



FORESIDE COMMUNITY CHURCH

Connecting to God

Nurturing Community

Discovering our Callings

July 5, 2026

The Sixth Sunday After Pentecost

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday School and Nursery Care have concluded for the summer. The nursery is available for families to use if children need a place to play, and an audio feed of the service is accessible there.

GATHERING IN WORSHIP

The Book of Common Prayer, 1979

One: Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;

All: For only in you can we live in safety.

Lord, keep this nation under your care,
And guide in the ways of justice and truth.

Let your way be known upon earth;
Your saving health among all nations.

Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;
Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.

Create in us clean hearts, O God;
And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.

* HYMN

O Beautiful for Spacious Skies

Red Hymnal, #532

**O beautiful for spacious skies, for amber waves of grain,
for purple mountain majesties above the fruited plain!
America! America! God shed all grace on thee,
and crown thy good with brotherhood from sea to shining sea.**

**O beautiful for pilgrim feet, whose stern, impassioned stress
a thoroughfare for freedom beat across the wilderness!
America! America! God mend thine every flaw,
confirm thy soul in self-control, thy liberty in law.**

O beautiful for heroes proved in liberating strife,
who more than self their country loved, and mercy more than life!
America! America! May God thy gold refine,
till all success be nobleness, and every gain divine.

O beautiful for patriot dream that sees beyond the years
thine alabaster cities gleam, undimmed by human tears!
America! America! God shed all grace on thee,
and crown thy good with brotherhood from sea to shining sea.

*** PRAYER**

O God of open skies and pilgrims on the way:
crown the open hearts of all people
with gifts of compassion and mercy.
May we, our communities, and our nation
live with the grace we know in Christ,
who calls us to new life and liberty in the dance of all creation. Amen.

INTRODUCTION TO THE SCRIPTURE

SCRIPTURE *Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30*

SERMON *To Dance and to Rest* The Rev. Geoff Parker

PASTORAL PRAYER

Pastor: May God be with you.
And also with you.
Let us pray...

OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO THE SERVICE OF GOD

Electronic gifts may be shared here:

<https://www.foresidechurch.org/index.php/giving/> or by pointing your phone's camera at the image to the right and clicking on the link displayed.



Offertory Anthem

* Doxology

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God for all that love has done;
Creator, Christ, and Spirit, One. Amen.**

* Blessing of Gifts

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Invitation to the Table

Silent Confession

Communion Prayer

May God be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts!

We lift them up to God.

Let us give thanks to God most High.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The prayer continues...

The 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,
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.

Sharing God's Gifts

*All communion bread is gluten free, and all cups contain alcohol-free juice.
Please hold the elements until the pastor invites us to partake as one.*

* Giving Thanks

O God, we thank you for feeding our spirits with living bread, and for refreshing us on the journey of life and ministry with you. Help us to be one in the Spirit and in the new life Christ offers. Send us out to share this feast of love with a hungry world, rejoicing in the Holy Spirit. Amen.

* HYMN

This is My Song

Red Hymnal, #515

This is my song, O God of all the nations,
a song of peace for lands afar and mine.
This is my home, the country where my heart is;
here are my hopes, my dreams, my holy shrine;
but other hearts in other lands are beating
with hopes and dreams as true and high as mine.

My country's skies are bluer than the ocean,
and sunlight beams on clover leaf and pine;
but other lands have sunlight too, and clover,
and skies are everywhere as blue as mine.
O hear my song, O God of all the nations,
A song of peace for their land and for mine.

This is my prayer, O Ruler of all nations;
let your reign come; on earth your will be done.
In peace may all earth's people draw together,
and hearts united learn to live as one.
O hear my prayer, O God of all the nations;
myself I give you; let your will be done.

* BLESSING AND SENDING

POSTLUDE

*We give thanks to Bryan Gattis Wulff
for sharing his gifts of music with us today!*

Today's Ministers of Worship:

Deborah Gray, Nancy Olmstead, and Sally Somes

Welcome to all who are visiting with us this morning!

We hope that you discover here what you have come seeking.

In the hymnal rack in front of you is a **welcome card** that you may fill out to let us know that you were here. It has a place to indicate how we might help you to learn more about us. Please check those boxes if that would be helpful. The card can be placed in the offering plate as it is passed. We are glad that you have come, and would be privileged to welcome you further.

Nursery is available for families during worship and will conclude for the 2026 summer after worship on Sunday, June 28. This personal and loving care will be back in September so stayed tuned. The nursery is located through the side door at the front of the sanctuary, up the stairs, and down the hallway, third door on the right. The nursery is equipped with a sound system so that you may listen to the service as you remain with your child.

Comfortable seating is available during Sunday service. An assortment of cushions is available at the back of the church. If you need assistance in retrieving one, please do not hesitate to ask a Minister of Worship usher.

Join us for coffee and conversation immediately following worship (But not during “Prayers on the Patio”). We gather in our reception area downstairs which can be reached via the stairs, or the ADA accessible elevator, both located at the rear of the sanctuary. Please come and say hello!

Communion Sundays are usually held the first Sunday of each month.

The Foreside Community Church strives to be a **fragrance-free environment**. Please help us to accommodate our members and visitors who are chemically sensitive to fragrances and other scented products. Thank you for not wearing perfume, aftershave, scented hand lotion, fragranced hair products, and/or similar products.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Summer *Prayers on the Patio Worship Series*

July 12	Pastor Geoff leading
July 19	Green Team leading
July 26	Kathie McCatherin leading
August 2	John Bischof leading

Please note: Pastor Geoff will be away on vacation from July 13 – August 2.
In the event of a pastoral emergency, please contact:

July 13 – July 26	The Rev. Kelli Whitman (717) 756-4992
July 27 – August 2	The Rev. Susan Gilpin (207) 310-0329

As always, please do not hesitate to contact the church office 781-5880 (or csklarz@foresidechurch.org) with any questions. Thank you.

THIS WEEK AT FORESIDE COMMUNITY CHURCH

- Sunday, July 5:** **9:30 a.m.** Sunday Worship (Sanctuary and Online)
- Tuesday, July 7:** **7:15 p.m.** AA Meeting (Fellowship Hall)
- Thursday, July 9:** **6:00 p.m.** Women's AA Meeting (Fellowship Hall)
- Sunday, July 12:** **9:30 a.m.** Prayers on the Patio (Patio)

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An Open and Affirming Congregation

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