**Bearing Fruit – July 4, 2021**

**Welcome Rev. Del Meester**

Please welcome Rev. Delmar Meester to our pulpit today. Delmar L. Meester, a native of Iowa, graduated from the University of Northern Iowa with a B.A. in music. He earned a Master of Divinity degree from Dubuque Theological Seminary, Dubuque, Iowa, and a Master of Music degree in piano performance from Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville. He has served as associate pastor of Third Presbyterian Church in Springfield, Illinois, pastor of Littlefield Presbyterian Church in Dearborn, Michigan, interim pastor of Fair Oaks Presbyterian Church in Oak Park, Illinois, pastor of St. Paul’s Presbyterian Church in North Port, Florida, and pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Chicago Heights, Illinois. He also served as interim pastor of River Glen Presbyterian Church in Naperville. He is now an honorably retired teaching elder in the Presbytery of Chicago and resides with wife Linda and son Jonathan in Aurora, Illinois.

Prior to Covid Del and Linda worshipped with us. We are all looking forward to a time post Covid when they will be able to return for worship.

We also thank Cindy Trowbridge for filling in once again as our musician today and our own David Kozich for sharing his trumpeting gifts.

Our slideshow is a celebration of the founding of our nation. Thank you, Chris Kozich, for putting our slideshow together. Our flags are at the front of our sanctuary today in honor of Independence Day.