

JULY 2021 WORSHIP

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This booklet contains the outline for each worship service during the month of July 2021. As of the time of going to print, Sunday worship is in person, online and broadcast on the radio (you can listen in your car on FM 87.9, in the church parking lot). If you are not able to attend in person, you can watch online on our website and YouTube channel.

Even if we are not worshiping 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. - Pastor Jonathan

A Time For Change

If you have been around Cherryvale for any length of time, or indeed any United Methodist church, you will know that July 1 is a time of change. All across the country, UM ministers are packing up their belongings, saying goodbye to congregations they have grown to love, relocating their families, and driving to unfamiliar towns, cities and locations. July 1 for many is the first day of a new chapter and often what appears to be a daunting challenge! But GOD!....

There seems to always be a guarantee in life that change will happen. Change is something we tend to fear and become anxious about because we do not feel in control of life. But GOD!....The good news is that God has a plan for our lives that includes hope, future, and prosperity. We need to learn to trust in God and allow the change to grow us to become more like Jesus Christ.

We are promised that all things will work together for good for those who love Him and keep His commandments! God is walking this life journey with us - His presence is always with us, guiding us. What does the Bible say about change and how can it inspire us in times of change?

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here! 2 Cor. 5: 17

Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid or terrified because of them, for the LORD your God goes with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you.” Deut. 31: 6

Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. Heb. 13: 8

For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the LORD, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. Jer. 29: 11

Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the LORD your God will be with you wherever you go.” Joshua 1: 9

These are just a few of many, many verses of encouragement and hope when we are faced with change; I am sure you have your own list of ‘go to’ scriptures that bring you peace and encouragement as you face the ups and downs in life.

I am excited to become part of the Cherryvale family. I fully trust that the Lord will guide us during this time of transition and change, and I am looking forward to seeing the great things He will do through His willing servants at Cherryvale.

Blessings, Pastor Jonathan.

July Worship

Worship July 4

Scriptures to read and meditate on

2 Sam 5:1-5, 9-10, Ps 48, 2 Cor 12:2-10, Mk 6:1-13

Thought for the week

Christ comes to our hometowns, our most intimate places of relationships and inward being, but do we recognize who Jesus truly is, when he shows up? Do we allow Christ to transform all the places he shows up?

Call To Worship

Great is the LORD and greatly to be praised in the city of our God. His holy mountain, we ponder your steadfast love, O God, in the midst of your temple. Your name, O God, like your praise, reaches to the ends of the earth. Your right hand is filled with victory. Let Mount Zion be glad, let the towns of Judah rejoice because of your judgments. Come let us worship the Lord our God, Maker of Heaven and Earth and the giver of life, for all the great things He has done!

Prayer of Confession

God of grace and powerful weakness, at times your plans were ignored, rejected, belittled, and unwelcome. We live our life thinking that Jesus is out there beyond our own intimate relationships. We fail to recognize where Jesus truly is and how Jesus is truly at work in our lives and in the world. Help our unbelief, forgive us where we have mistrusted you, and failed to be obedient to Your Word. Trusting that we, too, are called to be prophets, fill us with your Spirit, and support us by your gentle hands, that we may persevere in speaking your word and living our faith in Christ Jesus our Lord . In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

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Worship July 11

Scriptures to read and meditate on

2 Sam 6:1-5, 12b-19, Ps 24, Eph 1:3-14, Mk 6:14-29

Thought for the week

If we take away the authority of Christ for our morals, what then do we base our morals on?

Call To Worship

Lift up your heads, O gates! and be lifted up, O ancient doors! that the King of glory may come in. Who is the King of glory? The LORD, strong and mighty, the LORD, mighty in battle. Lift up your heads, O gates! and be lifted up, O ancient doors! that the King of glory may come in. Who is this King of glory? The LORD of hosts, he is the King of glory. Come, let us worship the Lord our God!

Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, we have failed to be obedient to your Word, we have not done your will, and we have broken your law. We have followed the desires of the world instead of living in your holy presence. Our morals have been weakened because we have let the world set the standards instead of Christ. Forgive us Holy Lord and help us to see Your Holiness as our standard for life. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

July Worship

Worship July 18

Scripture to read and meditate on

2 Sam 7:1-14a, Ps 89:20-37, Eph 2:11-22, Mk 6:30- 34, 53-56

Thought for the week

Life is busy, we are often tired and worn, but even amidst our weariness are we able to have compassion for another? Will we show compassion by our actions or will we sneak past by?

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.

