Fort Snelling Memorial Chapel

1 Tower Avenue in Historic Fort Snelling, Minnesota

SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
Independence Day Sunday

5 July 2026 — 11:00 a.m.

Non-Denominational Christian Worship Service

hosted by

Fort Snelling Memorial Chapel Foundation

Jesus Christ, *Head of the Church*
The Congregation, *Ministers of the Gospel*

Ministerial Staff

Rev. Dr. Kenneth "Ken" L. Beale, Jr., *Senior Chaplain*
Rev. Philip "Buddy" A. Winn, Jr., *Associate Chaplain* (on sabbatical)
Dr. Desiderius "Desi" Klempay, *Organist*
Tamara Henschel, *Special Music Coordinator*

Administrative Staff

Bev Johnson, *Office Manager*
Carol Nygaard, *Accounting Specialist*

Where the Veteran Is Remembered

ORDER OF WORSHIP

We are glad that you are here for worship today!
By participating in worship you consent to being recorded for broadcast and archived viewing.
*The * indicates that you are invited to stand as you are able.*
*The ** indicates times for the ushers to seat latecomers.*
*The **bold print** indicates readings/choral responses of the congregation.*
If you have a cell phone, please turn off the ringer. Thank you.

Lighting of Altar Candles *Symbol of the Spirit's Presence*

Lighting of the POW/MIA Candle

Special Music

"Swing Low Sweet Chariot"	trad American Spiritual
"Soon and Very Soon"	A. Crouch
"My Hope is Built on Nothing Less"	E. Mote, Wm. Bradbury
"Oh America I Hear You"	B. Graham, Wm. Joseph

Organ Prelude "In Thee Is Gladness" M. Drischner

Consider using these sacred moments to meditate upon the scripture reading and prepare yourself to receive a blessing from God. Kindly be considerate of your neighbor's need for silence. We encourage your conversations to be held following worship. Please refrain from applause after the organ prelude.

Ringing of the Ship Bell

Call to Worship L = Leader **P = People**

L: In the past our God did guide us, pilgrims in a newfound land.
P: In His shelter God did hide us, with a strong and saving hand.
L: Thank the Lord, His praises voicing, for His promised faithfulness.
P: All who seek the Lord, rejoicing, walk in paths of righteousness.

* ***Processional Hymn of Praise*** "My Country, 'Tis of Thee" # 193

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1. My country, 'tis of thee, sweet land of liberty, of thee I sing; land where my fathers died, land of the pilgrims' pride, from every mountainside let freedom ring.
2. My native country thee, land of the noble free, thy name I love; I love thy rocks and rills, thy woods and templed hills; my heart with rapture thrills like that above.
3. Let music swell the breeze, and ring from all the trees sweet freedom's song; let mortal tongues awake; let all that breathe partake; let rocks their silence break, the sound prolong.

* ***Invocation***

* ***Choral Response*** (sung by all)

"Habakkuk 2:20" music by Harrington
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The Lord is in His holy temple;
Let all the earth keep silence before Him.

** *Organ Interlude*

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

God of our fathers, who directed and inspired the hearts of our forefathers to set forth the independence of these United States of America: We humbly confess that we have ridiculed the absolute truth of Your Word and called it moral pluralism; we have endorsed perversions and called it alternative lifestyles; we have exploited the poor and called it the lottery; we have killed our unborn and called it a choice; we have abused power and called it savvy; we have coveted our neighbors' possessions and called it ambition; we have ridiculed the time-honored values of our forefathers and called it enlightenment. Search us, O God, and know our hearts today; try us and see if there be some wicked way in us; cleanse us from every sin and set us free. We ask this in the name that is above every name, Jesus. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

* *Gloria Patri* (sung by all)

"Greatorex" words and music by *Gloria Patri*, 2nd cent. and Greatorex
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**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. Amen. Amen.**

* *Statement of Faith* The Apostles' Creed, *Ecumenical Version*

L: Christian, what do you believe?

**P: I believe in God the Father Almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe 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, died, and was buried;
He descended to the dead.
On the third day He rose again;
He ascended into heaven,
is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and will come again to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy universal church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,**

the resurrection of the body
and the life everlasting. Amen.

** ***Organ Interlude***

Children's Message (children gather in the chancel ... avoiding close-up recording)

Special Music "Restore Your Church Again" S. Green

Scripture Reading 2 Chronicles 7:12-14 (New King James Version)

[12] Then the LORD appeared to Solomon by night, and said to him: "I have heard your prayer, and have chosen this place for Myself as a house of sacrifice. [13] When I shut up heaven and there is no rain, or command the locusts to devour the land, or send pestilence among My people, [14] if My people who are called by My name will humble themselves, and pray and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land.

