

WELCOME! We're Glad You're Here!

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LITURGIST

PRELUDE

***CALL TO WORSHIP (UMC Discipleship)**

L: We gather to worship God with our full, imperfect selves.

P: We come to delight in the law of God, who is Love.

L: We gather as people who don't always know what to do in the face of difficult and complex circumstances.

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L: We gather as people who desire to follow God with our actions but struggle to connect what we want to do with what we actually do.

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L: Whether you come to worship today wondering if there is anything good left in the world or rejoicing in the small moments of goodness that remind you grace is still at work among us, you are welcome here.

P: We come to delight in the law of God, whose grace shows us how to live, work, play, and rest as a community of faith woven together by Love. Amen.

***OPENING HYMN** “Jesus Shall Reign” UMH 157

OPENING PRAYER Sis. Saleena Bascomb

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

God of heaven and earth, we gather with thankful hearts to worship and praise you. Through Jesus Christ, you have shown us your love and mercy and called us to follow you. Be with us in this time of worship. By your Holy Spirit, open our hearts and minds to your presence and your Word. Draw us

closer to you and help us know you more. In the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Amen.

WELCOME & GREETINGS

PASSING OF THE PEACE: *Let us greet each other with signs of love and peace: “The Peace of the Lord Jesus be with you.”*

***PSALTER** Psalm 145: 8-14 UMH 857 Sis. Lillian
Stewart

FIRST READING Zechariah 9: 9-12 Sis. Lynetha Springer

SECOND READING Romans 7: 15-25a Sis. Lynetha Springer

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

JOYS, CONCERNS & PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*in unison*)

Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart. We have failed to be an obedient church. We have not done your will, we have broken your law, we have rebelled against your love, we have not loved our neighbors, and we have not heard the cry of the needy. Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

L: Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that proves God's love toward us. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

P: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

All: Glory to God. Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

MUSIC MINISTRY

***GOSPEL READING** Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

***SERMONIC HYMN** "O Love That Wilt Not ..." UMH
480

MESSAGE "Freedom!" Rev. Dr. Chinma Uche

HOLY COMMUNION UMH 9

TITHES & OFFERINGS

***DOXOLOGY** UMH 95
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him,
all creatures here below; Praise him above, ye heavenly
host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION:** Gracious God, thank you
for every gift and every giver. Receive these offerings as
signs of our gratitude for your love and grace. Bless
those who give, provide for those in need, and use
these gifts to share your hope and love with the world.
Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & NOTICES

***CLOSING HYMN** "It Is Well with My Soul " UMH 377

***BENEDICTION**

Welcome to
Bloomfield  **United Methodist Church**
Sharing the Abundant Life in Christ

6th Sunday After Pentecost, Year A
Independence Day Sunday



July 5, 2026 11:00am

REV. DR. CHINMA UCHE

Saleena Bascomb - Music Director

Rev. Thomas J. Bickerton - Resident Bishop

Rev. Heather A. M. Sinclair - District Superintendent

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NOTICES & ANNOUNCEMENTS for July 5, 2026

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