

Hopewell UMC
July 4, 2021
6th Sunday after Pentecost
Independence Day

Instrumental Music

Welcome

Pastor Wendy

***Choral Call to Worship**

Ten Thousand Reasons Chorus

Matt Redman

***Call to Worship**

Psalm 121 (Names of God Bible)

I look up toward the mountains.

Where can I find help?

My help comes from *Yahweh*,

the maker of heaven and earth.

He will not let you fall.

Your guardian will not fall asleep.

Indeed, the Guardian of Israel never rests or sleeps.

***Yahweh* is your guardian.**

***Yahweh* is the shade over your right hand.**

The sun will not beat down on you during the day,

nor will the moon at night.

***Yahweh* guards you from every evil.**

He guards your life.

***Yahweh* guards you as you come and go,**

now and forever.

***Opening Hymn**

America the Beautiful

UMH 696

Opening Prayer

Adapted, Andy Landford, U.S.A., 20th Cent., The United Methodist Book of Worship, The United Methodist Publishing House, 1992

Almighty God, you rule all the peoples of the earth. Inspire the minds of all persons to whom you have committed the responsibility of government and leadership in the nations of the world. Give to them the vision of truth and justice, that by their counsel all nations and peoples may work together. Give to the people of our country zeal for justice and strength of forbearance, that we may use our liberty in accordance with your gracious will. Forgive our shortcomings as a nation; have mercy on us; purify our hearts to see and love the truth. We pray all these things through Jesus Christ. Amen.

Music

“Jesus Loves Me”

Children’s Moment

Prayer Hymn

Let There Be Peace on Earth

UMH 431

Pastoral Prayer

Pastor Wendy

Psalm Reading

Psalm 123 (CEB)

I raise my eyes to you—
you who rule heaven.

**² Just as the eyes of servants attend to their masters' hand,
just as the eyes of a female servant attend to her mistress' hand—
that's how our eyes attend to the LORD our God
until he has mercy on us.**

**³ Have mercy on us, LORD! Have mercy
because we've had more than enough shame.**

**⁴ We've had more than enough mockery from the self-confident,
more than enough shame from the proud.**

This is the word of God for all God's people. **Thanks be to God. Amen.**

Sermon

**You Asked...Favorite Psalm:
*Eye on the Prize***

Pastor Wendy

Hymn

Let Us Break Bread Together

UMH 618

Communion

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Invitation to Holy Communion

Pastor Wendy

Confession & Pardon

Merciful God, we confess that we have failed to love you with our whole heart. We have failed to fully be your church in this time and place. Our actions and inactions have not always reflected your image to our neighbors and one another. Have mercy on upon us; pardon and deliver us from all our sins; confirm and strengthen us in all goodness; and bring us to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Here the good news:

Christ died for us so that in spite of our brokenness, we may have full, abundant life. That proves God's gracious love toward us. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

...and joining their unending hymn:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

... we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

Prayer of Consecration & Lord's Prayer

...we join together praying ...

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.

Receiving the Bread and Cup

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Lord, we give thanks for this holy sustenance you have offered to us. You have filled us with your Spirit, and prepared us to go forth into the world, sharing the good news of Jesus' transformative love, grace, and mercy. Thank you! Amen.

Closing Hymn

For the Beauty of the Earth

UMH 92

Announcements

Spoken Benediction

Musical Benediction

"Go Now in Peace"

As our time of worship together ends, our praise for God continues and our worship through witness and service in the world begins.

Sermon Series: You Asked...

Sunday, July 11, Matthew 25:31-46— ...***Favorite New Testament Scripture, The Great Commission: Loving Others***

Sunday, July 18, Exodus 3:1-18a...***Favorite Old Testament Scripture, A Voice in the Un-consuming Fire***

Sunday, July 25, John 8:31-36, ...***What is Truth? Will it still set you free in 2021?***

August Focus: What is the Image of God?

Aug 1, Genesis 1:27, The Creator, Featuring: "You are Special" by Max Lucado
August 8, 15, 22, 29 TBD