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, Amen.

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Worship July 25

Scriptures to read and meditate on

2 Sam 11:1-15, Ps 14, Eph 3:14-21, Jn 6:1-21

Thought for the day

Whatever we can and do offer to God, God will multiply in abundance.

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!

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 have grace upon grace upon grace. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

Hebrews Word Search

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

YXCXKALRVWUIXEEMNTMHTQQMEDFISS
AQKZVOPIATMMGTCWCXJHSTNTPIWKAU
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Find the **33 bold** words or phrases from Mark 6: 30-44

Jesus Feeds The Five Thousand

³⁰ The **apostles** gathered around Jesus and reported to him all they had done and taught. ³¹ Then, because so many people were **coming and going** that they did not even have a chance to eat, he said to them, “Come with me by **yourselves** to a quiet place and get some rest.” ³² So they went away by **themselves** in a boat to a **solitary place**. ³³ But many who saw them leaving **recognized** them and **ran on foot** from all the towns and got there ahead of them. ³⁴ When **Jesus landed** and saw a large crowd, he had **compassion** on them, because they were like **sheep** without a **shepherd**. So he began **teaching** them many things. ³⁵ By this time it was **late in the day**, so his **disciples** came to him. “This is a **remote place**,” they said, “and it’s already very late. ³⁶ Send the people away so that they can go to the **surrounding countryside** and **villages** and buy themselves **something to eat**.” ³⁷ But he answered, “You give them something to eat.” They said to him, “That would take more than **half a year’s wages**! Are we to go and spend that much on **bread** and give it to them to eat?” ³⁸ “**How many** loaves do you have?” he asked. “**Go and see.**” When they found out, they said, “**Five—and two fish.**” ³⁹ Then Jesus directed them to have all the people **sit down in groups** on the green grass. ⁴⁰ So they sat down in groups of hundreds and **fifties**. ⁴¹ Taking the **five loaves** and the two fish and looking up to heaven, he **gave thanks** and broke the loaves. Then he gave them to his disciples to **distribute** to the people. He also divided the two fish among them all. ⁴² **They all ate** and were **satisfied**, ⁴³ and the disciples picked up **twelve basketfuls** of **broken pieces** of bread and fish. ⁴⁴ The number of the men who had eaten was **five thousand**.

From Dead to Life

"The Dead Sea will one day be made alive by the river of life. You can be made alive, as well, by faith in the One from whom living water flows. The dead can see, the dead can feel, and the dead can understand what is happening to them. But when you're dead it's too late to do anything about your circumstance, because then you can only see and feel and understand. What you cannot do is change anything. So while you're still alive, believe in Him and allow that river of living water that will completely change who you are to flow out of you. And just as the Dead Sea is going to become a living lake with living creatures in it, your heart can be transformed from stone into flesh. Your soul can be revived. Your life can change, and you can have eternal life. But only if you trust in Him, in Jesus, our salvation. As He said, If you only believe in Me, from your bellies rivers of living water will flow."

Revelation 19:6

And I heard, as it were, the voice of a great multitude, as the sound of many waters and as the sound of mighty thunderings, saying, "Alleluia! For the Lord God Omnipotent reigns!"

Among the many attributes of our God that we should revere and consider with awe is His omnipotence. The word 'omnipotent' in Revelation means 'absolute authority'. Essentially, it is talking about having 'unlimited power'. The truth is you have to have unlimited power in order to be the absolute authority over all creation. Because God is all-powerful, He is also omnipresent, present everywhere. Because God is all powerful, He is also omniscient; He knows everything. Because God is omnipotent, Jeremiah could write these familiar words:

Jeremiah 32:17

"Ah, Lord GOD! Behold, You have made the heavens and the earth by Your great power and outstretched arm. There is nothing too hard for You."

This is a fact that we need to carry close into every situation we face in life. There is nothing too hard for God. There is no circumstance He cannot deliver us from, and there is no situation He cannot sustain us through. There is nothing too hard for Him!

1 Corinthians 15:21-26

For since by man came death, by Man also came the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ all shall be made alive. But each one in his own order: Christ the firstfruits, afterward those who are Christ's at His coming. Then comes the end, when He delivers the kingdom to God the Father, when He puts an end to all rule and all authority and power. For He must reign till He has put all enemies under His feet. The last enemy that will be destroyed is death.

In order to make dead men live, in order to end all systems of earthly rule and authority, in order to put all enemies under His subjection, in order to destroy even the great enemy of death, unlimited power and absolute authority are required, and this is who and what our magnificent God is!

