

COMBINED WORSHIP SERVICE
at Wesley Chapel United Methodist Church
with Clarksburg United Methodist Church
June 29, 2025 **10:30 am**

GATHERING, PRELUDE,
WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

"Indoor Picnic" today, after worship, in the Parish Hall

July 6 Holy Communion
July 7 WCUMC Craft Workshop, Noon at Dinah Benson's
July 10 WCUMC SPRC meeting, 7 pm
July 12 WCUMC Ice Cream Social with live music, 6 - 8:30 pm
July 20 Meal (5:30) and Movie Night (6:00), Dinah Benson's
July 27 Christmas in July with Meal after Worship at WCUMC

CALL TO WORSHIP

HYMN: How Great Thou Art **77**
PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION *(by dwh)* Kendra

*Gracious God, in wisdom you created all things, and
your Son promised that your Spirit would guide us still.
Through these words of scripture today, show us what is true;
guide us for living, that we may bring honor and praise to you.
Amen*

SCRIPTURE: **Galatians 5:1, 13-25**

CONFESSION *alt from Philip K. Gladden / PO*

*Eternal God, you have claimed us as your own
and summoned us to be your covenant people.
We confess we do not live as people created in your image,
nor do we lead lives worthy of the calling
to which we have been called.
Jesus still calls, "Follow me" and we offer excuses.
Jesus calls us to new life in the Spirit, and
we cling to our old habits and tired traditions.
The works of the flesh are seductive and easy.
Gracious God, forgive our sins.
Open our ears and hearts to hear Jesus's call and
give us grace and strength to respond in faith and love.
In Jesus's name we pray. Amen. **{silent prayers}***

ASSURANCE

Galatians

dwh

By the power of Christ, the Spirit has liberated us,
and guides us, empowering us to love.
We receive this good news!

**In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven;
Thanks be to God! Amen**

HYMN: A Mighty Fortress Is Our God **110**

SPECIAL MUSIC Medley (#420 & #347) *Combined Choir*
Directed by Ann Kipper

SERMON

HYMN: O God, Our Help in Ages Past **117**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

INTERCESSIONS

THE LORD'S PRAYER **895**

BRINGING OUR GIFTS

DOXOLOGY **95**

PRAYER *(Galatians)* *alt from Discipleship Ministries*

**Liberating God, as we live by your Spirit's leading
today we bring these gifts.
May our generosity reflect your love
that is joyful, peaceful, patient, and kind.
By your grace, may we sow seeds of compassion & justice,
nurturing the fruit of the Spirit in our lives & 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 gratitude, we give ourselves to your transforming work.
In Christ's name, we pray. Amen.**

HYMN: Love Divine, All Loves Excelling 384

DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING (Galatians) alt from Discipleship Ministries

**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.**

*Children of God: you are loved into freedom,
set loose on the world to share the gifts of the Holy Spirit,
so go and love your neighbor, all of your neighbors,
as you love yourself,
in the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.*

Amen

POSTLUDE Swing Low, Sweet Chariot Rick Beede

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<https://www.umcdiscipleship.org/worship-planning>
or from Feasting on the Word (eg **FotW** – see also insert)
or authors who have posted with Presbyterian Outlook (eg **PO**)
This week the author is Philip K. Gladden
or other sources as noted.

