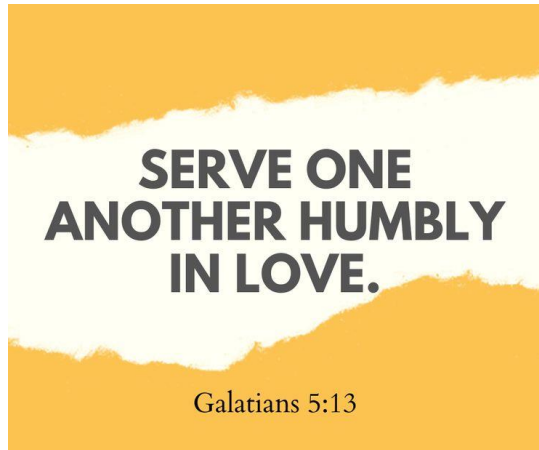


July 5, 2026
6th Sunday after Pentecost



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Staff
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Music Director & Accompanist – Tim Falk
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St. Timothy Mission Statement
Empowered by the Holy Spirit, our mission is to: seek God, follow Christ, serve and love our neighbor.

Worship is also available via Live Stream just before 10:30 am or later in the afternoon as a video. Just use this link for both options:
<https://video.sttimothypcusa.org>

Welcome!

PRELUDE

INTROIT

“Blessed the Nation”

PASTORAL WELCOME

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 89:1,2,15,16

I will sing of your steadfast love, O Lord,

And proclaim your faithfulness to all generations.

Your steadfast love endures forever. Your faithfulness is as high as the heavens.

Blessed are those who sing your praise and extol your righteousness all day long.

HYMN

America, the Beautiful

see insert

CALL TO CONFESSION

SILENT CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord, we marvel at the thought of a well-fitted yoke, a burden scaled to match our frames; we do not know how to rest in the promise of such labor. Some of us are weary from unceasing responsibility; others find no welcome in the marketplace. We confound your vision for our common life. Forgive our blind striving, our stifled concern, the judgments we cast on others. Make yourself known to us in the silence. Shape your children for the kingdom of your love. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.

*DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Brothers and sisters, hear this gospel word: Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. I declare to you now, in the name of Jesus Christ, that your sin is forgiven. You have been freed for service in his name.

Amen and Alleluia!

RESPONSE "Gloria Patri" # 623
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost: as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Allelu, amen.

A MOMENT FOR ILLUMINATION

Thy Word is a Lamp unto my feet, and a Light unto my path.
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OLD TESTAMENT READING Isaiah 61:1-3

A TIME FOR ALL GOD'S CHILDREN Linda Houghtby

SPECIAL MUSIC "My Country, 'Tis of Thee"

NEW TESTAMENT READING Galatians 5:13-18

SERMON "Called to Be Free" Pastor Joel Puntigam

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH The Apostle's Creed
I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, his only son our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried, he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory "Eternal Father, Strong to Save"

Doxology # 625
Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise Him, all creatures here below; praise Him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Gracious God, you have laced our lives with blessing. As we present these offerings, we also offer our lives. Make us your bold and faithful people, willing to go forward in faith wherever you would lead us, that we might be a comfort in the world. We pray in the name of Jesus, by the gift of your empowering Spirit. Amen.

HYMN *Let Us Break Bread Together* see insert

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

A communion server will come to your row to distribute the elements. Eat the bread individually when you are ready. Then wait until everyone has been served the cup and we will drink together as a congregation.

THE CELEBRATION

The Invitation
The Words of Institution
The Prayer of Consecration
The Bread
The Cup

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE 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 debts as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please step up to the microphone to make your announcement so everyone (including online guests) can hear what is being said.

HYMN *Battle Hymn of the Republic* see insert

SENDING AND BLESSING

Empowered by the Holy Spirit, our mission is to: seek God, follow Christ, serve and love our neighbor.

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Glory! glory, hallelujah!
Glory! glory, hallelujah!
Glory! glory, hallelujah!
His truth is marching on.