What a mighty God we serve!!

He said the land of Israel would see the return of His people and it has. He said the land of Israel would blossom like a rose in the desert and it has. He said the nations of the world would gather against

Jerusalem, and they have. He said He Himself would fight against those nations “as He fights in the day of battle” and He has and will continue to do so. He said someday the Mount of Olives will split open and waters will flow to the Dead Sea and that body of water will spring back to life, and it will.

He is the Omnipotent God who reigns, and there is nothing too hard for Him, including whatever you are going through right now.

Psalm 43

Vindicate me, O God, and plead my cause against an ungodly nation; oh, deliver me from the deceitful and unjust man! For You are the God of my strength; why do You cast me off? Why do I go mourning because of the oppression of the enemy? Oh, send out Your light and Your truth! Let them lead me; let them bring me to Your holy hill and to Your tabernacle. Then I will go to the altar of God, to God my exceeding joy; and on the harp I will praise You, O God, my God. Why are you cast down, O my soul? And why are you disquieted within me? Hope in God; for I shall yet praise Him, the help of my countenance and my God.

The anonymous psalmist here finds himself where every Christian has been at some point in their lives, feeling like evil is prevailing, deceit and injustice are winning, and maybe even that we have been cast off by the Lord (which cannot and will never happen). He wisely cries out for guidance and deliverance from the Lord, and that He would send out His light and truth and let them lead him through the difficult circumstances he was facing.

We, too, live in a time of deceit and injustice; we, too, live in a time when we are anxious for the Lord to deliver us; we, too, must take the path of the psalmist in such a time as this. But we also note that in this brief yet powerful Psalm, how different the end is from the beginning. It begins with feeling “cast off” and ends with hope in God. It begins with mourning because of oppression and ends with praise to the One who is our hope. The reason we need to point this out is that there is no mention of a change in circumstance, but rather a change in the countenance of the one who was in them.

The Hebrew word translated as ‘countenance’ literally means ‘the face’. Figuratively, it means ‘one’s outlook or appearance’. It is much like what King David described in Psalm 30:

Psalms 30:11

You have turned for me my mourning into dancing; You have put off my sackcloth and clothed me with gladness.

you may be reading this today feeling like the psalmist – have I been cast off? Where is the Lord in all I am going through? He is omnipresent, so you can be assured that He is with you. It is also true that things don’t have to become different for you to see them differently. You, too, can go from mourning to dancing; you, too, can go from feeling cast off to being hope-filled; you, too, can go from sorrow because of the oppression of your circumstances to praising Him from the midst of them. This will change your countenance, even if your situation doesn’t change.

It has been said, “One up-look can change your whole outlook.” So remember, if God can make dead men live, bring to life a dead sea, gather His scattered people back into their national homeland after almost 2000 years, then your current situation is not too hard for our omnipotent God who reigns!

Report on the 2021 Virginia Annual Conference

The 239th Session of the Virginia Annual Conference was held virtually June 18-19, 2021. The theme for the Conference was UNITED AS ONE. Some highlights are listed here. For in-depth information, please visit www.vaumc.org.

For me, the highlight of the Conference was the Bible study, the worship service Saturday and the music. Even virtually, these sessions were inspiring and entertaining. UNITED AS ONE? After a year of isolation by pandemic, political division and looming concern for the future of the Methodist denomination? Yes! We were encouraged to be united in Christ, to see Christ in each other, regardless of political or ideological differences. Inspiring words from all speakers. I believe you can view all services on the Conference website.

Online, you can also view our new Pastor, Jonathan Greer, in the Friday evening Service of Ordering of Ministry. Pastor Viv is included in the Retirement service and Pastor Sara Payne in the Elder service.

Saturday, Jerry and I delivered Cherryvale's food donation to St. Paul's. Our District supplied area food banks with three trailer loads of food and more was coming! Thanks to everyone for participating! Hygiene kits can be delivered to St. Paul's all year long. From there, they are delivered to the Valley Mission. In August the District will be collecting School Kits and in October, a coat collection. More information to follow.

The Conference saw eight churches close their doors last year but six new congregations were planted.

The item taking up the most discussion during the business session was District Alignment. A District Alignment Team was formed last year to address the challenges of ministry in the 21st century and develop changes necessary to adapt to those challenges. Although a number of steps have been proposed, the implementation and funding of a plan to reduce the number of districts in the conference took up the most discussion. The plan would reduce the number of districts from sixteen to eight. A new position of District Developer is being proposed. The District Developer would work closely with churches, clergy and the District Superintendent. There would be seventeen District Developers under the leadership of the eight District Superintendents.

