

# July 2026 Worship Guide

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*This booklet contains the outline for each worship service during the month of July 2026.*

*If you are not able to attend in person, you can watch online on our website and YouTube channel. Even if we are not worshipping in the same building, we are still one body, one family, we are brothers and sisters in Christ Jesus. Look up the scriptures referenced in the following pages; pray the words, and claim the promises for you and your family.*

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*Dear Cherryvale Family,*

*July is a month that often invites us to slow down, spend time with family and friends, enjoy the beauty of God's creation, and reflect on the blessings we have received. As we celebrate Independence Day and give thanks for the freedoms we enjoy as a nation, we are also reminded of an even greater freedom that God offers through His grace.*

*Over the past several weeks, we have journeyed through the book of Genesis in our sermon series, Formed by Promise. We have watched God call Abraham, keep His promises through impossible circumstances, guide His people through uncertainty, and remain faithful even when His people struggled to trust Him. Again and again, we have discovered that our lives are not ultimately sustained by our own efforts but by God's faithfulness.*

*As we move through July, we begin a new series in Exodus called Formed for Freedom. The story of Exodus reminds us that God's promises are never an end in themselves. God forms His people so that He may lead them into freedom. We will follow the journey of Moses and the Israelites as God delivers them from slavery, guides them through the wilderness, and teaches them what it means to live as His covenant people.*

*Their story is also our story. While most of us are not standing at the edge of the Red Sea or wandering through the wilderness, we all know what it is like to face fears, uncertainties, disappointments, and seasons when the way forward is unclear. Yet the same God who preserved Moses, parted the sea, and provided daily bread is still at work today. He continues to lead His people with grace, patience, and steadfast love.*

*Summer often brings changes in routines, vacations, and travel. As you enjoy these opportunities, I encourage you to remain connected to the life of the church through worship, prayer, Scripture reading, and fellowship. Spiritual growth does not take a summer vacation. In fact, some of God's deepest work in our lives often happens in the quieter seasons when we slow down enough to listen.*

*Thank you for your faithfulness to Christ and to the ministry of Cherryvale United Methodist Church. Thank you for your prayers, your service, your generosity, and the many ways you share God's love with one another and our community.*

*May the Lord bless you and keep you throughout this summer season. May He continue to form us by His promises and lead us into the freedom found in Jesus Christ.*

*Grace and Peace,*

*Pastor Jonathan Greer*

# July Worship

## July 5

**Scriptures to read and meditate on:** Gen 24:34-67; Ps 45:10-17, Ps 72; Rom 7:15-25; Matt 11:16-19, 25-30

### **Call to Worship**

Come, people of God, and worship the One who leads His people with wisdom and faithfulness. God guided Abraham's servant on the journey and provided a way forward through grace and promise. When we are uncertain of the path ahead, God remains faithful. We trust in the guidance of the Lord. When we seek direction and wisdom, God walks beside us. The steadfast love of the Lord endures forever. Come and worship the God who guides His people in every season. We come to follow the God of promise and faithfulness.

### **Prayer of Confession**

Faithful God, You guide Your people with wisdom and mercy, yet we often trust our own understanding more than Your leading. We want clear answers instead of patient faith and control instead of surrender. Too often we rush ahead in fear instead of listening for Your direction. Forgive us when anxiety clouds our trust and when we fail to recognize Your presence along the journey. Teach us to walk faithfully in the paths You set before us, and give us courage to trust Your promises even when we cannot yet see the destination.

### **Prayer of Thanksgiving**

Gracious and faithful God, You guide Your people with mercy, wisdom, and steadfast love. Receive these gifts, our tithes, and our offerings. Use them for the work of Your kingdom, that others may come to know the hope and peace found in Christ. Lead us by Your hand to follow faithfully wherever You call us, trusting that Your promises will sustain and guide us along the way. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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## July 12

**Scriptures to read and meditate on:** Gen 25:19-34; Ps 119:105-112, Ps 25; Rom 8:1-11; Matt 13:1-9, 18-23

### **Call to Worship**

Come, people of God, and worship the One whose grace is greater than our striving. When we try to secure blessing by our own strength: God remains faithful to His promises. The Lord is patient and merciful toward His people. We place our trust in the grace of God. God calls us not to grasp in fear, but to rest in His faithfulness. The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases. Come and worship the God whose promises endure forever. We come to worship with thankful and trusting hearts.

### **Prayer of Confession**

Gracious God, You are faithful to Your promises, yet too often we try to secure blessing through our own striving. Like Jacob, we grasp for control instead of trusting Your timing. We become anxious about the future and tempted to rely upon ourselves instead of Your grace. Forgive us when fear drives our decisions and when envy and comparison shape our hearts. Forgive us when we seek security apart from trusting You. Teach us to rest in Your faithfulness. Free us from the need to control what belongs in Your hands, and help us trust that Your grace is sufficient for every season of life.