POSTLUDE

**Feasting on the Word Worship Companion: Liturgies for Year A, Volume 2*

**Sunday, July 5th
Following Along in Worship**

1. What is something that you love about coming to St Timothy?
2. Last week we learned this from Matthew 10:40-42
 - a. If anyone receives you or me, it's like they are receiving _____
 - b. If anyone gives a cup of _____ to the little ones, because they are a disciple of Jesus, they will not _____ their reward.
3. What was the Time for All God's Children about today?
 - a. Why the 4th of July is awesome
 - b. What freedom is for
 - c. The great Vernors showdown: Boston Cooler vs Ginger Ale
4. We all have the freedom to do what we want. But what does God ask us to use our freedom for?
5. In the sermon, Pastor Joel will teach from Galatians 5:13-16. Circle all that are true:
 - a. We are called by Christ to be free
 - b. We are called by Christ to do whatever we want
 - c. We must not use our freedom to indulge in our sinful nature
 - d. The entire law is summed up as follows:
 - i. Taco Tuesdays for all
 - ii. Love your neighbor as yourself
 - iii. An apple a day keeps the doctor away
 - e. We are to live by the Spirit, so that:
 - i. We can use our freedom to party all the time
 - ii. We will not gratify our sinful nature

Serving in Worship

Greeter:	Mary Baum
Ushers:	Dorothy Sanchez, Kathey Turnbull
Bulletins:	Ron Martin
Worship Assistant:	Scott Gaines
Communion Servers:	Carol Ramsay, Dan Durst
Quartet:	Paula Boegner, Sue Zabell Tim Chanko, Bob Taylor
Keyboard:	Paula Boegner
Technology:	Tina Puntigam
Safety Officer:	Karlane Belaire
Tellers:	Scott Gaines, Bob Taylor
Fellowship Hour:	4 th of July Foods

Weekly Bible Studies

Afterglow Bible Study – See you Sunday at 12:00 pm

In Room 16. Study will be an after-service sermon recap.

The Word Together Zoom Bible Study – See you Tuesday at 1:30 pm. We continue with the book of Joshua.

This is the link address to join: <https://study.sttimothyusa.org>

Zoom Bible Study – On hiatus until later this year

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Adult Weekly Bible Study - Thursday – Thursday at 9:30 am

Our study is on the passage that Pastor Joel will be preaching on July 12 – Matthew 13:31-33,33,44-52.



Chancel Flowers



“In remembrance of and thanksgiving for the brave men and women who have fought and died for our freedom”

Sue Zabell

The 2026 Flower Chart is up on the bulletin board in Fellowship Hall.

Consider honoring a special person on a Sunday. Also, the flowers add a pop of color which is always nice.



Birthdays:

No birthdays this week

Anniversaries:

July 11

Jack and Lavonda Kudanian
(33 Years)



Wednesday, July 1 – September 2 – Campfire Worship

Sunday, July 19 – July 4th Caroling

Friday and Saturday, August 7 and 8 – Project Days

Sunday, August 9 – Worship in the Park

Monday, August 10 – Life Line



COC has a craft day in August and they are looking for folks to help. St. Timothy is hosting. Wednesday, August 5 at 10 am. Questions? Please reach out to Mary Baum.

Do you have someone that is in need of prayer? Put their name on a prayer ribbon and tie it to the fence out front. Write your concerns and worries and give them to God. Give Him thanks and praises. The prayer ribbons are a spiritual and awesome sight to see fluttering in the wind. Ribbons are on the table in the main entry.



Our “people in need” fund could use some replenishment. If you - could help, that would be appreciated! Thanks to those who have donated recently.



**Catnip is available to anyone who wants some.
Please ask Linda D., Carol P. or Sue to get some for you.**



2026 Wednesday Evening Campfires

- July 1 – September 2 at 7:30 pm.
- Please come and join in the fun throughout the summer.
- Activities include testimonials, “stump the pastor” and singing songs!
- Bring your bag chair and invite your friends, families and neighbors.



