

**Sunny Side United Methodist Church**  
**THE WORSHIP OF GOD**  
**July 5, 2026**

*We are so glad you are worshipping with us this morning! We hope you feel the love and peace of Christ in this place! If you are a first-time guest, please complete a card from the pew rack in front of you and put it in the offering plate.*

**Gathering Music**

**Tom Robinson**

**Welcome and Call to Worship**

**Rev. JoAn Kinrade**

We have come to sing and celebrate, **rejoicing in the goodness of our land.**  
We have come to be silent, **repenting of the evil that has been committed in our land.**

We have come to this place to be reminded that God is both our Creator and our Guide.

Here, all our loyalties are put in their proper place, **ordered behind our allegiance to God, our Heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.**  
May God be with us in our celebration and our confession, that our citizenship might become more responsible, our nation more humble, and our world more dependable.

May God give us a sense of our history and teach us to recognize His Hand in the stories of peoples and nations.

**May God help us finish the good work He has begun in us. May God strengthen our efforts to blot out ignorance and prejudice, and to abolish poverty and crime.** May God hasten the day when all people, with many voices in one united chorus, will glorify His holy Name, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

**Choral Call to Worship:** "America, the Beautiful", Arr. by Barry Braman

**Prayer**

**Clint Perry**

**\*Hymn:** "God of the Ages"

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**\*Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag**

**\*Pledge of Allegiance to the Christian Flag**

*I pledge allegiance to the Christian flag, and to the Savior for whose kingdom it stands;  
One Savior, crucified, risen, and coming again, with life and liberty to all who believe.*

**Scripture:** Isaiah 9: 6-7  
1 Timothy 2: 1-6

**Message:** The Government will be on His Shoulders  
**Prayer of Confession**

**Rev. JoAn Kinrade**

**A Litany for Independence Day** (see insert)

**Dave Main**

**\*Hymn:** "America"

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**Old Testament Lessons:** Deuteronomy 10: 17-21  
Isaiah 26: 1-8

**Fred Flory**

**\*Hymn:** "In This Time of Great Reflection" (see insert)

**The Psalter:** Psalm 145

**Robin Sims**

**A Prayer to Remember our Origin**, by Simon Jeet Singh  
*Silent reflection*

**Janice Kulp**

**A Prayer of Confession and Release**, by Kat Armas  
*Silent reflection*

**Susan McDowell**

**A Prayer for Your Mercy**, by Issac Villegas  
*Silent prayers of confession*

**Janice Kulp**

**Choir Anthem:** "Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory", Arr. by John Purifoy

**The Gospel Lesson:** Matthew 5: 1-16, 43-48      **Laura, Carrie and Olivia Love**

**A Prayer for our Nation**, by James Martin

**Carrie and Olivia Love**

**Reflection:** In the United States of America, and in our local community, how do you feel we can be more loving?

**Offertory**

**Tom Robinson**

**\*Doxology**

**\*Prayer of Dedication**

**Fred Flory**

**Guard us, O God, from the wrong use of money:**

**From selfishness, carelessness, or waste;**

**And from that obsessive love of money that is the root of all evils.**

**Enable us to be good stewards of this land that is entrusted to us.**

**Help us give and spend according to your will, so that neither poverty nor wealth may hinder our witness and discipleship, harm our neighbors, or destroy life. Give us your Spirit of thankfulness and love, and rule in our hearts that all we have may be used for your service and glory.**

**In the Name of Christ we pray, Amen.**

**A Prayer for Unity**, by Daily Khan

**Susan McDowell**

**\*Hymn:** "This is My Song"

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**\*A Declaration of INTERDEPENDENCE**, by Danya Ruttenberg

**Rev. JoAn Kinrade**

May we meet the next days of this country with accountability for-  
 and all possible repair toward- each of its previous chapters.  
 May we dissolve any harmful structures upon which it was built.  
 May we create a more whole future in which every person and community in  
 the United States of America- and all around the world- may thrive.  
 May we serve our Holy God through our care for one another, through work for  
 collective freedom and truth, following the example of Jesus Christ, our Lord.  
 May His love be made real- in and through us.  
 Go now, in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.  
**Amen.**

**\*Blessing of the Meal**

**Dave Main**

**\*Postlude**

**Pastoral Care:** Rev. JoAn Kinrade, [joan.kinrade@georgiaumc.net](mailto:joan.kinrade@georgiaumc.net)

**Prayer Requests:** Peg Lawrence and family, Mindy Love, 6 yo Boston, Bob and Jackie Campbell, Kathy Little, Vern Hanson, Sue Loftis, Bonnie Koether, Paulette and Clint Perry, Carl and Rosalyn Hayes, Bennie Watson, Janice Meadows, Lean Overley, Sharon Roderick, Wanda Temples recovering from a stroke, travel mercies for Nancy Worthington and Bonnie Whalen, as they travel to Maryland to visit family, Bob and Susan Francis, Carol Sparks, Judith and Richard Crowther. Joe Shelton.

Please continue to bring Individually packaged snacks for the staff members of Beaverbrook and Jordan Hill Elementary Schools. These snacks are a way of showing our support of them as they begin a new school year.

<b><u>GIVING REPORT (Jun 28, 2026)</u></b>	<b><u>Weekly</u></b>	<b><u>YTD</u></b>
<b>Actual</b>	<b>\$ 814.00</b>	<b>\$ 67,942.20</b>
<b>Budget</b>	<b>\$ 3,557.42</b>	<b>\$ 92,493.00</b>
<b>Difference</b>	<b>\$ -2,743.42</b>	<b>\$-24,550.80</b>