### **Prayer of Thanksgiving**

Generous and faithful God, Every good and perfect gift comes from You. Receive these gifts, our tithes, and our offerings, and use them for the work of Your kingdom. Free us from fearful striving and teach us to trust in Your provision and grace. Shape us into people who live with open hands and thankful hearts, resting not in our own strength, but in the faithfulness of Your promises. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

# July Worship

## **July 19**

**Scriptures to read and meditate on:** Gen 28:10-19a; Ps 139:1-2, 23-24; Rom 8:12-25; Matt 13:24-30, 36-43

### **Call to Worship**

Jesus says come to me you who are tired and weary, and I will give you rest. We rest in Christ so that we may have the power to continue the mission and ministry of Jesus Christ. We come to worship, resting in Christ's goodness and we leave revived and sent out to have compassion on the world. God is faithful in compassion. Let us sing God's praise!

### **Prayer of Confession**

Compassionate God, you are always more ready to give than we are to receive. We often fail to live into the image of your Son, we often fail to love and serve as He taught us and does for us. Forgive us for our lack of compassion on those around us. Forgive us for not hearing the cry of the needy, the poor, and the outcast. As we find our rest in you, may we find renewal for life to serve and love others. Through Christ our Lord who serves and loves beyond measure.

### **Prayer of Thanksgiving**

Shepherding God, we give you thanks for leading us and always being faithful to us. We pray that Jesus' life and teaching may be our example for sharing intentionally our talents, prayers, time, and offerings. Help us to have compassion on those who need to your love as you do for us. We ask that you receive our gifts and multiply them so that your love, compassion, and faithfulness will be experienced in our community and in the world. Through Christ, our compassionate, Lord. Amen.

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## **July 26**

**Scriptures to read and meditate on:** Gen 29:15-28; Ps 105:1-11, 45b; Rom 8:26-39; Matt 13:31-33, 44-52

### **Call to Worship**

What do you have? We don't have much. Whatever you can offer God will multiply. Then let us offer to God everything we have! Let us offer ourselves in praise and worship.

### **Prayer of Confession**

Multiplying God, in our struggle to trust in you with all that we are and all that we have, we have failed to offer to you anything. We struggle with giving our money to you, we struggle with offering our lunch to someone who is hungry, we struggle with hard hearts. Lord have mercy on us, give us new and clean hearts that will trust in you fully with the entirety of our hearts and lives. For we know that you multiply grace upon grace upon grace.

### **Prayer of Thanksgiving**

Faithful God, we give you thanks for giving us faith that leads to eternal life. We praise you for caring for and taking the fragments of our lives to mend us back together again. We give you thanks with our hands, our feet, and the gifts we offer you now. Bless and multiply our fragmented gifts so that others may know your abundance and grace. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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***ALL PROCEEDS GO TOWARDS THE MISSIONS OF CHERRYVALE***

# America's 250th Birthday Word Search.

J N E V Z F F R A N K L I N T T Z K O E N N S I J D K S R L  
C C G V E M E N W O T K R O Y O L K D I O O L R D D P E P I  
N G Z L B P B Y T E D D L N I O A G K Z I I A J A Y M M Q B  
K L G B U D E C L A R A T I O N G D H T T T I N Z T M I Q E  
B A E B F C Q R M G V F W Y L B Y B R X A U N O V Q S Q N R  
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P H Q C R I D A Z E A L U I U F D R C L C I B L O V T E S P  
P V P S F E I O J P I B O J O F I R E W O R K S N C L N W E  
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D C Z T N T Y O P U Q G G G D C L A I N O L O C S X A H N M  
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X P J F U S R T O Q E I V E Z T E H Z D E I M D E V T P O D  
L O B J J C R R A H A L H C N W T U G N I T N U B W J M Z C  
S U Y F L Q A S E P S N D S B Y T K C C I T I Z E N S H I P  
M Y S X X S M T I Y F T Q J A F J E Z L A I R O M E M U G F  
J Z S N N E Y C A R C O M E D W T Z P R R U F E D A A Z I O

**Bible Geography Word Search** - Find the **50** words or phrases relating to America's 250th Birthday celebration. Just for fun, or use as a teaching aide with your younger family members.