Faith Circle works closely with Oakland County Foster Closet. They serve 250 - 300 children and teens every month that are in foster homes and those that have to leave their homes in an emergency. The Foster Closet has a suitcase or bag packed and ready for them. We are collecting items to help replenish their shelves for the rest of June and July. Please drop them off at church and put them in the basket in the Narthex. Thank you!

Needs:

- 1.Spring/Summer Clothing - Preemie to Teenage
- 2.Spring/Summer Coats
3. Shoes
- 4.Twin/Full Size Sheets
- 5.Throw Blankets
- 6.New Pillows
- 7.Suitcases/Duffle Bags- New & Gently Used
- 8.Ikea Bags
- 9.Full Size Hygiene Products- Baby to Teenage - Shampoo/Conditioner, Body Wash, Deodorant, Toothpaste, Toothbrushes, Baby Wipes
- 10.Pull Ups/size 5T-6T
11. Dolls
12. Board Games
13. Crafts
14. Legos
15. Outdoor Toys



Attention Ladies! On Tuesday, August 11th we will be going to Chacko U-Pick Farms in Plymouth Township. You can pick a beautiful bouquet of flowers. (They welcome donations of money and vases.) Meet at church at 10:00 am. There is a sign up in the fellowship hall. Lunch afterwards will be at Karl's Cabin.

SURVEY

In 2025, St Timothy's Session invited the congregation to engage in four areas of discernment: building use, invitation, finances, and affecting the culture. We are now planning on revisiting that time of initial discernment in order to gather your thoughts via a survey so that the Session may begin the process of creating a long-term Vision Statement. The kickoff begins at fellowship hour on Sunday, July 12th, with the expectation that the survey will be completed within next two months. During the kickoff event there will be a 10-minute presentation on the four areas of discernment, at which time the survey will be distributed. We expect that there will be questions, so please don't hesitate to reach out to Pastor Joel or a member of Strategic Planning. Thank you!



Ice Cream!

I scream, you scream,
We all scream for Ice cream!

Thursdays at 7 PM in July

St. Tim's favorite local ice cream shops:

Schedule:

7/9 Dairy Dan in Westland 6950 N Wayne Rd 48185

7/16 Han-d-dip in Livonia 32624 Five Mile Rd 48154

7/23 JJ's Custard in Canton 44296 Cherry Hill Rd 48187

7/30 Dairy-Go-Round Plymouth 1226 S Main St 48170



Please join in for Patriotic Caroling!

Sunday, July 19th

1:00 pm – meet at the church

Session Highlights – June 2026

St Timothy has much to be thankful for:

The Session welcomed 5 new members to the St. Timothy family. They each shared their backgrounds, faith journeys, and reasons for joining St Timothy. The stories included experiences with different denominations, personal challenges, and the welcoming nature of St Timothy.

Please welcome these new family members.

1. Dan Durst
2. Carol Ramsay
3. Kathy Korzeniewski
4. Patty Frutchey
5. Kathryn Radamis

Don't forget to welcome 3 others family members brought into membership last month.

1. John Feeney
2. Emma Hurley
3. Lavonda Kudanian

Fellowship Opportunities

1. Project Weekend – Another one this Friday, August 7th from 1.00 to 8.00PM, and Saturday, August 8th from 8.00 to 5.00PM.
2. Summer Campfires start on Wednesday July 1st at 7.30PM.

Finance reports that pledges are up from last year, thanks to all!

Strategic Planning committee is working hard on the Congregational Discernment project.

1. The next step will be a questionnaire that will be explained and handed out during Fellowship Hour on Sunday, July 12th.

Building and Grounds

1. Our building has 2 roofs, one flat and one normal. The normal roof over the sanctuary is 50 years old. The flat roof over the fellowship hall is 35 years old.
 - a. The Session has decided to take the next step and look at financing options. The Finance Committee is working on that.

Thankful for a active and growing faith community.

