

July 9, 2023
Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

Watchword for the Week – The Lord is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. Psalm 145:8

Welcome to our service of worship for this sixth Sunday after Pentecost - the season of the Holy Spirit. The Spirit was sent by the Risen Lord, Jesus Christ, to supply the church with everything needed to serve Him faithfully until the day of His return. As we worship today, let us pray for a fresh outpouring of the Spirit upon ourselves, our church, our community, nation and world. May more and more people everywhere hear and respond to the Good News - that Jesus is the Way; the Truth; the Life; the only source of salvation.

If you are visiting with us today we are especially glad you are here. Please take a moment to add your name, address and phone number to the blue Friendship Register as it is passed down the pew. We consider you an honored guest and hope that you will return and worship with us in the weeks to come. If you are looking for a church home, we would love to talk with you about joining the Friedberg church family.

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Hymn *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore You* (Blue) # 544
(Children through 2nd grade may leave for Children's Church)

Joys and Concerns

Prayer

Greetings from Bishop Amando Rusindo

Commissioning of Cuba Mission Team Insert

Hymn *I Love Your Kingdom, Lord* (Blue) # 513

Giving of Our Tithes and Offering

Prayer
Offertory
Doxology *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* (Blue) # 817

Holy Scripture

Matthew 9:9

Sermon

“Following Jesus”
(Disciples – Part 1)

Hymn

Christian Hearts, in Love United (Blue) # 673

Benediction

Postlude

The flowers in the sanctuary today are in honor of Mike and Linda Ernst's 45th Wedding Anniversary (June 29). They are placed by their children and grandchildren - Ed & Jenn Craver (Lily, Rose and Isaiah) and Scott & Ashley Taylor (Jocelyn and Katelyn). Mom and Dad, thank you for the example you have set, we love you and are proud of you!

This week in Friedberg's History: Rev. Christian Frederick Denke, Friedberg's minister, was able to obtain the first organ brought to Bethabara by the Moravians for use at Friedberg. The organ served the Friedberg congregation for the next 60 years before being sold. It is said that the musical life of Friedberg was greatly improved by this organ.

Vacation Bible School “Babylon-Courage in Captivity” begins on Wednesday, July 12 at 6:00 p.m. Our shopkeepers are getting ready, the Palace Playground is getting prepped, Daniel is getting his courage ready to share his adventures in captivity. If you have not registered there is still time. Please register at <https://friedberg.church/vbs>. We will have lots of fun so make sure to invite your friends and other family members to join! There is something for children, youth and adults! IF you decide to come and haven't register...please still do!! We will definitely have extras ready to go!

Senior Friends Fellowship will meet in Fellowship Hall on July 13 at 11:30 am for our annual Sandwich and Sundae meeting. Our guest speaker will be a representative from Triangle Fitness in Miller's Creek. Food and beverages will be provided. (Like banana splits? Bring your own banana.) Come and enjoy the fellowship and receive an update on plans for August through December activities. Call Carol if you need more information. 336-764-1353-bcknouse@yahoo.com.

All parents who have a child in Children's Church will be required to physically come down to the AV room on the first floor of the Family Life Center and sign their child out before they are released at the end of worship.

Sunday, July 9

9:45 a.m. Sunday School
11:00 a.m. Worship in Sanctuary/Livestream
4:30 p.m. C.R.O.S.S. Kids

Monday, July 10

7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts

Wednesday, July 12

6:00 p.m. Vacation Bible School

Thursday, July 13

11:30 a.m. Senior Friends
6:00 p.m. Vacation Bible School

Friday, July 14

6:00 p.m. Vacation Bible School

Saturday, July 15

9:30 a.m. Vacation Bible School

Sunday, July 16

9:15 a.m. Band Prelude
9:25 a.m. Prayer Partners-Parlor
9:45 a.m. Sunday School
11:00 a.m. Worship in Sanctuary/Livestream

