light we may see light, in truth find freedom, and in your will discover your peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

SPECIAL MUSIC "Bless the Broken Road"

Skye Lanham

CHILDREN'S CHAT

All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work (2 Timothy 3:16-17)

Now we are all [sitting] here in the presence of God, to listen to everything the Lord has commanded you to tell us (Acts 10:33)

SCRIPTURE Genesis 24:34-38, 42-49, 58-67

SERMON "Best Supporting Actor"

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

***AN AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

(From *The Larger Catechism*, 7.237)

What is the honor which inferiors owe to superiors? The honor which inferiors owe to their superiors is: all due reverence in heart, word, and behavior; prayer and thanksgiving for them; imitation of their virtues and graces; willing obedience to their lawful commands and counsels, due submission to their corrections; fidelity to, defense and maintenance of their persons and authority, according to their several ranks, and the nature of their places; bearing with their infirmities, and covering them in love, that so they may be an honor to them...

***HYMN** "My Country, 'Tis of Thee" 337

THE LORD'S PRAYER AND THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

OFFERTORY

***RESPONSE** "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow" 606

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

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

***HYMN** "Battle Hymn Of The Republic" 354

SENDING

***BENEDICTION**

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday School Children 3 yr - 6th grade during worship following
Children's chat

Monday, July 6—Property Meeting @6:30pm

Wednesday, July 8—Ruth Circle @1pm

Tuesday, July 14—Session @7pm

Sunday, July 26—Deacons Meeting following worship

BAKERS, Save the date July 25!! We will be having a bake sale during the
Hopewell Township Yard Crawl! Details are in this week's newsletter!

Keep Them in Your Prayers: Donna Olexick, Rich Kerlin, Peter Kerlin,
Jack Gennaro, Paul Kulha, Jim Williams, Cherryl Lachowicz, Joanie McCowin

In the Military: William Barth, Nick Hoth

Those who are not able to worship regularly: Dolores Skinner,
Ella Mae Speiker, Edna Petrella, Dorothy Elko, Betty Solinski,
Ed & Evelyn Lawson, Everitt Laird, Betty Martin, Brenda Jones

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- Sunday worship 10:00 am
- Sunday School for our younger members
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OUR SESSION

CLASS OF 2028: Chris Mathias (2T), Patti Strominger (2T)

Cathy Kapton, Amy Muslin

CLASS OF 2027: Marcus McCowin, Christina Palmer

Michael Kamenski, Charles Hendrick

CLASS OF 2026: Joe Glatz, Jennifer Davis

Rich Palmer (2T), John Martin (2T)

OUR DEACONS

CLASS OF 2028: Denise Mathias (2T), Ken Jones (2T)

Jeff Barth, Missy Sardo

CLASS OF 2027: Eleanor Pike (2T), Bob Hurni (2T)

Chris Hurni, Ginny Adams

CLASS OF 2026: Dave Kocher, Ivonne Holsinger

Greg Holsinger, Dianne Kanitra (2T)

