

**Elkton United Methodist Church**  
**Sunday, July 3, 2016**  
**Independence Day Weekend**  
**9:45 a.m.**

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- ▶ Before the service begins, please give your white prayer request card to an usher.
  - ▶ Please see an usher if you would like to have a large print bulletin or hymnal.
  - ▶ All worshipers are asked to sign the attendance register. If you are a guest, please fill out all the information. As the register is passed back down the pew, make note of those sitting near you so you can greet them after the service.
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LIGHTING OF THE ALTAR CANDLES AND RINGING OF CHIMES

GREETING AND WELCOME

\*THE PEACE

PRELUDE .....“AMERICA THE BEAUTIFUL” ..... TRANS. ROB HAZEL

\*\*CALL TO WORSHIP (responsively)

Leader: Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord.

**People: Righteousness exalts a nation, but sin is a reproach to any people.**

Leader: Bless the Lord your God for the good land He has given you.

**People: Proclaim liberty throughout the land unto all the inhabitants thereof.**

\*\*HYMN #697 (UMH) ..... “AMERICA”

PRAYER (in unison)

**Almighty God, ruler of all nations, we pray for our nation and its people and for our leaders. May we be mindful of your favor and obedient to your will. Forgive our shortcomings as a nation, and purify our hearts to know the truth that alone can make us free. Save us from injustice and oppression, from pride and arrogance, and from greed and self-centeredness. Increase our concern for people beyond our own boundaries and for the poor and afflicted in our own land, that we may be a blessing and an example to all nations. Bring us at last to that day when the whole world shall know peace and blessedness, through Jesus Christ our Lord, in whose name we pray. Amen.**

MUSICAL OFFERING – .....“BATTLE HYMN OF THE REPUBLIC” ..... ARR. PETER WILHOUSKY

EPISTLE LESSON, I TIMOTHY 2:1-4 (page 208)

\*\*GOSPEL LESSON, LUKE 2:20-26 (pages 58 & 59)

**Leader: This is the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.**

**People: Thanks be to God.**

\*\*RESPONSE #177 (UMH) ..... “HE IS LORD”

**He is Lord, he is Lord! He is risen from the dead and he is Lord!**

**Every knee shall bow, every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord.**

MUSICAL OFFERING – ..... “GOD OF GRACE, GRANT US PEACE” ..... ARR. JACOB SCHNEIDER

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER (in unison)

**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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.**

**And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the**

**kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

RESPONSE #2215 (TFWS) ..... “CARES CHORUS”

**I cast all my cares upon you, I lay all of my burdens down at your feet,**

**and anytime that I don't know what to do, I will cast all my cares upon you.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO OFFERING AND OFFERTORY PRAYER

OFFERTORY ..... “FOUNT OF BLESSINGS” ..... ARR. JACOB SCHNEIDER

\*\*OFFERTORY RESPONSE, #94 (UMH) ..... “PRAISE GOD, FROM WHOM ALL BLESSINGS FLOW”

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;**

**Praise God, all creatures here below:**

**Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts!**

**Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!**

**Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

*Prayers and Thanksgiving for Our Nation*

**For the beauty of the land...**

696 (UMH), America the Beautiful

**For the people...**

2220 (TFWS), We are God's People

**For our leaders...**

467 (UMH), Trust and Obey

**For those who protect us...**

2191 (TFWS), Eternal Father, Strong to Save

**For peace...**

431 (UMH), Let There Be Peace on Earth

PRAYER

**\*\*HYMN“FOR THIS LAND IN ALL ITS WONDER”**

For this land in all its wonder, for each city, farm and town,  
For each mountain filled with splendor, for each place where love is found,  
For the freedoms we enjoy here,  
God, may thanks to you abound! God, may thanks to you abound!

For your peace and love unending, breaking barriers that divide;  
For the joy of cultures blending as we live here side by side;  
God, we thank you and we pray now;  
May we all be unified! May we all be unified!

For your hand to lead and guide us, for your work in history,  
For your vision born inside us of a just society,  
God, we thank you and we pray now:  
May this vision come to be! May this vision come to be!

May we be a nation seeking ways that are both wise and fair,  
May our living and our speaking serve your purpose everywhere.  
May we follow where you lead us;  
God, this is our hope and prayer! God, this is our hope and prayer!