*Liberty*

*Independence*

*Revolution*

*Patriotism*

*Constitution*

*Founders*

*Heritage*

*Freedom*

*Union*

*Republic*

*Democracy*

*Stars*

*Stripes*

*Eagle*

*Fireworks*

*Celebration*

*Semiquincentennial*

*Anniversary*

*Colonial*

*History*

*Militia*

*Congress*

*Declaration*

*Philadelphia*

*Lexington*

*Concord*

*Yorktown*

*Washington*

*Jefferson*

*Adams*

*Franklin*

*Bell*

*Parade*

*Flags*

*Bunting*

*Commemoration*

*Unity*

*Citizenship*

*Valor*

*Veterans*

*Tradition*

*Memorial*

*Legacy*

*Bicentennial*

*Jubilee*

*Founding*

*Nationhood*

*Prosperity*

*Resilience*

*Pride*

# Women of the Bible Word Search.

P J T F E H D A U W G Q I Z E I M M H V T A N J S Y S G Y E  
C U R F I H D A I I L D K A S V G A A Q B U Q J I K W R N C  
O R A J L H G G M D Q E N N S C E I R M S H I P H R A H X I  
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U E G U K B I Z T M R A U C L D H I T A M S I G T J T V W R  
O W O G L X D T M A H I L P A U G M E M V A A X B G C U J E  
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Y R G G F D H M U M T A H D S S J N M H S N M D P J Q F D T  
B W R Y B W O C J Z L H A E G U O P A H H M N R A H A B J L  
A I N U J Q D Q I O P H G D K S A N H T T C F A E L I Y X K  
G I H J Y E E E M M Q Q S S Q C N H V E I A C E S C E R B B  
O F E D J M S E S Y B U L S B A N Y P B I N K R B U I N A R  
B J M R X B W T G B F K V B H M A U O A A D W Q U E S O E H  
H E R O D I A S H U D A I J M E I B A Z K A F G V Q O J C C  
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U G G B O P D U E T X L E E R G W K C L S Q I G Y Y B T W S  
F P K D I Y U B S C E S Z S U U P Y S L I J L R E R F R P S  
I Y C D G B H U R C C E H K I U T M I A A D S B E B T N Y D  
F S F J G M R A E A B H V A A D U H R C D Z U Q W D I U X H  
C Y Z O N E Z B I E A M W X N A G V P D W Q A Q Y N S W Z S  
X S K T B S A D L R E A B S L I J M P W U M B A N N A H I W  
D G K E G S Y Z O U L N C X L P D A T Y H A E L K V N M P J  
Y N K K O L F B N L X S R X N U K G X C S R H A B X O Z P J  
I A R B Q J E I I V R A X N H C Q W K Y Q Z S B V L L L O X  
H L M J M D C S C Q M R E A L I A G I B A N H R A M T O R Z  
J A E L L E U Q A A Z A M O Y E H G N U R T T E V W S I A L  
N U V S Y R B O T K E H W M R N Z X S J F Q A P Q A U S H S  
N V H I D H A I L A H T A I O B M R H D Z Y B W C F W X H B

**Women of the Bible Word Search** - Find the names of **50** Women of the bible.

Just for fun or use as a teaching aide with younger family members.

*Eve*

*Sarah*

*Rebekah*

*Leah*

*Rachel*

*Miriam*

*Deborah*

*Jael*

*Ruth*

*Naomi*

*Hannah*

*Abigail*

*Michal*

*Bathsheba*

*Tamar*

*Rahab*

*Esther*

*Vashti*

*Huldah*

*Judith*

*Susanna*

*Elizabeth*

*Mary*

*Martha*

*Mary Magdalene*

*Joanna*

*Salome*

*Anna*

*Phoebe*

*Priscilla*

*Lydia*

*Tabitha*

*Sapphira*

*Lois*

*Eunice*

*Junia*

*Claudia*

*Bernice*

*Drusilla*

*Herodias*

*Damaris*

*Candace*

*Jezebel*

*Athaliah*

*Dinah*

*Keturah*

*Orpah*

*Shiphrah*

*Puah*

*Zipporah*

# Verona Food Pantry

This list is a guide line, any item you can give is welcomed.

Drop off at the office before the end of the month.

January - cereal and instant oatmeal cups

February - peanut butter and jelly jars

March - canned milk and dry milk powder

April - Mac n Cheese

May - canned meats and fish

June - canned fruit, fruit snacks and fruit cups

July - canned or boxed soup and soup cups

August - cereal bars / granola bars

September - peanut butter

October - canned pasta and pasta cups

November - anything thanksgiving

December - paper goods and personal hygiene items

In addition to the above list we are collecting Kleenex, Lysol wipes and hand sanitizer for the teachers and kids at AR Ware Elementary.

1. Everyone donates Kraft Mac & Cheese in the box, but it needs milk & butter which is hard to get from food banks.
2. Boxed Milk is a treasure. Kids need it for cereal, which they get a lot of.
3. Everyone donates pasta sauce & spaghetti noodles.
4. Canned Foods should be Pop Tops OR donate Can Openers.
5. Oil is a luxury needed for Rice a Roni which they get a lot of.
6. Spices, Salt & Pepper are a real gift.
7. Tea bags & Coffee are caring gifts.
8. Sugar & Flour are treats.
9. Important are fresh produce donated by farmers & grocery stores.
10. Seeds are great in spring & summer because growing can be easy for some.
11. Rarely is there fresh meat.
12. Tuna & Crackers make a good lunch.
13. Hamburger Helper goes nowhere without ground beef.
14. They get lots of peanut butter and jelly but NEED sandwich bread.
15. Butter or Margarine are good.
16. Eggs are a commodity!
17. Cake mix & Frosting makes it possible to make a child's birthday cake.
18. Dishwashing Detergent is very expensive & is always appreciated.
19. Feminine hygiene products are a luxury & women will cry over them.
20. Everyone loves Stove Top Stuffing.