Sermon **"Would You Be the 57th Signer?"** Chaplain Ken Beale

* ***Hymn of Response*** "God of Grace and God of Glory" # 440

"Cwm Rhondda" words and music by Fosdick and Hughes
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1. God of grace and God of glory, on Thy people pour Thy power; crown Thine ancient Church's story, bring her bud to glorious flow'r. Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, for the facing of this hour, for the facing of this hour.
2. Lo! the hosts of evil round us scorn Thy Christ, assail His ways! From the fears that long have bound us free our hearts to faith and praise. Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, for the living of these days, for the living of these days.
4. Set our feet on lofty places; gird our lives that they may be armored with all Christ-like graces in the fight to set men free. Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, that we fail not man nor Thee! that we fail not man nor Thee!
5. Save us from weak resignation, to the evils we deplore. Let the gift of Thy salvation be our glory evermore. Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, serving Thee whom we adore, serving Thee whom we adore. Amen.

Greeting and Sharing of Church Life

We share the community announcements and invite everyone to record their presence by signing and passing the red "Friendship Pad" with those in your pew. Cards are provided in the pew card holders for writing prayer requests and placing on the offering plate.

Offering of Tithes and Gifts

Dedication Prayer
Offertory Music "All Glory Be to Christ" D. Hensrue, tune auld lang syne
* Stewardship Response (sung by all)

"Old Hundredth" words and music by Ken and Bourgeois
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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.

Call to Prayer

Sharing of Joys and Concerns (text prayer requests to 612-747-1059)

Leader: Lord, in Your mercy,
People: Hear our prayer.

Pastoral Prayer of the People

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 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.**

* ***Recessional Hymn of Dedication*** "God of Our Fathers" # 198

"National Hymn" words and music by Roberts and Warren
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1. God of our fathers, whose almighty hand leads forth in beauty all the starry band of shining worlds in splendor through the skies, our grateful songs before Thy throne arise.
2. Thy love divine hath led us in the past; in this free land by Thee our lot is cast; be Thou our ruler, guardian, guide, and stay; Thy Word our law, Thy paths our chosen way.
4. Refresh Thy people on their toilsome way; lead us from night to never-ending day; fill all our lives with love and grace divine, and glory, laud, and praise be ever Thine.

* ***Extinguishing of the POW/MIA Candle***

Choral Response (sung by all)

"America" words and music by Smith and *'Thesaurus Musicus'*
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Our fathers' God, to Thee, author of liberty, to Thee we sing;
Long may our land be bright with freedom's holy light;
Protect us by Thy might, great God, our King. Amen.

* ***Extinguishing of Altar Candles*** *Taking the Light Into the World*

Postlude "O God Our Help" C.S. Lang

WORSHIP LEADER: Anne Heller

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE: Robin Nelson

WELCOME KIT DISTRIBUTOR: Jillian Stocker

SPECIAL MUSIC: A sincere welcome to our returning soloist/guitarist **Tim Dahl**. Tim is a performer who has enjoyed an eclectic background of musical venues, from musical comedy to gospel to Scandinavian folk songs. Tim has appeared in dinner theaters, churches, and industrial shows throughout the Midwest and several solo tours to Sweden. He has numerous radio and TV commercial credits and delights in having been a guest on "The Prairie Home Companion" show. When not singing, Tim has an active career as a realtor at Coldwell Banker Burnet. Many thanks for sharing your time and talents with us this Lord's Day!

+ + + *ANNOUNCEMENTS* + + +

For Children at Worship: Parents are welcome to make use of the "busy bags" available in the narthex. Children may keep their used papers, but kindly return the bag and contents following worship. Also, age appropriate children's bulletins are available from the ushers. The children's classroom will resume in September.

The Kitchen Is Closed <u>now</u> throughout July. The Board of Directors has approved giving the volunteer *Kitchen Angels* a vacation from their gracious labors. May this be (for them) a time of "refreshment."

FREE Devotional Materials are available to you in the foyer. The *Our Daily Bread* (Jun-Aug) devotional is available. Also LARGE PRINT copies of *Our Daily Bread* (Jul-Sep) are <u>now</u> available.

If You Have a Prayer Request ... text Chaplain Ken (612-747-1059). Your prayer concerns will be held confidential and shared only among the prayer chain members.

Next Week (12 Jul) is **Seventh Sunday after Pentecost**. Chaplain Vern Anderson will proclaim a message entitled ***"Walking on Water"*** based on At. Matthew 14:22-33. **Dan & Karin Wickman** will provide our special music.

If you have an e-mail address and are not currently receiving the midweek ***"Chapel Chatter"***—providing you with what you need to know about the coming Sunday at the Chapel—please send an e-mail to the Chapel Foundation (<u>info@fortsnellingmcf.org</u>) and request to be added to this *Constant Contact* distro.

Remember Our Cherished Homebound: A roster of names and addresses can be found in the Fellowship Hall. Also, we have free cards/envelopes for all occasions: birthdays, thinking of you, get well, sympathy, and blank cards as well.

