### Office Hours: Monday-Friday, 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

- We do our best to answer your phone calls weekday mornings.
- You may be directed to our automated answering service at other times.
- We strive to provide access to the church building during office hours through our callbox in the rear of the church building.
- Please call ahead and inquire about building access if you are coming after
   2:00 p.m.

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# 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost July 3, 2022 at 8:30 a.m.



"We Have not advanced very far in our spiritual lives if we have not encountered the basic paradox of freedom, to the effect that we are most free when we are bound. But not just any way of being bound will suffice; what matters is the character of our binding... With one concerted voice the giants of the devotional life apply the same principle to the whole of life with the dictum: Discipline is the price of freedom."

From "The New Man for Our Time" by Elton Trueblood.

\*Please rise in body or spirit.

Join us on the Johnstone Patio or in the WHH in case of rain

## \*Welcome and Call to Worship

With You is the source of life, O God. You are the beginning of all that is.

From Your life the fire of the rising sun streams forth.

You are the life-flow of creation's rivers,

The sap of blood in our veins,

Earth's fecundity,

The fruiting of trees,

Creatures' birthing,

The conception of new thought,

Desire's origin.

All of these are of You, O God,

And I am of You.

You are the morning's freshness.

\*Hymn 2194

**O Freedom** 

(1, 3, 4, 6)

#### We Share the Peace of the Lord

The Peace of Christ be with you. And also with you.

My soul thirsts for You, O God

(Psalm 63:1)

## Silent Prayer, Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

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. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the Kingdom, the Power, and the Glory forever. Amen.

**Music for the Morning** Be Thou My Vision

Arr. Paul Manz

Kevin Calavan, trumpet

The Word of the Lord Mark 6: 1-13

Hymn

My Country, 'Tis of Thee

You shall be like a watered garden, like a deep spring whose waters never fail.

(Isaiah 58:11)

## **Prayer of Thanksgiving**

Glory to You, O God, for the rising of the sun, for the color filling the skies, and for the brightness of daylight. Glory be to You for creatures stirring forth from the night, for plant forms stretching and unfolding, for the stable earth and its solid rocks.

Glory be to You for the beauty of Your image waking in opening eyes, lighting the human countenance.

Glory be to You. Glory be to You.

But where the glistening is lost sight of, where life's colors are dulled and the human soul grows hard, we pray for grace this day, we pray for Your softening grace. Amen.

\*Hymn

O Beautiful for Spacious Skies

## \*Closing Prayer

In the gift of this new day,

In the gift of the present moment,

In the gift of time and eternity intertwined,

Let us be thankful.

Let us be attentive.

Let us be open to what has never happened before,

In the gift of this new day,

In the gift of the present moment,

In the gift of time and eternity intertwined. Amen.

Go in peace to serve the Lord in the power of the Holy Spirit; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be with us always. **Amen.**