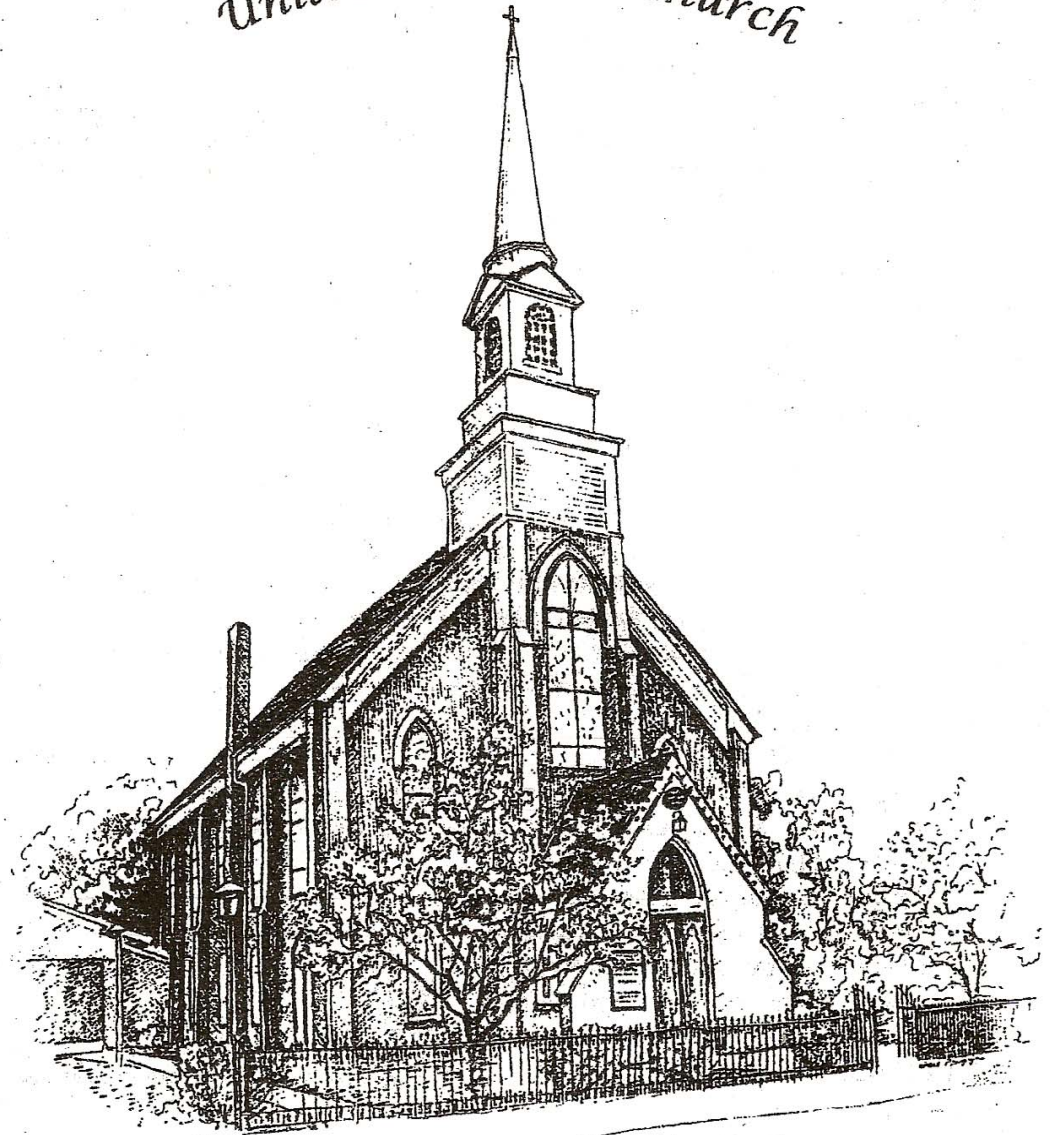
**\*\*DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING**

**\*\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE .....“GOD BLESS AMERICA”**

**God bless America, land that I love  
Stand beside her and guide her through the night with the light from above.  
From the mountains, to the prairies, to the oceans white with foam,  
God bless America! My home sweet home! God bless America! My home sweet home!**

POSTLUDE .....“GOD OF OUR FATHERS” ..... ARR. JACOB SCHNEIDER

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*“A place to know Jesus, be known by Jesus, and make Him known to others.”*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**WELCOME GUESTS!** We welcome all to worship at Elkton UMC this morning, and extend a special welcome to all who are visiting with us this morning. Please fill out the blue visitor card located in the pew racks. We also have a gift for all first-time visitors to our church. It is available from the welcome center or from the ushers in the foyer. If you are a first-time visitor and wish to receive the gift, just speak to one of the ushers as you're leaving the worship service this morning, and they will see that you receive one! Once again, welcome to worship at Elkton UMC!

