

**BLUFF POINT UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
FOURTH OF JULY SUNDAY  
JULY 7, 2013**

**WELCOME AND GREETING**

**ORGAN PRELUDE/CANDLE LIGHTING**

**PRESENTATION OF THE FLAGS**

**\*SONG OF PRAISE – #2269 “Come Share the Lord”**

**\* CALL TO WORSHIP –**

- L. Let us lift our voices of praise to you O God for giving us the freedom to worship you this day.
- P. May we always remember what the cost was to our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ who died for our freedom from sin.**
- L. Let us also be reminded of the price that was paid by so many to insure our freedom from tyranny.
- P. We give you thanks, O God, who overshadows us with your banner of love and mercy.**

**\*PRAYER OF GRATITUDE: We give you thanks for our freedom of religion and the freedom to live in this country. We also thank you for the freedom Jesus Christ gave us when he died for our sins. Keep us ever mindful of our responsibility to guard those freedoms and not take them for granted. FORGIVE US WHEN WE GET TO COMPLACENT AND FORGET WHAT PRICE WAS PAID FOR THIS FREEDOM. This we ask in Jesus’ name. Amen.**

**READINGS FOR “HEAL OUR LAND”**

**1<sup>ST</sup> READING: (RIGHT SIDE)**

O BEAUTIFUL FOR PEOPLE OF FAITH WHO FOUNDED THIS GREAT LAND;  
PROCLAIMED FOR US, “IN GOD WE TRUST,” AND HELD TO GOD’S STRONG HAND.

HEAR OUR CRY AND TURN OUR NATION BACK TO YOU. LORD  
HEAL OUR LAND;  
HEAR US O LORD, AND HEAL OUR LAND.

**2<sup>ND</sup> READING: (LEFT SIDE)**

NOW IS THE JUDGMENT OF THIS WORLD; NOW THE RULER OF THIS WORLD WILL BE DRIVEN OUT. AND I, WHEN I AM LIFTED UP

FROM THE EARTH, WILL DRAW ALL PEOPLE TO MYSELF. (JOHN 12:31-32)

SO, IF THE SON MAKES YOU FREE, YOU WILL BE FREE INDEED.(JOHN 8: 36)

**3<sup>RD</sup> READING:(ALL TOGETHER)**

HEAL OUR LAND, FATHER, HEAL OUR BROKEN LAND. AMEN.

**FOURTH OF JULY PRAYER SONG: God Bless America. Land that I love. Stand beside her and guide her thru the night with a light from above. From the mountains to the prairies. To the ocean white with foam. God bless America, my home, sweet home, God bless America, my home, sweet home.”**

**SHARING OF THE PEACE - Let us offer one another signs of reconciliation and love.**

**HYMN OF PRAISE: #617 “I Come With Joy” vs. 1,3,5**

**CHORAL ANTHEM: "Sing a Song of Peace (This Is My Country)"**

**CHILDREN’S TIME**

**PRAYER HYMN - #2272 “Standing On Holy Ground”**

**PASTORAL PRAYER/ THE LORD’S PRAYER**

**\*OFFERTORY/DOXOLOGY: Hymnal, #95:**

**OFFERTORY PRAYER: As we celebrate this special day, O God, let these gifts of love and compassion be blessed. May they bring freedom from want and independence to those who have yet to taste freedom, your freedom, in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**SCRIPTURE READING: 2 Kings 5: 1-15 (OT p.336)**

**SERMON: “Do All It Takes, and More”**

**COMMUNION ANTHEM: "Given For You"**

**SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION: P.13**

**\*CLOSING HYMN: #593 “Here I Am, Lord”  
POSTLUDE**

**A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO JOHN ANDERSEN AND JOHN PRINZIVALLI FOR MAKING OUR CHICKEN BARBECUE A SUCCESS. THANK YOU TO ALL WHO HELPED. IT MEANS A LOT TO COUNT ON EVERYONE.**

**SERVING CHRIST THIS WEEK:**

**Organist: Jean Bascom**  
**Choir Director: Aimee Perry**  
**Liturgist: Stacy Wyant**  
**Communion Steward: Pam Althouse**  
**Greeters: Laura and Amos Hammond**  
**Ushers: Ann Shepherd and Marilyn Sands**  
**Scripture Reader: Helen Schillinger**  
**Fellowship: Sarah Stackhouse**  
**Sunday School: Pam Althouse**  
**Nursery: Terry Fingar and Sonya Andersen**  
**Counters: Dick Smith and Fremont Clow**

**SERVING NEXT WEEK:**

**Organist: Jean Bascom**  
**Liturgist: Stacy Wyant**  
**Greeters: DoraLee Castner and Clarice Hardy**  
**Ushers: Terry and Doug Fingar**  
**Scripture Reader: Marguerite Miller**  
**Fellowship: BIRTHDAY SUNDAY - The Hammonds**  
**Sunday School: Leah Dibble**  
**Nursery: Jessica Kenneda and Aimee Perry**  
**Counters: Dick Smith and Fremont Clow**

**Next Week Schedule:**

Tues. UMW luncheon, Noon at Antique Inn  
NO CHOIR PRACTICE UNTIL SEPTEMBER.  
**THANK YOU TO ALL CHOIR MEMBERS, AIMEE PERRY AND CINDY HEGGIE FOR GIVING US SUCH INSPIRATIONAL MUSIC.**

**ALL MONEY FOR LANCASTER TRIP IS DUE. Please see Pastor Judy.**

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