

# St. Paul United Church of Christ

OAK HARBOR, OHIO

July 4, 2021

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

The 245<sup>th</sup> Year of our Nation's Founding

Rev. Dr. Robert R. Bottoms- Interim Pastor

Rev. Scott Cunningham, As

TIME OF SHARING & CONNECTING WITH THE COMMUNITY

PRELUDE

"Break Bread Together"

GATHERING THE COMMUNITY FOR WORSHIP

\*GATHERING WORDS:

Terry Kline, I

Leader: The prophets of old spoke of God's justice even when it was unwelcome. Who will hear their message?

ALL: We will listen and we will hear!

Leader: Responding to God's call, Jesus traveled, preaching and all who would listen. Who will hear his message?

ALL: We will listen and we will hear!

Leader: Christ sent out disciples two by two, to spread the good news to every place that would welcome them. Who will hear their message?

ALL: We will listen and we will hear!

Leader: God's prophets are among us still, around the world and in our pews. Who will hear their message?

ALL: We will listen and we will hear!

\*OPENING HYMN:

"The Battle Hymn of the Republic"

\*GATHERING PRAYER (*unison*)

*Eternal God, stir Thou our minds and stimulate our hearts with a sense of patriotism as we approach the Fourth of July. May this day symbolize renew our faith in freedom, our devotion to God and redouble our efforts to keep a government of the people, by the people, and for the people truly alive in our world.*

*Grant that we may highly resolve on this great day to dedicate ourselves anew to the task of ushering in an era when good will live in the hearts of a free people, justice shall be the light to their feet, and peace shall be the goal of all mankind. Amen.*

(Congressional Prayer offered by Chaplain, Reverend Edward G. L. Wednesday, July 3, 1974.)

\*PRAISE RESPONSE

"Gloria Patri"

RESPONDING TO GOD'S LOVE

SHARING OUR JOYS AND PRAYER CONCERNS

SILENT PRAYERS – MORNING PRAYERS

PRAYER RESPONSE: "Hear Our Prayer, O Lord"

HEARING AND SHARING GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE: Ezekiel 2:1-5; Philippians 2:1-11; Mark 6:1-13

SPECIAL MUSIC: "America the Beautiful" (Joan Klir

SERMON: "Sent With Power"

See "*An Order for the Celebration of the Sacrament of Communion*"

SENDING FORTH TO PROCLAIM GOD'S LOVE

\*PARTING SONG: "Lift Every Voice and Sing"

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION AND COMMITMENT: (*unison*)

*Outspoken Prophet, hear the message we are speaking through our gifts and aid us in spreading that message of hope and life to those whose voices have been silenced. May they strengthen the congregation so that we may continue to listen to those in need.*

\*BENEDICTION:

POSTLUDE: "Battle Hymn of the Republic"

*(Please be seated until the close of the Postlude)*

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*\*Indicates that worshippers are invited to stand, if able*

Portions of today's service come from: To Hear and Be Heard, An Intergenerational Liturgy for the Sunday of Pentecost, was written by the Rev. Dr. Laurel Koepf Taylor, Eden Theological Seminary, St. Louis, Missouri.

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**AN ORDER FOR THE CELEBRATION OF  
THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION**

COMMUNION HYMN: "Let Us Break Bread Together"

GREETING AND SENTENCES OF ADORATION

INVITATION

COMMUNION PRAYER

Pastor: God be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

Pastor: **We lift them to God**

Pastor: Let us give thanks to God Most High.

People: It is right to give God our thanks and praise.

THE WORDS OF CONSECRATION

BREAKING THE BREAD AND POURING OF THE CUP

THE LORD'S PRAYER

SHARING THE ELEMENTS

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING (unison)

Grant, O God, that ears which have heard the voice of your  
may be closed to the voice of clamor and dispute; that the eyes  
have seen your great love may also behold your blessed hope  
tongues which have sung your praise may speak the truth; that  
feet which have walked your courts may walk in the region of  
that the bodies which have tasted your living body may be re-  
newness of life. Glory be to you, O God!