Dennis Delezenne
Clerk

Church Weekly Schedule

Sunday 7/5	10:30 AM	Family Worship
		https://video.sttimothypcusa.org
	11:30 AM	<i>Fellowship Hour</i>
	12:00 PM	Afterglow Bible Study
Monday 7/6		Office Closed
	5:30 PM	<i>TOPS</i>
Tuesday 7/7	7:30 AM	Prayer and Praise Call
		https://study.sttimothypcusa.org
	9:00 AM	<i>STARS</i>
	1:30 PM	The Word Together Zoom Bible Study
		https://study.sttimothypcusa.org
Wednesday 7/8	7:00 PM	Total Surrender Brotherhood
	7:30 PM	<i>Campfire Worship</i>
Thursday 7/9	9:30 AM	Thursday Morning Bible Study
	7:00 PM	<i>Dairy Dan in Westland</i>
		6950 N Wayne Rd 48185
Friday 7/10		
Saturday 7/11	All Day	Kindred Spirits
Sunday 7/12	10:30 AM	Family Worship
		https://video.sttimothypcusa.org
	11:30 AM	<i>Fellowship Hour</i>
	12:00 PM	Afterglow Bible Study

Upcoming Fellowship Hours

7/12 – Anything Goes 7/19 – bagels, muffins, coffee cakes, etc
7/26 - Dips/chips, crackers/cheese 8/2 -



America, the Beautiful

*O beautiful for spacious skies, For amber waves of grain,
For purple mountain majesties Above the fruited plain.
America! America! God shed His grace on thee,
And crown thy good with brotherhood
From sea to shining sea!*

*O beautiful for pilgrim feet, Whose stern impassioned stress
A thoroughfare for freedom beat Across the wilderness!
America! America! God mend thine every flaw,
Confirm thy soul in self-control, Thy liberty in law!*

*O beautiful for heroes proved In liberating strife,
Who more than self for their country loved,
And mercy more than life!
America! America! May God thy gold refine
Till all success be nobleness, And every gain divine!*

*O beautiful for patriot dream That sees beyond the years
Thine alabaster cities gleam, Un-dimmed by human tears!
America! America! God shed His grace on thee,
And crown thy good with brotherhood
From sea to shining sea!*

Let Us Break Bread Together

*Let us break bread together on our knees; (on our knees;)
Let us break bread together on our knees; (on our knees;)
When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy on me. (on me.)*

*Let us drink the cup together on our knees; (on our knees;)
Let us drink the cup together on our knees; (on our knees;)
When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy on me. (on me.)*

*Let us praise God together on our knees; (on our knees;)
Let us praise God together on our knees; (on our knees;)
When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy on me. (on me.)*

Battle Hymn of the Republic

*Mine eyes have seen the glory of the coming of the Lord,
He is trampling out the vintage
where the grapes of wrath are stored;
He hath loosed the fateful lightning of
His terrible swift sword – His truth is marching on.
Glory! glory, hallelujah! Glory! glory, hallelujah!
Glory! glory, hallelujah! His truth is marching on.*

*I have seen Him in the watchfires of a hundred circling camps,
They have builded Him an altar in the evening dews and damps;
I can read His righteous sentence by the dim and flaring lamps –
His day is marching on.
Glory! glory, hallelujah! Glory! glory, hallelujah!
Glory! glory, hallelujah! His truth is marching on.*

*He has sounded forth the trumpet that shall never sound retreat,
He is sifting out the hearts of men before His judgement seat;
O be swift, my soul, to answer Him! be jubilant, my feet!
Our God is marching on.
Glory! glory, hallelujah! Glory! glory, hallelujah!
Glory! glory, hallelujah! His truth is marching on.*

*In the beauty of the lilies Christ was born across the sea,
With a glory in His bosom that transfigures you and me;
As He died to make men holy, let us live to make men free,
While God is marching on.
Glory! glory, hallelujah! Glory! glory, hallelujah!
Glory! glory, hallelujah! His truth is marching on.*