

2020

“Behold, The Mighty Hand of God”

One Nation Under God

WELCOME TO WORSHIP
FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER
PENTECOST

**Please tune your car radio to 106.1 FM to Worship
with us today!**

*Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess,
for He who promised is faithful* Hebrews 10:23

Call Statement:

“My call is to share my Faith in Christ”

Mission Statement:

*“To live my Faith in Christ I will build loving relationships
so others will become disciples with Jesus as Lord and Savior.”*

PRELUDE

Beth Helwagen

WELCOME AND PRAYER

INDEPENDENCE DAY LITANY

*Leader: As we remember the birth of our nation two hundred
forty-four years ago with the Declaration of Independence
stating the self-evident founding truths that all men are
created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with
certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life,
Liberty and the Pursuit of happiness, let us offer our praise
and thanksgiving to God, the Giver of all good gifts.*

*Leader: Father, we praise and thank You for the men and women
who braved the long journey by sea to come to this new
world,*

All: We praise and thank You, O Lord.

*Leader: We praise and thank You for patriots who dreamed of
freedom and fought to establish this exceptional free
nation,*

All: We praise and thank You, O Lord.

*Leader: We praise and thank You for the men and women who laid
the foundation of our democracy, and who pledged liberty
and justice for all,*

All: We praise and thank You, O Lord.

*Leader: We praise and thank You for the brave soldiers who have
fought for our country, for all who paid for our freedom by
their service, and especially for those who paid the ultimate
sacrifice to secure freedom for us.*

All: We praise and thank You, O Lord.

Leader: We praise and thank You for this land from sea to shining sea that is filled with such beauty of mountain peaks and great grand valleys, rivers, fields of amber waves of grain that provide such bounty.

All: We praise and thank You, O Lord.

Leader: Lord, we pray to You for The Republic of the United States, that we might always be a nation which defends and promotes Life, Liberty and freedom to pursue happiness, full of truth and justice for all.

All: We pray to You, O Lord

Leader: Lord, we pray to You that we may always be a nation where all are free to worship and pray,

All: We pray to You, O Lord.

Leader: Lord, we pray to You that we may always be a beacon of freedom. A city of light on a hill, for all those who live under the shadow of oppression and hopelessness,

All: We pray to You, O Lord.

Leader: Lord, we pray to You that those who are elected to govern and lead, would be guided by You, and be ever aware of the trust that has been given them,

All: We pray to You, O Lord.

Leader: Lord, we pray to You that we would be a people who repent of our sins, and who return to You and to Your grace,

All: We pray to You, O Lord.

Leader: Gracious God and Father of all nations, bless and defend us and our land from all foes both foreign and domestic; Bring healing to our cities and streets. Prosper the work of our hands, and increase in us Your grace and compassion, and our offerings of thanks to You, our rock and our salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

HYMN

My Country, 'Tis of Thee

LBW #566

Verse 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 ev'ry mountainside Let Freedom ring.**

Verse 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.**

Verse 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.**

Verse 4

**Our father's 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!**

APOSTOLIC GREETING

Pastor: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All: And also with you.

THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray: "O Lord,

All: Our Heavenly Father, high and mighty King of kings, and Lord of lords, Who dost from Thy throne behold all the dwellers on earth and reignest with power supreme and uncontrolled over all the Kingdoms, Empires and Governments; look down in mercy, we beseech Thee, on these our American States, who have fled to Thee from the rod of the oppressor and thrown themselves on Thy gracious protection, desiring to be henceforth dependent only on Thee.... All this we ask in the name and through the merits of Jesus Christ, Thy Son and our Savior. Amen."

After his reading of the 35th Psalm, the Reverend Jacob Duché, Rector of Christ Church of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, extemporaneously prayed. This is a portion of his prayer given in the First Continental Congress: September 7, 1774, 9 o'clock a.m.

LESSON

Psalm 145

GOSPEL

Matthew 11:25 - 30

THE MESSAGE

Pastor Jeffrey J. Lee

Come to Jesus & Find Your Rest in Him.

SONG

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

Verse 1

Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father,
There is no shadow Of turning with Thee;
Thou changest not, Thy compassions they fail not;
As Thou hast been, Thou forever wilt be.

Chorus

Great is Thy faithfulness!
Great is Thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning New mercies I see;
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me.

Verse 2

Summer and winter And springtime and harvest;
Sun, moon and stars In their courses above
Join with all nature In manifold witness
To Thy great faithfulness, Mercy and love.

Chorus

Verse 3

Pardon for sin And a peace that endureth,
Thy own dear presence To cheer and to guide;
Strength for today And bright hope for tomorrow,
Blessings all mine, With ten thousand beside!

Chorus

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit, and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day He rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Pastor: Brothers and sisters in Christ, let us be united as the Church in heart and mind as we go to our heavenly Father in prayer..

Pastor: *(After each petition. . .)* Lord, in your mercy,

All: hear our prayer.

Pastor: . . . Into your hands, Father, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER - in unison

**All: 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 and ever. Amen.

THE SENDING PRAYER

Leader: Let us pray. Heavenly Father,

All: **Open my eyes, open my heart, so I see and have compassion on broken and lost people around me. Move me to bring Hope into their lives with the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Give me courage. Give me patience. Guide my words. Through me I pray they experience Jesus' redeeming Love. I ask in Jesus' Name. Amen.**

THE BENEDICTION

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you, the Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

All: Amen.

HYMN

God of Our Fathers

LBW #567

Verse 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.

Verse 2

Your love divine has led us in the past.
In this free land by You our lot is cast.
Oh, be our Ruler, Guardian, Guide, and Stay,
Your word our law, Your paths our chosen way.

Verse 3

From war's alarms, from deadly pestilence,
Make Your strong arm our ever sure defense.
Your true religion in our hearts increase;
Your bounteous goodness nourish us in peace.

Verse 4

Refresh Your people on their toilsome way.
Lead us from night to never ending day.
Fill all our lives with heav'n-born love and grace
Until at last we meet before Your Face.
To follow in their train!

THE DISMISSAL

Pastor: Go and be a witness for the Lord!

All: Thanks be to God!

NEXT SUNDAY July 12, 2020
Sixth Sunday After Pentecost

Scripture Readings for Next Sunday

Isaiah 55:10-13 Psalm 65:(1-8) 9-13 Romans 8:12-17
Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

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