## ANNOUNCEMENTS – July 4, 2021

**ALTAR FLOWERS:** are in celebration of our 51<sup>st</sup> wedding anniversary  
July 3<sup>rd</sup> – Jerry and Cheryl Whipple

### **TODAY'S WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS:**

Head Usher: Denise DeTray  
Organist: Bonnie Daniels  
Altar Flower Delivery: Linda Sandrock

### **THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL:**

Monday		Office Closed – Independence Day Holiday
	6:30pm	Search Team
Tuesday	6:30pm	Church Council
Friday	9:00am	Memorial Service for Mary Floro
Sunday	9:30am	Worship
	10:30am	Christian Ed. - SSH
	10:30am	Congregational Life - LSH

**MEMORIAL SERVICE:** A memorial service for Mary Floro will be  
at the church at 11:00am this Friday, July 9<sup>th</sup>

### **REGULAR REMINDERS**

- After checking into St. Paul UCC, please silence electronic cell phones prior to worship.
- Large Print bulletins are available at the Sanctuary entrances
- Upper Room daily devotional books are available in regular-print.
- Please contact the church office if you or a family member is having difficulty.

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**LAST SUNDAY - Attendance: 59; General Fund Offering: \$:**  
(Plus \$216 – Benevolence; \$250 – Strengthen the Church)  
2021 Year-to-Date Budget: \$148,954  
2021 Year-to-Date Offering: \$127,879

## Lift Every Voice and Sing

1. Lift ev-'ry voice and sing, Till earth and heav  
 2. Ston-y the road we trod, Bit - ter the chas -  
 3. God of our wea - ry years, God of our si -

4

ring, Ring with the har - mo - nies of lib  
 rod, Felt in the days when hope un - born  
 tears, Thou who hast brought us thus far on

8

ty; Let our re - joic - ing rise High  
 died; Yet with a stead - y beat, Have r  
 way; Thou who hast by Thy might, Led u

11

lis - t'ning skies, Let it re-sound loud as  
wea - ry feet Come to the place for which  
to the light, Keep us for ev - er in

14

roll - ing sea. Sing a song full of  
peo - ple sighed? We have come o - ver  
path, we pray. Lest our feet stray from

18

faith that the dark past has taught us, Sing  
way that with tears has been wa - tered; We h  
plac - es, our God, where we met Thee, Lest

21

song full of the hope that the pres-ent has brou  
come, tread-ing our path through the blood of the slau  
hearts, drunk with the wine of the world, we for - ge

24

us; Fac - ing the ris - ing sun Of our new day  
tered; Out from the gloom - y past, Till now we stand  
Thee; Shadowed be-neath Thy hand, May we for ev -

28

gun, Let us march on till vic - to - ry is  
last Where the bright gleam of our bright star is  
stand, True to our God, true to our na - tive

# 804 Battle Hymn of the Republic

We are more than conquerors through Him who loved us. Romans 8:37

B♭

1. Mine eyes have seen the glo - ry of the com - ing of the Lord,  
 2. I have seen Him in the watch - fires of a hun - dred cir - cling camps;  
 3. He has sound - ed forth the trum - pet that shall nev - er call re - treat,  
 4. In the beau - ty of the lil - ies Christ was born a - cross the sea,  
 5. We can al - most hear the trum - pet sound, the Lord's re - turn is near;

B♭ D E♭ B♭

He is tram - pling out the vin - tage where the grapes of wrath are  
 They have build - ed Him an al - tar in the eve - ning dews and  
 He is sift - ing out the hearts of men be - fore His judg - ment  
 With a glo - ry in His bos - om that trans - fig - ures you and  
 There are still so man - y peo - ple lost, His mes - sage they must

B♭ B♭ D

stored; He hath loosed the fate - ful light - ning of His  
 damps; I can read His righ - teous sen - tence by the  
 seat; O be swift, my soul, to an - swer Him! be  
 me; As He died to make men ho - ly, let us  
 hear; Fa - ther, give us one more mo - ment, one more

B♭ B♭ F B♭ B♭ D E♭6 B♭ F F7 B♭

ter - ri - ble, swift sword; His truth is march - ing on.  
 dim and flar - ing lamps. His day is march - ing on.  
 ju - bi - lant, my feet! Our God is march - ing on.  
 live to make men free, While God is march - ing on.  
 day, just one more year - With God we're march - ing on.

