

CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP SERVICE
SIXTH SUNDAY OF PENTECOST
JULY 1, 2018

SONG:.....“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 ocean white with foam
God bless America, My home sweet home
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P: In the name of God the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. **C: Amen**

PSALM 95:1-3, 6&7; 96:1-6; 33:1-3,8,12 –ESV

[P-Pastor C-Congregation LS – Lectern side PS-Pulpit side]

P: Oh come, let us sing to the LORD; let us make a joyful noise to the Rock of our salvation.

LS: LET US COME INTO HIS PRESENCE WITH THANKSGIVING;

PS: LET US MAKE A JOYFUL NOISE TO HIM WITH SONGS OF PRAISE!

C: FOR THE LORD IS A GREAT GOD, AND A GREAT KING ABOVE ALL GODS.

P: Oh come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker!

C: FOR HE IS OUR GOD, AND WE ARE THE PEOPLE OF HIS PASTURE, AND THE SHEEP OF HIS HAND.

P: Oh sing to the LORD a new song; sing to the LORD, all the earth!

LS: SING TO THE LORD, BLESS HIS NAME; TELL OF HIS SALVATION FROM DAY TO DAY.

PS: DECLARE HIS GLORY AMONG THE NATIONS, HIS MARVELOUS WORKS AMONG ALL THE PEOPLES!

C: FOR GREAT IS THE LORD, AND GREATLY TO BE PRAISED; HE IS TO BE FEARED ABOVE ALL GODS.

- P: For the gods of the people are worthless idols, but the LORD made the heavens. Splendor and majesty are before Him, strength and beauty are in His sanctuary. Shout for joy in the LORD, O you righteous! Praise befits the upright. Give thanks to the LORD with the lyre; make melody to Him with the harp of ten strings! Sing to Him a new song;
- C: **THE WORD OF THE LORD IS UPRIGHT, AND ALL HIS WORK IS DONE IN FAITHFULNESS. HE LOVES RIGHTEOUSNESS AND JUSTICE; THE EARTH IS FULL OF THE STEADFAST LOVE OF THE LORD. LET ALL THE EARTH FEAR THE LORD; LET ALL THE INHABITANTS OF THE WORLD STAND IN AWE OF HIM! BLESSED IS THE NATION WHOSE GOD IS THE LORD.**

CALL TO REPENTANCE – ISAIAH 1:18-20

- P: “Come now, let us reason together,” says the LORD. “Though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red as crimson, they shall be like wool. If you are willing and obedient, you will eat the best from the land; but if you resist and rebel, you will be devoured by the sword. For the mouth of the LORD has spoken.”
- C: **LORD, HAVE MERCY ON US. WE HAVE SINNED AGAINST YOU IN OUR THOUGHTS, OUR WORDS AND OUR DEEDS. HELP US AS INDIVIDUALS AND AS A NATION TO SEE OUR SIN AND TO DESIRE A FRESH START WITH YOU. HELP OUR LEADERS AND EACH OF US AS INDIVIDUALS AND AS A NATION TO SEE OUR SINS, OUR SHORTCOMINGS, OUR REBELLION, AND OUR DECISIONS THAT DEFY YOUR WORD. HELP US TO LOOK TO YOU FOR GUIDANCE AND FOR THE ANSWERS TO OUR PROBLEMS. GIVE OUR NATION A NEW VISION OF HOW GREATLY WE WILL BE BLESSED, IF WE FOLLOW YOUR WAY AND TURN FROM OUR SIN. FORGIVE OUR SIN AND CLEANSE US WITH THE PURIFYING BLOOD OF JESUS CHRIST SO THAT YOU WILL BE HONORED THROUGH US AND THE NATION IN WHICH YOU HAVE GIVEN US TO LIVE AND REPRESENT YOU. AMEN**
- P: Our God is a great God. He has heard the cries of His people and has had mercy upon us. He knows our weaknesses and our unbelieving hearts. He has seen our sinful condition and the godless nation in which we live. He has provided the solution. He has given us a Savior. Through the perfect life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, He purifies us of all sin through His cleansing blood. Rejoice, you are forgiven. All who believe in Him are free to live in victory. Live in His peace.
- C: **WE ADORE AND PRAISE THE NAME OF OUR GOD AND SAVIOR, JESUS CHRIST, FOR CLEANSING US OF ALL SIN AND FOR THE NATION IN WHICH WE LIVE AND ASK FOR HIS CONTINUED BLESSINGS. AMEN**

OFFERINGS:

PRAYERS & LORD'S PRAYER

SONGS: "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 shed His grace on thee
And crown thy good with brotherhood
From sea to shining sea!