Kindly Assist Us by Wearing Your Name Tag each week. Learning one another's name is extremely important to our growth as a church family. If you don't have one or have misplaced yours, so indicate on the pew card *or* call the Chapel Office at 952-888-1525 to request one. <u>Be sure to pick up your name tag the next week in the Fellowship Hall</u>. Thank you for cooperating with this request.

Our 25th Annual Chapel Foundation Picnic is coming soon! Please join our church family members on **Sunday, 19 July** (1-3:00 p.m.) at the Richfield Veterans Memorial Park Picnic Shelter. Here is the catered menu:

Fresh Green Salad
Sloppy Joes w/Buns ♦ Fried Chicken ♦ Hot Dogs w/Buns
Coleslaw ♦ Potato Salad ♦ Calico Beans
Fresh Vegetables w/Dips ♦ Pickles ♦ Potato Chips
Variety of Fresh Fruit
Cookies ♦ Variety of Ice Cream Bars
Coffee w/Cream/Sugar ♦ Bottled Water ♦ Lemonade
The deadline for purchasing tickets is **12 July**.
@ **$16.00**/adults, **$7.00**/children (6-11), FREE age 5 and under
Dress is casual. Bring a lawn chair. Invite your friends!

►►► **Bring to the Chapel Picnic** these much needed items for our partnership with *New Life Family Services*:

All toys and equipment must be new — toys (newborn to 4T), baby monitors, potty chairs, bathtubs, infant carriers, Pack 'n Plays, car seats (convertible if possible), bouncy seats, highchairs, strollers.

Clothing may be new or very gently worn — maternity clothing, children's clothing (newborn – 4T), receiving blankets, crib sheets & bedding (no bumpers)

Other items — diapers (all sizes, including pull-ups), wipes, formula, gifts for birth mothers (journals, candles, coffee gift cards, etc.), gift cards to Walmart, etc., books (1-4 yrs)

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Ministry Beyond the Walls: Our weekly worship services can be viewed LIVE from your internet service. Homebound and absent members and friends can simply go to https://vimeo.com/fortsnellingmcf and tune in any Sunday starting at 10:45 a.m. Central Time. Services are also archived there for later viewing.

2026 Veterans/Patriotic Events: Throughout the year, the Chapel community pays tribute on the Sundays near a number of national commemorations, including these events: **9/11 Remembrance** (6 Sep); **US Constitution** (13 Sep); **POW/MIA** (20 Sep); **Gold Star** (27 Sep); **Veterans Day** (8 Nov); **Pearl Harbor Remembrance** (6 Dec). Mark your calendar with these dates.

This Week in U.S. Military History:
5 Jul 1814 — *Battle of Chippewa*
9 Jul 1943 — Allied forces invade Sicily
9 Jul 1966 — *Battle of Minh Thanh*
10 Jul 1943 — *Operation Husky*
11 Jul 1923 — U.S. Army occupation force leaves Germany

A Special Welcome to our Visitors . . .

We are delighted you have chosen to worship here today! May you experience a sincere welcome and a sense of God's love for you. We gather as a community of faith to share the *Good News* of Jesus Christ. We encourage you to return again and bring others with you. We hope that we may provide the sense of community and stimulation of character you have been searching for. We provide individual pastoral care by request. You may call the chaplain for an appointment. We are willing to provide additional services as needed. Simply call the Chapel Office (952-888-1525) or Chaplain Ken (612-747-1059). If you would like to talk about the sacrament of baptism for yourself or a member of your family, arrangements can be made by contacting the chaplain. For bookings of the Chapel, contact the Fort Snelling State Park directly at 612-279-3555. Worship services are not subsidized or endorsed by the MN DNR.

Upholding the Chapel with our Membership Vows of ...

Prayers

Ron Casteel; Arlene Amyotte; Donn & Barb Steffenson; grandson Tyler; Henry Langer; free SSgt Calvin Gibbs & SSgt Robert Bales; Barbara Patton; SGM Tom Staffa; Jim Gullickson; Abraham Quiring; Kathy Beale; Rebecca Heller; Ed Schmidt; Roger Blasl; Pat Taggart; Sherry Mickelson; Corny Dereemer; Earl Lee; Curt Utpadel; Pat Kallevig; Penny Goodyear; Debbie Dahl; Jeanette Buck; Sylvia; Bob Maginnis; Valerie Quiring; Connie Fearing; Fremont Gruss; Mel & Leslie Henschel; Dale Moore; Wes & Judy White; Heather; Danielle; Brent Quiring; Paula Gamble; Pam Sigmon; Annie Winn; Janan Sharpe; Jerry Kyser; Jim Johns; Nate Fetter; Sandra Sinclair; Alice Bell; Amy Jo Larson; Bruce Torgerson; Humberto Isassi; peace in Ukraine & the Middle East

Presence

Sunday, 28 June 2026 witness at Chapel worship = **93** streaming = **22**

Gifts

Sunday, 28 June 2026 Chapel offering plate = **$1,840.00**

Service

Thanks to the chairs of our standing committees.

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