FRIEDBERG MORAVIAN CHURCH PRAYER CONCERNS

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MEMBERS

William Boles	Andy Jackson	Reba Payne
Phil Carter	Pat Jarvis	Kolton Pennell
Wilma Decker	Alvin Johnson	Mary Lou Pitts
Emily Essick	Robbie Joyce	Martha Plyler
LeAnne Essick	Vicky S. Kimel	Joy Reich
Jerry Evans	Peggy Lawson	Betty Sink
Don Faust	Yvonne Lemons	Bob & Judy Smith
Janie Foltz	Jennifer MacLeod	Amelia Snyder
Laurie Foltz	Carolyn Mason	Jerry & Gail Tolley
J.T. Hopkins	Rebecca Mickey	Amanda Traigle

Family and Friends Prayer Concerns Submitted Since Last Sunday:
Rick Shore and Chuck Willard

MEMBERS AND RELATIVES IN MILITARY

Dylan Bundy	Dakota Holtzclaw	Colton Scott
Dylan Coleman	Alex Kennedy	Ryan Spach
Ben Greeson	Patrick Mickey	Brandon Thompson
Jennifer Greenwood	Daniel Randleman	Aidan Wheeler

**MISSIONARIES AND MINISTRIES RECEIVING
FINANCIAL SUPPORT FROM FRIEDBERG**

ARMF (Armando Rusindo Mission Foundation)
Safie Braima - Sierra Leone
Charlie & Vicki Brent – CRU (Campus Crusade), Texas A & M University
Michael and Brenda Brent – CRU (Campus Crusade), Croatia
Anna Stewart Faircloth – Young Life
Keith Graham - Cookies for Christ
Dusty and Christin Harrison – Intervarsity, Clemson University
Hoof and Paw Therapeutic Riding and Activity Center
Phil III & Eunice Raiford, Commission to Every Nation (CTEN) - Mexico
Michael and Ceci Tesh, Ray of Hope Orphanage – Kenya
Friends of Moravian Prison Ministry
Joey Yokely – Fellowship of Christian Athletes

Commissioning of Mission Teams

(Prayer)

Beginning on July 23rd, Friedberg Moravian Youth, Estamos Unidos Moravian Ministry, Board of World Mission, and Armando Rusindo Mission Foundation will be participating in a mission trip to Matanzas, Cuba. Twelve missionaries will be traveling to Cuba to assist with a weeklong summer camp.

Today it is our privilege and joy to commission them as representatives of our Savior and Lord, Jesus Christ, and their congregations.

At this time, I would ask all members of the Mission Teams to please come forward.

(Addressing the Mission Team Members)

You have been called from among us to serve God and the people of the Cuba in a special way – to help alleviate human suffering; to touch lives in a loving and compassionate way as exemplified by our Lord Jesus Christ; to use your gifts and abilities to strengthen yours and others relationship with our Lord and Savior; and to let God's Light shine through you for the glory of God. We recognize God's call on your life and today as your home and sister congregation, we commit ourselves to support you with our prayers as you serve in Jesus' name.

Members of the Cuba Mission Team, will you faithfully carry out this ministry to the glory of God and to the benefit of your team and the people you will be serving along the way?

If this is your desire, then respond by saying: ***I will.***

(Addressing the Friedberg Congregation)

Members of the Friedberg Congregation, as we send these brothers and sisters in Christ on their journey with our love and support, will you pledge to pray for them daily until their safe return to us?

If this is your desire, then respond by saying: ***We will.***

Gracious Heavenly Father, Your Son, our Savior, and Lord Jesus Christ, before He ascended to glory, declared that Your people would receive power from the Holy Spirit to be His witnesses to people everywhere. So, we pray for our brothers and sisters in Christ who go forth in Jesus' name to serve in Cuba. Protect them throughout their journey and bring them home safely. Fill them with Your Spirit and let Your love shine through their words, attitudes, and actions so that everyone they meet and everyone they serve may see Your glory and be drawn closer to You. We pray in Jesus' name, Amen.

(Receiving of the Commission)

In the name of the One True God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, I declare you to be duly commissioned as ambassadors of the Lord Jesus Christ and missionaries of this church. Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and give glory to God. On behalf of the Friedberg congregation, I commend you for this work and pledge to you our prayers, our encouragement, and our support.