Detailed information and FAQs are available on the VAUMC website. I encourage you to visit the website for more information.

Please contact me if you're interested in more information on any of these topics.

Blessings,
Bonnie Reeves, - Annual Conference Member

The Star Spangled Banner - the History behind our National Anthem.

Have you ever wondered about the words to our Star Spangled Banner? The “rockets red glare, bombs bursting in air?” Why was someone watching so intently to “see if our flag was still there?”

“In 1814, as flames leapt out of the Capitol Building and the White House, the night sky glowed red as the American people fled Washington. The British were attacking American seaports and the mainland relentlessly, steadily moving toward Baltimore. Emboldened by victory, British Admiral Cochrane informed James Monroe, America’s Secretary of State, that the British Navy had set their eyes on the demolition of Fort McHenry, a pentagonal bastion fort protecting the Baltimore harbor.

“A young lawyer named Francis Scott Key had been sent to negotiate the release of prisoners being held on British ships in the Baltimore Harbor. After the successful negotiation of the release, Key was informed by Vice Admiral Sir Alexander Cochrane that the negotiations would be fruitless, as the British would launch an attack on Fort McHenry at dawn. Because Key had seen the British preparing to attack, Cochrane did not allow him to return to land.

“On Tuesday, September 13, 1814, the earth-shattering sound of heavy guns broke the morning calm. British ships, as far as the eye could see, filled the harbor and mercilessly released their deadly mortars. By the following morning, the British had launched over 1,500 mortars, some as heavy as 250 pounds, into Fort McHenry.

“Through the night, Key kept a watch over the Fort. As the bombs lit up the night, Key strained to see if the American Flag was still flying. Why? Why was Key so intensely watching the flag? British officers had informed American troops that the whole battle could be avoided if they simply would lower their flag. So, as long as the flag remained raised, the British would continue to attack. For 25 hours, the British bombarded Fort McHenry. For 25 hours, American troops inside the fort made sure that the flag was still there. After 25 hours, the British realized they would not take the fort by sea, and ceased fire.

“Realizing the British were discontinuing their fire, Key, several miles out, looked over the waters. What would he tell the American prisoners now aboard his ship? Would he see the flag with her bold stripes and bright stars? Would he see the sign of surrender? Did that star-spangled banner yet wave? As the dawn turned to daylight, though its pole was askew and its stars and stripes marred, Key saw that, indeed, our American flag was still there.”

The young lawyer penned the first stanza of “The Defense of Fort McHenry” as the smoke began to clear. Shortly after he reached his hotel room, Francis Scott Key wrote the next three stanzas. Later that evening, Key’s brother-in-law, Judge Joseph Nicholsen, read the poem and promptly had it printed. Judge Nicholsen suggested that the poem be sung to “Anacreon in Heaven,” a tune widely sung in taverns throughout America at that time. By September 20, the Baltimore Patriot printed the song in its newspaper. By 1815, the song was known as “The Star-Spangled Banner.”

The song quickly became a favorite. In fact, P.T. Barnum sporadically held “national anthem contests” and no other song had stronger support than The Star-Spangled Banner. By 1889, it had become America’s unofficial anthem. The United States Navy played the song at flag raisings and around 1903, the United States Army had adopted the song. President Woodrow Wilson proclaimed it to be the national anthem and on March 3, 1931, Congress made it official.

Star Spangled Banner Word Search

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

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BJUSFLYNTJSFDGGXQKMQDQSKEFGU
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Find the **26 bold** words or phrases from the National Anthem

The Star Spangled Banner

*Oh, say can you see
by the dawn's early light
What so proudly we hailed
at the twilight's last gleaming
Whose broad stripes and bright stars
thru the perilous fight,
O'er the ramparts we watched
were so gallantly streaming.
And the rocket's red glare,
the bombs bursting in air,
Gave proof through the night
that our flag was still there.
Oh, say does that
star-spangled banner yet wave
O'er the land of the free
and the home of the brave!*

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.

July - staples, rice, beans, pasta

August - cereal

September - peanut butter

October - canned veggies

November - canned 'thanksgiving'

December - Pot Luck



The following list was shared by a food bank volunteer.

There are some excellent suggestions if you are ever unsure what to give, or if you see these items on sale. Fresh items should be taken directly to the food pantry.

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.