TEXT: Julia Ward Howe, stanzas 1-4; Don Moen, stanza 5

MUSIC: Traditional American melody;

Last stanza setting and Choral ending by Gary Rhodes

BATTLE HYMN

15.15.15.6. with Refrain

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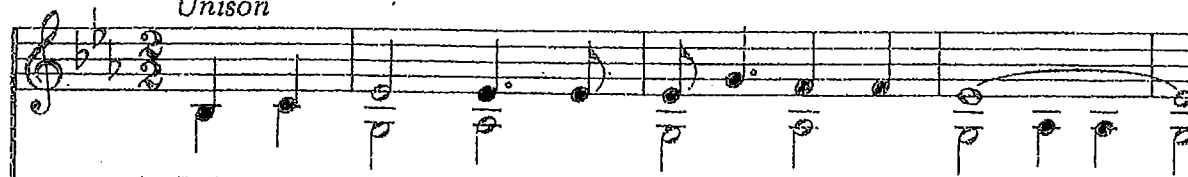


# Let Us Break Bread Together

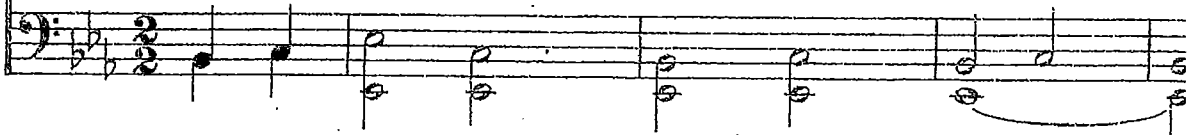
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LET US BREAK BREAD 7.3.7.3. *with Ref*  
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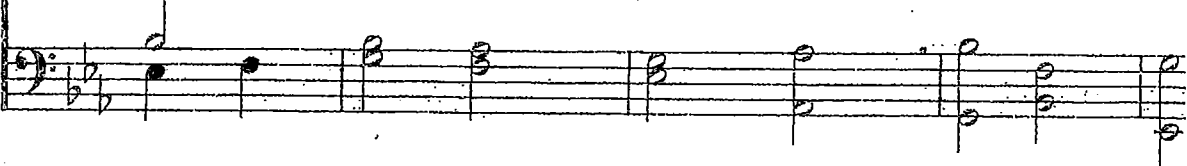
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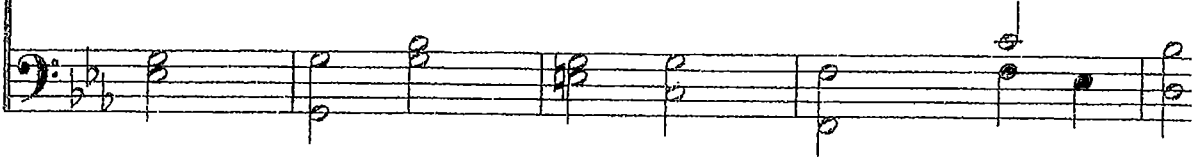
1. Let us break bread to - geth - er on our knees;
2. Let us drink wine to - geth - er on our knees;
3. Let us praise God to - geth - er on our knees;



Let us break bread to - geth - er on our knees.  
Let us drink wine to - geth - er on our knees.  
Let us praise God to - geth - er on our knees.



When I fall on my knees, with my face to the ris - ing sur



O Lord, have mer - cy on me.