Go in peace and serve the Lord.

Members of the Mission Teams




Missionaries: Karen Hill, Rev. Angelica Regalado-Cieza, Michelle Decker, Molly Williams, Katie Hill, Riley Hill, Chloe Williamson, Zeke Macleod, Ashley Hart, Hilda Cieza-Regalado, Brandi Gonzalez-Mendez, Mercer Long.






Jesus prayed to God.

Add or subtract words and letters to fill the blanks.




He said, "I

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You, Father, Lord of

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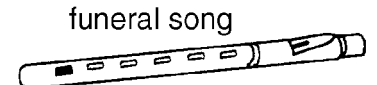
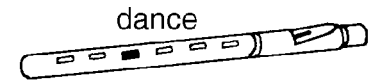
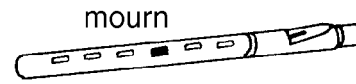
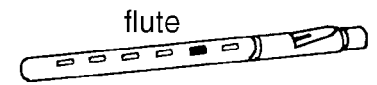
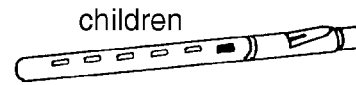
Ages 7+

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Jesus Speaks and Prays

Jesus asked, "To what can I compare this generation?" How did He answer His own question?

Use the code to fill in the blanks.



Jesus said, "They are like _____ sitting in the



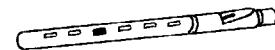
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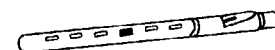
'We played the _____ for you,



and you did not _____; we sang a



_____, and you did not _____."

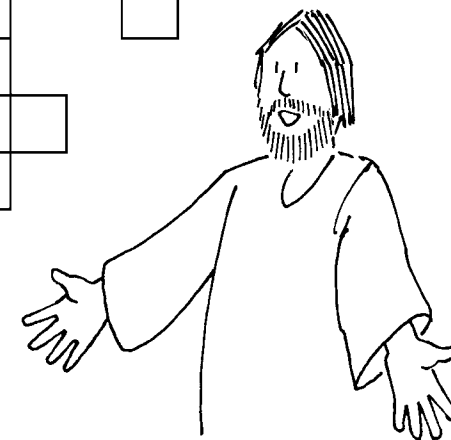
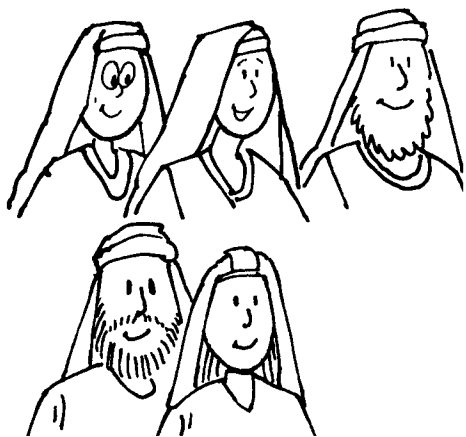


The Rev. Jim Newsome-Senior Pastor
The Rev. Dan Nelson-Assoc. Pastor
Karen Hill-Director of Youth Ministry
Heidi Everhart-Director of Children's Ministry
Debbie Foltz-Music Director
Jimmie Snyder-Band Director

Jesus gave an invitation. What was it?

Fit the words into the crossword puzzle.
Transfer them to the numbered lines.
Read these words that Jesus spoke.

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| am | you | take | light |
| is | come | upon | souls |
| Me | easy | will | wearry |
| My | find | yoke | burden |
| all | from | your | gentle |
| are | give | heart | humble |
| who | rest | learn | burdened |



“ _____ to _____, _____ and _____
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 _____ and _____, for I _____ and _____ in
 _____, and _____ for _____ . For _____ and
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 17D _____ 10 _____ 12A _____ 1A _____ 6 _____ 2 _____ 7 _____ 24D 18 _____ 8 _____ 5
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