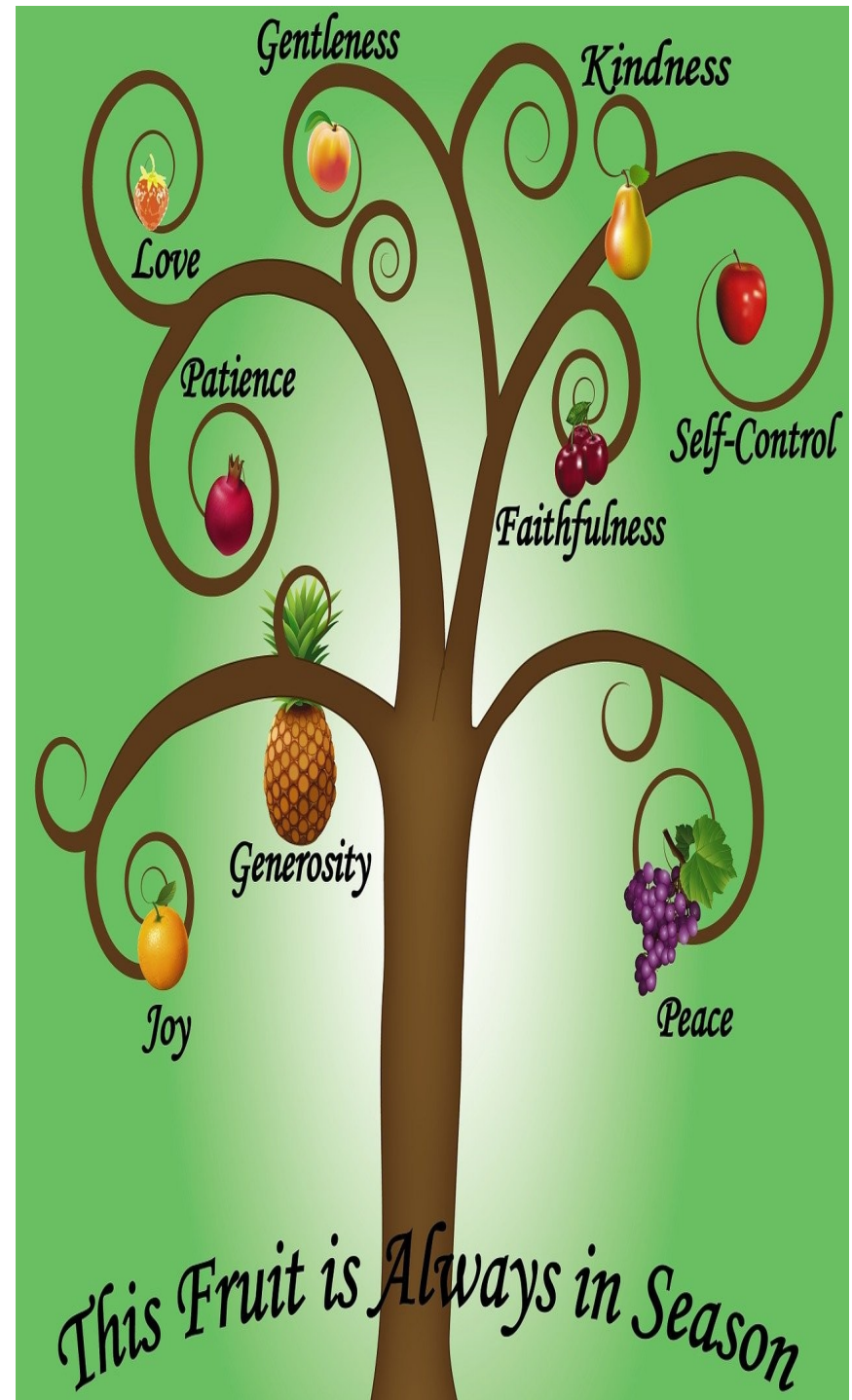
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Wesley Chapel UMC - Usual Worship time @ 9:30

3519 Urbana Pike, Frederick, 21704 - Church Phone: 301 663 4956
<https://wesleychapelurbana.com> - <https://facebook.com/WesleyChapelUMCUrbanaMD/>
Music Minister: Jean Wood -

Clarksburg UMC - Usual Worship time @ 11:00

23425 Spire St, Clarksburg, 20871
<https://clarksburgmdumc.org>, - <https://facebook.com/clarksburgmdumc/>
Choir Director Today: Ann Kipper, Pianist: Rick Beede, Choir Director: Cathy Warfield



Reflecting on and Praying with Scriptures

As suggested by the Revised Common Lectionary

Year C – “Ordinary Time” – June 29, 2025

Third Sunday after Pentecost, Year C

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Scriptures

<i>Semicontinuous</i>	2 Kings 2:1-2, 6-14	Psalm 77:1-2, 11-20
<i>Complementary</i>	1 Kings 19:15–16, 19–21	Psalm 16
<i>Both -</i>	Galatians 5:1, 13-25	Luke 9:51-62

Questions for Reflection:

To what is God calling me?

How might others know that I walk in the Spirit with Christ?

Morning Prayer:

Almighty God, in awe I remember that you made me in your image
and breathed the Spirit of life into me.

I marvel that your Son, Jesus, took on flesh and bone just like mine,
and gave himself for my salvation.

Help me to live this day fully open to your presence.

Let me worship you alone with my body, mind, and spirit,
delighting in what is good and turning from what is not.

Let me love my neighbor as myself with all that you give me.

Be patient with me, and help me to be patient with others.

Teach me how to bring peace to those who are troubled
and to show kindness, especially to the weak.

Today, let me seek your kingdom, through Jesus Christ, my Lord. Amen.

Evening Prayer:

O God, guardian of your people, thank you for your care today.

As I move into evening, help me to recall with thanksgiving
the wonders I have known, the joy I have felt,
and your love I have received.

Forgive me for the ways in which I misused what you intend for good.

Jesus had nowhere to rest his head; let me rest in him.

I pray for all who are dear to me, that they, too, may abide in your care.

Grant the peace of sleep to all who are weary;
and let us rise to a new day, giving you praise

as we prepare for the eternal day you are bringing
through Jesus Christ, the Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
be all honor and glory, now and forever. Amen.

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