

First United Methodist Church

Building A Village of Faith

Sunday, July 3, 2022, 11:00 AM

2022-07-03 Worship Theme: More Rock of Faith I: Heart of Gold, Neil Young



We take a break from the *Prophets & Kings* this Sunday to observe our **Fourth of July Holiday** weekend and to celebrate the first of four music Sundays this summer, something we're calling **More Rock of Faith**.

Many of the classic rock songs of our culture carry messages that lend themselves to exploration in worship because *either* they reinforce Biblical themes or Christian theology *or* they are critiqued by the same. That's what *More Rock of Faith* is all about (with the word "more" pointing to the series last summer that spawned this idea).

Today we focus on Neil Young's classic hit "Heart of Gold", first recorded in Feb. of 1971 when Young was only 25 years old. And we recall Jesus' words in the Sermon on the Mount: "...store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, ... For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also." [Matt. 6:20-21]

*"The Lord is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer -
my God, my rock, in whom I take refuge...." - Psalm 18:2 [ESV]*

Contemporary Worship – 9:00 AM (no printed worship order)
Traditional Worship – 11:00 AM

* It is customary to stand at these times; however, please feel free to remain seated if you prefer.

Words of Welcome & Greeting

Pastor Steve

**Music to Set the Tone
for Worship**

"Patriotic Medley"
Karen Ray, piano/organ

arr. Karrin Ford

*** Call to Worship**

Mary Moore

Leader: Let us hear in the soaring strains of our beloved patriotic tunes

People: God's own symphony inspiring us to live up to the high ideals upon which our nation was founded.

Leader: Let the words of these songs, evoked from deep within our souls by the familiar melodies,

People: Remind us of the tyrannical forces of monarchy once arrayed against the dream of self-governance.

Leader: And let the closing phrase of our national anthem, "the land of the free and home of the brave,"

People: Be not a slogan to exploit for personal gain but a principle employed for the benefit of all.

*** Hymn of Celebration I**

"America the Beautiful"

UMH #696

*** Opening Prayer (All Pray in Unison)**

Mary Moore

Almighty God, you rule all the peoples of the earth.

**Inspire the minds of all women and men to whom you have committed
the responsibility of government and leadership in the nations of the world.**

**Give to them the vision of truth and justice,
that by their counsel all nations and peoples may work together.**

**Give to the people of our country zeal for justice and strength of forbearance,
that we may use our liberty in accordance with your gracious will.**

**Forgive our shortcomings as a nation;
purify our hearts to see and love the truth.**

We pray all these things through Jesus Christ. Amen.

[Andy Langford, USA, 20th Cent. UM Book of Worship #442]

* Hymn of Celebration II	"America", v. 1, 2, & 4	UMH #697
Choral Anthem	"Americana Sing-along" Medley Sanctuary Choir	arr. Otis Skillings
Scripture Reading	Matthew 6:19-21 [NRSV]	Mary Moore
Message	"Treasures in Heaven: Hearts of Gold" Incorporating Neil Young's "Heart of Gold"	Pastor Steve
Holy Communion Liturgy		Pastor Steve
Music for Communion Processional		Pastor Steve & Friend, Kevin Simonsen
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♪ <i>Heart of Gold</i> (Neil Young) ♪ <i>Turn, Turn, Turn</i> (Pete Seeger / The Byrds) ♪ <i>Forever Young</i> (Bob Dylan) 	
Prayer After Communion with The Lord's Prayer – All Aloud		Mary Moore
Living Our Faith	Prayer Concerns and Community-building Opportunities	Jeannie Lewis
* Going Forth in Song	"This Is My Song"	UMH #437
* Benediction		Pastor Steve
Postlude	"Star-Spangled Banner"	arr. Rick Parks



Prayers for our People & Beyond

For Wilma Camren who is now home and continues to recover from health issues. Cards may be sent to her at The Fountains, 3203 N. 15th St., #122, GJ 81506.

For Dixie Gilbert who is recovering from a leg infection at the Center at Foresight 6/3. Cards may be sent to her attention at the Center at Foresight, 606 E. Foresight Circle, Rm 205, GJ 81505.

To add someone to the phone prayer chain, please call Peggy Price at 970-242-4206

Happy Fourth of July Everyone