



## 5th Sunday After Pentecost

July 2, 2023 – 10am in the Sanctuary and on Facebook Live

*Please use the comment section to connect with one another, and to let us know your here. Not sure what do write just say “Hi” or share an emoji. If you have any prayer requests put them in the comment section as well. When asking for prayer for others, please use first names only.*

*Also, note there is no music in this bulletin. If you miss having the music included in the bulletin please let us know*

**Bold** print is to be read by the congregation. The † indicates when worshippers may rise in body or spirit.

**Gathering Music:** *Be Thou My Vision* Slane, Arr. Curnow  
David Koch (trumpet) and Wendy Treacher (piano)

### Welcome

No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome in our church. We will strive to love you, as God does, just the way you are.

### Caring for One-Another

**Prelude:** *America the Beautiful* Ward, Arr. Lanier  
David Koch (trumpet) and Wendy Treacher (piano)

### Call To Worship:

One: I will sing of your steadfast love, O Lord,

**All: and proclaim your faithfulness to all generations.**

One: Your steadfast love endures forever.

**All: Your faithfulness is as high as the heavens.**

One: Happy are those who sing your praise

**All: and extol your righteousness all the day.**

† **Hymn:** #331 *God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand* vs. 1, 2, & 4

### Call To Confession:

Let us confess our sins to God, whose loving-kindness endures forever

### Prayer of Confession:

**Almighty God, ruler of all the peoples of the earth, forgive, we pray, our shortcomings as a nation; purify our hearts to see and love the truth; give wisdom to our counselors and steadfastness to our people; and bring us at last to the fair city of peace, whose foundations are mercy, justice, and goodwill, and whose builder and maker you are; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*(Woodrow Wilson, 1856-1924, 28<sup>th</sup> President of the United States, Presbyterian Elder)*

### Assurance of Pardon:

Our nation was founded by men and women who believed their destinies were shaped by God. Their past identity did not define them, only their future. We are invited to shake off the old self and embrace the new person that God would have each of us become. Friends, believe the good news of the gospel, in Jesus Christ we are a new creation.

† **Sung Response:** #581 *Glory Be to the Father*

### Prayer of Illumination:

Loving God, as we hear Your Word this day, send Your Spirit to equip and inspire us, that your grace filled hospitality may be the center of our lives. **Amen**

**Scripture Reading:** Exodus 15:19-21a

Listen for the Word of God.

This is the Gospel of the Lord...**Thanks be to God.**

**Children's Message:** Dr. Lori Tate

**Sermon Title:** *A Little Help From My Friends*

† **Hymn:** #504 *We Come As Guests Invited*

## Communion

### Invitation

### Prayer of Thanksgiving

### 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. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory forever. Amen.

### Distribution of Elements

### Prayer After Communion:

**O God, send us out from our Lord's table to answer his Summons into new life and to follow him with joy and gladness. Set our feet in his holy way, that our lives may be signs of his life and all we do may show forth his love. Amen.<sup>1</sup>**

### Offering

**Offertory:** *O Worship the King* Lyons, Arr. Curnow  
David Koch (trumpet) and Wendy Treacher (piano)

† **Sung Prayer of Dedication:** Doxology

### Prayers of the People

### Charge & Benediction

† **Hymn #337** *My Country Tis of Thee* vs. 1, 2, & 4

**Postlude:** *My Country Tis of Thee*

Traditional, Arr. Curnow

David Koch (trumpet) and Wendy Treacher (piano)

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We thank our volunteers who make this service possible—

Lector: Doug Meyers

Sound Tech: Bill Loll

Media Shout Tech: Randy Herrick

Stream Tech: Katie Meyers

Prayer Recorder: Jean Herrick

Teller Team#4: Sharon Vanderpool,

Dorothy Graham and Sue Leonard

Special Music: Thank you to David Koch for adding such brilliance to our worship today with his trumpet!

If you are interested in giving to life, worship, ministry of this community  
you can scan here for online giving:



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<sup>1</sup> *Book of Common Worship*. (2018). Westminster John Knox Press

# JFPC Announcements:



**Meet first and third Saturdays  
each month**

**8:30-9:30 am in the small Dining Room  
located downstairs next to the kitchen**

**QUESTIONS: contact Kurt Rudolph,  
John Vanderpool, or Randy Herrick**



**GROW IN LOVE & FAITH**  
**Read With Us**  
Church-wide book read

**good goats**  
HEALING  
OUR IMAGE  
OF GOD  
Dennis Linn  
Sheila Fabricant Linn  
Matthew Linn

Thursday, July 6  
6:30-8:15pm  
Westminster Room  
JFPC

Click and buy here  
[Good Goats](#)

Thursday, August 10  
6:30-8:15pm  
Westminster Room  
JFPC

Questions? contact [Lori Tate](#)

**Walking the Path to Health** participants: Please turn in your May/June activity calendars by Sunday, July 9th to Lisa Rudolph or the church office. You'll then be entered into a drawing for a \$25 gift card!

**Job Posting:** JFPC Administrative Assistant -Part-time: Our long-time administrative assistant, Jennifer Childs has moved to Ohio. We will be looking to hire a person for a restructured 20-30 hour position. Contact elder John Williams, [johnw@arbor.edu](mailto:johnw@arbor.edu) if you know someone who might be interested, or need more details. In the meantime, if you are interested in volunteering please contact Rev. Ruthanne or John Williams

**Please be patient with the church, staff, and pastor as we adjust to life without Jennifer.** Pastor Ruthanne typically works remotely Monday & Tuesdays and is in Jackson Wednesday-Thursday & Sundays. Don't wait till Wednesday, please call, text or email Pastor Ruthanne with questions, problems, joys, or pastor issues. If she doesn't answer leave a message and she will call you back.

# JFPC Weekly Calendar

## July 2- July 8

Sunday, July 2:

- Worship Service — 10am, Sanctuary
- Fellowship Time — 11:15am, Westminster Room
- N.A. Meeting — 7:30pm, Dining Room
- A.A. Meeting — 7:30pm, Westminster Room

Monday, July 3:

- Al-Anon Meeting — 10:30am, Library
- Scout Troop Meeting — 7pm, Activity Room
- N.A. Meeting — 7pm, Dining Room
- A.A. Meeting — 7:30pm, Westminster Room

Tuesday, July 4: **Office Closed for Holiday**

- Interfaith Meal Prep — 1pm, Kitchen
- A.A. Meeting — 7:30pm, Westminster Room

Wednesday, July 5:

- A.A. Meeting — 7:30pm, Library

Thursday, July 6:

- Vista Coffee & Prayers — 10am, Vista Grande Villa
- Children's Chorale Rehearsal — 4pm, Fellowship Hall & Parking Lot
- “Good Goats” Church-wide Book Read — 6:30pm, Westminster Room or Zoom Option
- A.A. Meeting — 7:30pm, Westminster Room

Friday, July 7:

- Al-Anon Meeting — 10:30am, Library
- N.A. Meeting — 7:30pm, Dining Room
- A.A. Meeting — 7:30pm, Westminster Room

Saturday, July 8:

- A.A. Meeting — 7:30pm, Westminster Room

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