ST. DAVID'S (SHERMAN'S) UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

July 3, 2022

8:30 AM & 10:30 AM

WORDS TO PONDERSatan falls when ...

PRELUDE

WELCOME

RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: May we cherish the freedom and independence of this great land—,

People: but let us not swagger.

Leader: May we hold to treasured democracy—,

People: but let us not gloat.

<u>Leader</u>: May we lift up the prized values of our

constitution—,

People: but let us not strut.

Unison: May our actions carry the spirit of freedom we

enjoy into all corners edging this land and all

curves rounding this earth.

OPENING HYMN: "God of Our Fathers ..." #440 Red

CALL TO CONFESSION

How have we violated our neighbors—those whom we know and those worlds away from our own experience? Where have we sold ourselves to do what is evil in the sight of God? Have we sowed to our own flesh, and boasted of accomplishments as if we did everything ourselves? Together let us seek God's forgiveness.

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

You who make all things new, look with mercy as we confess our sin. The seeds of destruction find fertile soil in us; we nurture them to fruition. We pluck the yield and find it delightful; we rejoice in the evil harvest we have sown. Save us from our love of sinning, O God. Help us to change, as You forgive and offer us a new start.

TIME OF SILENT PERSONAL CONFESSION

UNISON ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

God sweeps away the evil and unrepentant, but to those who are truly sorry for their sin and eager for new life in Christ, God offers mercy and peace. To those who are inclusive of others and their concerns, in outlook and decision making, God offers a new creation. Even the demons are subject to those who, in Christ, offer peace to the world. All praise to our God for such amazing grace!

HYMN: "Amazing Grace" #547 NCH (Singing all verses acapella) Requested by Tricia Cuffley

HOLY SCRIPTURES: Galatians 6:1–16, Luke 10:1–11,16–20

CHILDREN'S STORYTIME

SERMON: "Names Written in Heaven"

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. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. AMEN

*CLOSING HYMN: "I've Got Peace Like a River" #478 NCH

*RESPONSIVE BENEDICTION

<u>Leader</u>: Peace and mercy be on all who walk with Christ.

The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few.

<u>Unison</u>: We accept our assignments in God's harvest

and seek to enlist others to labor with us.

*Indicates those who are able please stand

CELEBRATE



IN CHRIST THIS

Independence Day

It is for freedom that Christ has set us free.

Galations 5:1