**WELCOME BACK "Providence Brass Quintet"!** Welcome back to the gifted musicians of the Providence Brass Quintet! We're so glad they're with us to help us celebrate our nation on this Independence Day weekend. The members of the quintet are – Bob Castaldi, Rob Hazel, Debbie Schneider, Jake Schneider and Bruce Tarbell.

**VIDEO OF TODAY'S SERVICE** – A video of today's service will be available via our church website ([elktonumc.org](http://elktonumc.org)) by tomorrow morning.

### **CLASSIC CHRISTIANS' (age 50 & over) NEWS –**

- On Wednesday, July 13<sup>th</sup>, the Classic Christians will travel to the Rainbow Comedy Theatre in Lancaster for a luncheon performance of "Catch Me If You Can." Tickets are \$44/person. We will be carpooling from the Church. To take part, sign up on the sheet across from the Welcome Center.
- On Friday, August 5<sup>th</sup>, the Classic Christians will have their annual Summer Picnic at the home of Betty and Ed Sprague. The picnic will begin at 4 p.m. and those who are coming should bring a dish to share, a lawn chair, and swimsuit and towel, if you want to swim in their beautiful pool. Hot dogs, hamburgers, rolls and beverages will be provided. To participate, sign up on the sheet across from the Welcome Center.

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL** – A reminder that registration has begun for this year's Vacation Bible School, which will be held from 5:30-8:00 p.m., July 10-14<sup>th</sup>. You can register on line through our church website – [elktonumc.org](http://elktonumc.org). If you'd like to volunteer with VBS in any way, get in touch with Katie Sparks at [Katharine.gravatt@gmail.com](mailto:Katharine.gravatt@gmail.com).

**THANKS FOR THE KOOL POPS!** Many thanks to all who donated Kool Pops for tomorrow's 4<sup>th</sup> of July fireworks. A lot of people will come to know the hospitality of our church through your gifts!

**THE LAST HYMN** was written by Carolyn Gillette, one of the pastors at Limestone Presbyterian Church, and is sung to the tune of "God of Grace and God of Glory."

## THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

### TODAY, SUNDAY, JULY 3, 2016

- 9:45 AM..... Worship Service
- 9:45 AM..... Child Care/Nursery Birth through Kindergarten (Rm. 24)

### MONDAY, JULY 4, 2016

**Office Closed – 4<sup>th</sup> of July Holiday**

### TUESDAY, JULY 5, 2016

- 9:30 AM..... Staff Meeting (Room 1)
- 2:30 PM ..... Elkton Rehab, Deibert/Budrow Team

### WEDNESDAY, JULY 6, 2016

- 6:00 PM ..... Youth Group
- 6:15 PM ..... Weekly Communion (Chapel)
- 6:30 PM ..... Missions Committee Meeting (Conference Room)

### THURSDAY, JULY 7, 2016

- 8:00 PM ..... AA Meeting (Room 1)



**Happy 4th of July!**

## PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE

- Worship Leader:** Dianne Thompson
- Reader:** Bill Ferringer
- Acolyte:** Andrew Noll
- Greeters:** Barb and Sonny Tenney
- Welcome Center:** Barb Pinder
- Hostesses:** Carol Robinson and Allene Rittenhouse
- Hall Monitor:** Roger Robinson
- Nursery:** Katie Sparks
- Tech Team:** Gail and Rich Juergens
- Parking Lot Knights:** Kevin White, Wayne Eller, Ken McCoy, Bob Perkins, Gary Lewis, Rod Perrine and Jack Williams.
- Ushers:** Frank Deibert, Charlie Campbell, Gifford Biles, Murray Thompson, Bob Perkins, Sid Bledsoe and Ron Fetterolf.

**FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR** are in honor of our loving mother, mom-mom, and great mom-mom, Ruth M. Deibert, on her 96<sup>th</sup> birthday given by her family.

**AVAILABLE ALL MORNING** – Nursery care is available during this morning's worship services. The nursery is located in Rooms 22-24 and is staffed by Yolanda Gomez, a professional childcare worker, assisted by volunteers from our congregation. One of our ushers can guide you there. New children are welcome! Also, please know that it is perfectly fine to leave the worship service with your child if they become restless or unhappy. Your child will be happier and those seated around you will appreciate your thoughtfulness.

