

May we respect the life of all you have made.
May our spirits be strengthened by using only what
we need, and may we use our strength to help those
who need us. Amen.

(Sue Ellen Herne, Mohawk, 20th cent., Alt)

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

*Closing Praise

Wonderful Words of Life #600

Sending

Postlude

*You are invited to stand as you are able or willing.

Tithing

The offering plate is on the table at the back of the
Sanctuary.

Prayer List

Pat Sankey, Barbara Gotwalt, Darla Franks, Deb Poulin,
Carol Bair, Arica Monsell, Joan Lassman, Maya & Leah's
Family (Maya has passed from her injuries), Abby
Strouse, Cindy VanDruff, Bruce Johnson, Swimely Family,
Ron Strapel.



Sunday

July 12, 2026

9:30am

Livestream at 9:30am on
our Facebook page.

Welcome to worship at
[Mt Nittany Church](#)

When the events of the
world or just daily life
begin to wear on us, we
who follow Jesus look to
God's word for hope
and strength.

Giving:

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Greeting

Prelude

Centering Words

Matthew 13: 18-23

18 "Hear, then, the parable of the
sower. 19 When anyone hears
the word of the kingdom and
does not understand it, **the evil
one comes and snatches
away what is sown in the
heart**; this is what was sown on
the path. 20 As for what was
sown on rocky ground, **this is
the one who hears the word
and immediately receives it
with joy**, 21 yet such a person
has no root but endures only for
a while, **and when trouble or
persecution arises on
account of the word, that
person immediately falls
away**. 22 As for what was sown
among thorns, **this is the one
who hears the word, but the**

**cares of this age and the lure of wealth choke the word,
and it yields nothing.** 23 But as for what was sown on good
soil, **this is the one who hears the word and
understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields in
one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in
another thirty.”**

Prayer of Confession

God of truth,
 you have spoken your Word to us and in us
 but we have not listened to you.
We have not been mindful of your presence,
 or attentive to your voice.
Have mercy on us, forgive us, and heal us.
Speak your Word in us now, and heal us.
Speak your Word in us now, and create us anew.
We open ourselves to your Word. (Steve Garnaas-Holmes)

Affirmation of Faith

God loves us.

God cares for us.

God blesses us.

God tends to us.

We are God's precious fruit and faithful seed.

God hears us.

God helps us.

God trusts us.

God tries us.

Sometimes we are more faulty seed than precious fruit.

But, no matter what, we are God's. (Darlene A. Moore)

***Opening Praise**

Thy Word Is a Lamp #601
O Word of God Incarnate #598

Scripture

Psalms 119: 105-112

Children's Message

Message

Light in a Dark World

***Gospel Praise**

Word of God Speak
Ancient Words

The Peace

***Offertory Response**

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow #94

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Thank you, Creator of the universe,
 for the people gathered around us today.
We give thanks for the things of the earth that give us the
 means of life.

**Thank you for the plants, animals, and birds
that we use as food and medicine.**

Thank you for the natural world,
 in which we find the means to be clothed and housed.

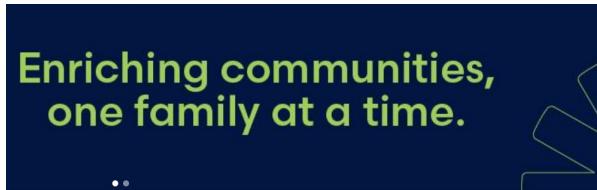
**Thank you, Lord, for the ability
to use these gifts of the natural world.**

Help us to see our place among these gifts,
 not to squander them or think of them as means for
 selfish gain.

Announcements

Coffee/Donut Fellowship

If you enjoy the great fellowship time after worship, please consider signing up for a week in this ministry. All supplies are provided, and instructions are printed for preparing coffee, setting out other items, and cleaning up afterward. If we do not get help on Sunday mornings, this ministry will not continue. If you have questions, please see Patty DeCapria.



JULY 12: EVERSTAND (UM HOME FOR CHILDREN)

We stand as a beacon for youth and families, equipping them with vital tools that build resiliency for life's greatest challenges. With roots dating back 150 years, we pledge to stand beside, stand up for, and stand strong with the youth and families we serve.

Leading Worship:

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James Beatty, Minister of Music

Liturgist: Judy Smith

Calendar

July 12-18

Sunday

Friendship Class	8:30am	Boardroom
Worship	9:30am	Sanctuary
Children's Sunday School	9:30am	S/C Ed. Rm
Donuts + fellowship	10:30am	FLC

Monday

Pastor Hours	9-11am	Pastor's Office
Church Office Summer Hrs.	8am - 6pm	

Tuesday

Pastor Hours	9-11am	Pastor's Office
PSEU Ushers	12pm	Workroom
Finance	7pm	Boardroom

Wednesday

Giving Garden	6:15-7pm	
Girl Scouts	6-7:30pm	FLC

Thursday

Church Office	8am - 6pm	
Karate	5:30-6:30pm	FLC

Saturday

Giving Garden	9-10am	
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