

~ ORDER OF WORSHIP ~

Please stand if able. **Bold denotes unison response.*

CHIMES

Karen Needham

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Brief announcements from the congregation are welcome. Those wishing to make an announcement are asked to be in the front pews at the start of the announcement period. Prayer request cards may be found on the tables at the back of the church.

PRELUDE

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

by Ludwig van Beethoven
arr. Martha Mier

During the prelude an acolyte will light our altar candles

CALL TO WORSHIP

Come, let us gather, not as strangers, but as a community of faith, bound by the shared gift of free will. Let us remember the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., his dream of a world where all are free, truly free to be themselves. Let us celebrate the unique tapestry of humanity, woven with threads of diverse beliefs and experiences.

**We come together as children of the Most High,
united in our shared humanity.**

**We gather to celebrate the gift of free will,
the freedom to choose, to believe, and to become.**

**We remember the words of Dr. King: "Free at last! Free at last!
Thank God Almighty, we are free at last!"**

**Let us embrace our unique selves,
honoring the diversity that makes us strong.**

Come, let us worship!

*HYMN

For All the Saints

Chalice (Blue) #637

*GATHERING PRAYER & *THE LORD'S PRAYER

Gracious God, we thank you for the gift of freedom, the freedom to choose the path of love and justice. Guide us as we navigate the complexities of free will, helping us to use this precious gift responsibly. May we build bridges of understanding, tear down walls of division, and love our neighbors as ourselves. Through prayer and contemplation may we have the wisdom to choose wisely, and the courage to live out our faith in all we do. Amen

***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 debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever, Amen.**

*Gloria Patri

*Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost,
as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,
world without end, Amen, Amen.*

(Fourth Sunday Food Collection)

(The youth are excused for Church school)

MISSION MOMENT

Martha Stansel

OFFERING

As we will explore today, true freedom is not merely the absence of constraint, but the ability to choose wisely and live a life of purpose. Our offerings today, like the gifts we have been given, are expressions of our freedom. They demonstrate our commitment to building a community where all are free to thrive, where love and justice prevail. Let us now receive our Sunday morning offering.



OFFERTORY

Adagio, k. 356



by Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart

***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.*

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

Gracious God, we present these offerings, the fruits of our labor and the expressions of our gratitude. Bless these gifts and multiply them for the good of all. May they be used to support this community, to serve those in need, and to further the work of your kingdom on earth. Amen.

SCRIPTURE



Romans 6:15-18
Galatians 5:1, 13-17, 22-36

Pew Bible pg. 917
Pew Bible pg. 948

SERMON

Free Will: Aligning Our Will with God's



*Joys & Concerns
Moment of Silence
Pastoral Prayer*

***HYMN**

Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory

Pilgrim (Red) #443

***BENEDICTION**

***BENEDICTION RESPONSE**

Amen

***POSTLUDE**

Courante

by Georg F. Handel

The Worship is ended...Our Service Now Begins