

Free to Serve

Two fifty years have flown,
Beneath our banner bright;
Freedom bows in service,
And lifts the weak to light.

Christ showed a higher way:
Not power, rank, or throne;
The greatest serves the least,
As He made mercy known.

Let freedom ring with love,
Not selfishness or pride;
Called free, we serve our kin,
With grace on every side.

From sea to shining sea,
Let justice gently flow;
May faithful hands build peace,
Wherever brave hearts go.

Bless this beloved land,
With hearts both strong and mild;
Make freedom serve through love,
Like Christ, Your servant Child.



Welcome to the North Benton Presbyterian Church

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*“Since 1818, A church where everyone is someone
and Jesus Christ is Lord!”*

North Benton Presbyterian Church

June 28, 2026 AD Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

“But now that you have been set free from sin and have become slaves to God, the benefit you receive leads to holiness, and the result is eternal life.” -Romans 6: 22



PRELUDE

CHURCH LIFE

GREETINGS AND WELCOME

CALL TO JOIN IN WORSHIP

Pastor: Beloved of God, we are called to freedom—
freedom shaped by love.

People: **Through love, we become servants of one another.**

Pastor: Christ teaches that greatness is found not in power,
but in humble service.

People: **The Son of Man came not to be served, but to serve, and to give His life for many.**

Pastor: As our nation marks 250 years, we give thanks for
liberty and remember that freedom is faithful when
it becomes compassion, justice, and service.

People: **Lord, make us free from selfishness and free for love.**

Pastor: Let us love our neighbors as ourselves—in our
church, community, and country.

All: **We come to worship Christ, our Servant Lord.
Make us free to serve. Amen.**

INVOCATION

Please Pray For:

Sermon Notes:

This Week

Caring, Sharing, Praying

Sun
6/28 9:30 Worship Service
(Youth Sunday School
after children’s message)
10:45 Searcher’s Class

7/5 **Birthday Sunday**
9:30 Worship Service
(Youth Sunday School
after children’s message)
10:45 Searcher’s Class

Nursing Home:
Dan Rowe
Essex #1, Salem, OH 44460
(Rm.#201)

Continued Prayer for:
Denton Herron,
James Hilles,
Stan & Sandy Jozwiakowski,
Emily Winters,
Maeo Bates,
Carol Schiffler,
Chris & Alicia Gamble
Irene Shields

*Contact the office to add or
remove a name*

Deacon Greeters -----	Karen Fay
-----	Barb Franklin
Keyboard -----	Sylvia Hammond
Praise Songs -----	Sylvia Hammond
Sound System -----	Dale Fay
Acolyte-----	Ryleigh Kampfer

+PRAISE SONGS

**“Reach Out and touch”
“Something Beautiful”
“I Love You Lord”**

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE (Sunday School to Follow)

“The Best Gold”

CALL TO CONFESSION

Pastor: As our nation marks our 250th year, we give thanks for the gift of freedom. Yet in Christ, freedom is not for self alone, but for love, justice, and service. Trusting in God’s mercy, let us confess the ways we have misused freedom and failed to serve.

SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Pastor: Hear the good news: in Jesus Christ, God does not leave us captive to sin, division, or despair. Christ has set us free—free to be forgiven, free to be made new, and free to love and serve with courage. Friends, believe the promise of the gospel: in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

All: Thanks be to God! Praise be to God! Amen.

+GLORIA PATRI

PRESENTATION OF GIFTS, TITHES, & OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY SCRIPTURE

“Whoever can be trusted with very little can also be trusted with much, and whoever is dishonest with very little will also be dishonest with much.” -Luke 16: 10

DOXOLOGY

PRAYER REQUESTS & PRAISES

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE and LORD'S PRAYER

+Hymn #319 "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

All: Help us, Holy God, to connect to Your word anew. Open the Scriptures to us in a way that is life-giving. Encourage us to listen to the message Your Spirit makes known in word and worship. Amen

SCRIPTURE "Mark 10: 42-45 and Galatians 5: 13-14"

SERMON "Free to _____!"

+HYMN #688 (verses 1)

"The Star Spangled Banner"

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

+RECESSIONAL HYMN #688 (verse 2)

"The Star Spangled Banner"

POSTLUDE

NEXT WEEK'S SERMON:

"Ne In Christ!" based on Ephesians 2: 11-22, Micah 6: 8 and Revelation 7: 9-12.

+ Indicates congregation is invited to stand

Praise Songs

"Reach Out and touch"

**Reach out and touch a soul that is hungry,
Reach out and touch a spirit in despair,
Reach out and touch a life torn and dirty,
A man who is lonely — If you care!
Reach out and touch that neighbor who hates you,
Reach out and touch that stranger who meets you,
Reach out and touch the brother who needs you.
Reach out and let the smile of God touch thru you.**

**Reach out and touch a friend who is weary.
Reach out and touch a seeker unaware,
Reach out and touch, though touching means losing
A part of your own self— If you dare!
Reach out and give your love to the loveless,
Reach out and make a home for the homeless,
Reach out and shed God's light in the darkness
Reach out and let the smile of God touch thru you.**

"Something Beautiful"

**Something beautiful, something good
All my confusion He understood
All I had to offer Him was brokenness and strife,
But He made something beautiful of my life.**

"I Love You Lord"

**I love you, Lord and I lift my voice]
To worship You, O my soul rejoice.
Take joy my King in what You hear,
May it be a sweet, sweet sound in Your ear.**