

Bulletin for Sunday, July 5, 2020

Greeting and Welcome

Time of Centering Prayer

Prelude

Response, Sanctuary

**Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary, pure and holy, tried and true.
With thanksgiving, I'll be a living sanctuary for you.**

Call to Worship (responsively)

L: Where is there hope for the nations?

P: That God so loved the world that he gave his only Son.

L: In our distress where can we turn?

P: It is by God's grace we are saved through faith!

L: Though we were as good as dead, God made us alive in Christ.

P: God is here! Grace abounds! There is true freedom in Jesus Christ!

Hymn, America

**My country, 'tis of thee, sweet land of liberty, of thee I sing:
land where my fathers died, land of the pilgrims' pride,
from every mountainside let freedom ring!**

**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.**

**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.**

**Our fathers' 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.**

Call to Confession

Prayer (in unison)

Loving God of all the nations, remind us of your grace that has been made available to people of every tribe and nation. We pray for our nation and all its people. Forgive us of our pride, self-centeredness, materialism, and lack of compassion. With our many blessings, enable us to be a blessing to all people as we celebrate liberty, seek justice, and pursue your calling to go and make disciples. Give to us your wisdom to shine like a city on a hill to those who are broken and lost, that they might know the depth of

your great love. May all people experience the freedom that is found in our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

Silent Prayers of Confession

Words of Pardon and Assurance

Musical Offering

Epistle Lesson, Ephesians 2:4-10

Musical Offering

Gospel Lesson, John 15:5-17

Response, He is Lord

**He is Lord, he is Lord, he is risen from the dead and he is Lord.
Every knee shall bow, every tongue confess, that Jesus Christ is Lord.**

Sermon

Pastor Warner

Hymn, This is My Song

**This is my song, O God of all the nations,
a song of peace for lands afar and mine.
This is my home, the country where my heart is;
here are my hopes, my dreams, my holy shrine;
but other hearts in other lands are beating
with hopes and dreams as true and high as mine.**

**My country's skies are bluer than the ocean,
and sunlight beams on cloverleaf and pine;
but other lands have sunlight too, and clover,
and skies are everywhere as blue as mine.O
O hear my song, thou God of all the nations,
a song of peace for their land and for mine.**

**This is my prayer, O Lord of all earth's kingdoms:
thy kingdom come; on earth thy will be done.
Let Christ be lifted up till all shall serve him,
and hearts united learn to live as one.
O hear my prayer, thou God of all the nations;
myself I give thee; let thy will be done.**

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer (in unison)

Response, Cares Chorus

**I cast all my cares upon you. I lay all of my burdens down at your feet.
And anytime I don't know what to do, I will cast all my cares upon you.**

Announcements

Hymn, America the Beautiful

**O beautiful for spacious skies, for amber waves of grain;
for purple mountain majesties, above the fruited plain!
America! America! God shed his grace on thee;
and crown thy good with brotherhood from sea to shining sea.**

**O beautiful for heroes proved in liberating strife;
who more than self their country loved,
and mercy more than life!
America! America! May God thy gold refine,
till all success be nobleness, and every gain divine.**

**O beautiful for patriot dream that sees beyond the years,
thine alabaster cities gleam, undimmed by human tears!
America! America! God mend thine every flaw,
confirm thy soul in self control, thy liberty in law.**

Benediction

Closing Response, God Bless America

**God bless America, land that I love, stand beside her and guide her
through the night with the light from above.
From the mountains, to the prairies, to the oceans white with foam,
God bless America, my home sweet home!
God bless America, my home sweet home!**