TODAY’S SCRIPTURE
Romans 1:16-17, 3:21-28 (NIV)

16 For I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God that brings salvation to everyone who believes: first to the Jew, then to the Gentile. 17 For in the gospel the righteousness of God is revealed — a righteousness that is by faith from first to last, just as it is written: “The righteous will live by faith.”

21 But now apart from the law the righteousness of God has been made known, to which the Law and the Prophets testify. 22 This righteousness is given through faith in Jesus Christ to all who believe. There is no difference between Jew and Gentile,

23 for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,

24 and all are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus.

25 God presented Christ as a sacrifice of atonement, through the shedding of his blood — to be received by faith. He did this to demonstrate his righteousness, because in his forbearance he had left the sins committed beforehand unpunished— 26 he did it to demonstrate his righteousness at the present time, so as to be just and the one who justifies those who have faith in Jesus.

27 Where, then, is boasting? It is excluded. Because of what law? The law that requires works? No, because of the law that requires faith.

28 For we maintain that a person is justified by faith apart from the works of the law.
ANNOUNCEMENTS

EVERYONE IS INVITED TO THE RECEPTION TODAY to honor our new pastor, Dr. Tony Collins and his wife, Susan. Please come to the Fellowship Hall this afternoon, 1:30 - 3:00 p.m., to welcome Pastor Tony and Susan.

TRUSTEES MEET on Tuesday, July 8, at 7 p.m., in the Parlor, Room 111. All Trustees are invited to attend.

YOU ARE INVITED TO A BRIDAL TEA in honor of Cynthia Snyder and Ryan Dykeman, Sunday, July 13, 2014, 1:30 - 3:00 p.m., in the Family Life Center. Registered: Target, Belk, Home Depot, and Kohl’s.

STAFF PARISH TEAM meets, Monday, July 14th, at 7 p.m., in the Parlor, Room 111. All team members should be present at the meeting.

CHURCH COUNCIL MEETINGS: Please mark your calendar for the Church Council Meeting on Sunday, July 20th, at 5:00 p.m., in the Fellowship Hall. Your attendance at this meeting is very important.

Freedom

Freedom is a breath of air, Pine-scented, or salty like the sea; Freedom is a field new-plowed... Furrows of democracy!

Freedom is a forest, Trees tall and straight as men. Freedom is a printing press... The power of the pen!

Freedom is a church, A cathedral’s stately spire; Freedom is a spirit... That can set the soul on fire!

Freedom is man’s birthright, A sacred, living rampart; The pulsebeat of humanity... The throbb of a nation’s heart!

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