Welcome to our Service of Worship

PRELUDE/LIGHTING OF THE ALTAR CANDLES

Announcements

Contemporary Song

Call To Worship:

L: Throughout the ages, disciples have said, "I will follow you wherever you go."

P: Lord, give us the freedom to follow you in the ways of love.

L: We come from busy homes, filled with little time to consider Christ in our lives.

P: Lord, give us the strength to follow you in the ways of peace.

L: In times of struggle, we look to God for help.

P: Lord, give us the opportunity to follow you in the ways of kindness.

L: Today, we celebrate the Holy Spirit, who shows us the joy of following God.

P: Lord, give us the patience to follow you in the ways of faith. Amen.

*Hymn: 696 - America the Beautiful

Opening Prayer in Unison

God, you call us to go where Christ leads. Turn us from the ways of the world; guide us to fullness of joy in the Spirit, where bodies and souls rest secure; and grant us strength to follow the way of the cross, which frees us to love one another for the sake of all creation. Amen.

Old Testament Lesson: Genesis 19:21-26 **New Testament Lesson:** Galatians 5:1-6

Children's message

JOYS, CONCERNS and PRAYER REQUEST

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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

TITHES AND OFFERINGS

*DOXOLOGY #95

*Prayer

*Hymn: **697** - America

Sermon Scripture: Galatians 5:13

Sermon Title: Freedom Can Be Tricky

*Hymn: 717 - The Battle Hymn of the Republic

BENEDICTION

*CONGREGATION RESPONSE #431

Phelps Chapel United Methodist Church July 2, 2023 9:00 A.M.