

# Third Sunday after Pentecost

9:30AM, June 29<sup>th</sup>, 2025

Asterisk (\*) indicates standing, as able. Bold/colored type indicates text spoken in unison.

PRELUDE “O Let the Son of God Enfold You (Spirit Song)”

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP Responsive

Our freedom comes as life in the Spirit.

**We reject the works based only on our fleshly desires.**

We live a new life of spirit and truth.

**Let us worship the Lord in full spirit. Amen.**

\*HYMN “Love Divine, All Loves Excelling” UMH # 384

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH Apostles’ Creed UMH # 881

OPENING PRAYER Unison

**God of all life and love: we are your children, and you made us free to live in joyful relationship with you and one another. Your grace empowers us to love our neighbors as we love ourselves. Give us the courage to love ourselves as much as you love us and to love others with the same compassion. Amen.**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND PARDON Unison

**Loving God, you give us freedom. In fact, in you, we live in perfect freedom. Fear tries to bind us. Idolatry comes chasing after us. Divisive arguments try to trap us in corners and keep us locked away from one another. These are not the freedoms you have in mind for your children, loving God. We confess, we have submitted to them in the past, but no more. Inspire us to live in the freedom you have given us for love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. You set us free. Give us the courage to enjoy it. We pray in Jesus’ name. Amen.**

## WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Beloved children of God: hear and believe the good news, for freedom Christ has set us free to live anew. **Thanks be to God!**

## JOYS, CONCERNS AND PASTORAL PRAYER

SCRIPTURE READING **Galatians 5:22-25 (NRSV)**

**22** By contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness,

**23** gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against such things.

**24** And those who belong to Christ have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires.

**25** If we live by the Spirit, let us also be guided by the Spirit.

MESSAGE “The Fruit of the Spirit” Rev. Dongkue Jee

## RESPOND TO THE WORD

\* HYMN “Of All the Spirit’s Gifts to Me” UMH # 336

THE LORD’S PRAYER UMH # 895

## OFFERING

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

\*DOXOLOGY “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow” UMH # 95

\*PRAYER OF OFFERING Unison

**Liberating God, who calls us to true freedom, we offer these gifts as signs of our commitment to live by the Spirit’s leading. May our generosity reflect your love that is joyful, peaceful, patient, and kind. Through your grace, may we sow seeds of compassion and justice, nurturing the fruit of the Spirit in our lives and the world. Guide us to use our freedom not for ourselves but for service, so that we may build communities of faith and hope. With thankful hearts, we dedicate ourselves to your transforming work. In Christ’s name, we pray. Amen.**

## SENDING FORTH

\*HYMN

“Close to Thee”

UMH # 407

\*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

“Shine Jesus Shine”

TFWS # 2173



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\* The offering plate is located at the entrance of the sanctuary. Please feel free to participate.

\* Fellowship follows the worship service. Please join us for refreshments and fellowship in the Parlor.