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"MY COUNTRY TIS OF THEE"

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.

"My Country 'Tis Of Thee" written by Samuel Francis Smith Public Domain CCLI Song: 3775028 CCLI License: 51072

SCRIPTURES:

- Romans 12:18-13:7 - Foundation of Government and our duties
- Deuteronomy 8:1-20 - Grand land with blessings and a curse
- 1 Timothy 2:1-6 - Pray for Leaders and others

PLEDGE ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG OF AMERICA

“I PLEDGE ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, AND TO THE REPUBLIC FOR WHICH IT STANDS – ONE NATION UNDER GOD, INDIVISIBLE, WITH LIBERTY AND JUSTICE FOR ALL.

SONG: “GOD BLESS THE USA”

If tomorrow all the things were gone
I'd worked for all my life,
And I had to start again
With just my children and my wife,
I'd thank almighty God
To be living here today,
'Cause the flag still stands for freedom
And they can't take that away.

**And I'm proud to be an American
Where at least I know I'm free,
And I won't forget the men who died
Who gave that right to me,
And I gladly stand up next to you
And defend her still today,
'Cause there ain't no doubt I love this land
God bless the U.S.A.**

**From the lakes of Minnesota
To the hills of Tennessee,
Across the plains of Texas
From sea to shining sea.
From Detroit down to Houston
And New York to L.A.,
Well there's pride in every American heart
And it's time we stand and say:**

**That I'm proud to be an American
Where at least I know I'm free,
And I won't forget the men who died
Who gave that right to me,
And I gladly stand up next to you
And defend her still today,
'Cause there ain't no doubt I love this land
God bless the U.S.A.**

**And I'm proud to be an American
Where at least I know I'm free,
And I won't forget the men who died
Who gave that right to me,
And I gladly stand up next to you
And defend her still today,
'Cause there ain't no doubt I love this land
God bless the U.S.A.**

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OLD TESTAMENT READING:

L: This is the Word of the Lord C: THANKS BE TO GOD

EPISTLE READING:

L: This is the Word of the Lord C: THANKS BE TO GOD

GOSPEL READING:

L: This is the Word of the Lord C: PRAISE BE TO GOD

APOSTLES CREED: [inside back cover of hymnal]

SONG:..... *“BATTLE HYMN OF THE KINGDOM”*

**WE ARE MARCHING ON IN PROTEST WHERE DEMONIC FORCES RUN,
WE WILL FIGHT THE UGLY BATTLES OF OUR FATHER’S ONLY SON,
IN HIS SERVICE WE CONTINUE WITH THE WORK HE HAS BEGUN,
OUR LORD IS LIVING ON!**

REFRAIN

**GLORY, GLORY, ALLELUIA! GLORY, GLORY, ALLELUIA!
GLORY, GLORY, ALLELUIA! OUR LORD IS LIVING ON! [last line changes with the
verses last line]**

**WE WILL KNOW HIM IN THE BODY AND THE BLOOD THAT WE WILL EAT,
WE WILL KNOW HIM IN THE SONS OF GOD WHO AT HIS TABLE MEET,
SO WITH ALL THE SAINTS WHO EVER LIVED, WE JOYFULLY REPEAT:
GOD’S SON IS LIVING ON! REFRAIN**

**WITH HIS LOVE IN ONE ANOTHER TO TRANSFORM OUR DAILY LIFE, WE WILL
SEE CHRIST IN OUR BROTHER EVEN THROUGH THE PAIN AND STRIFE, AND
OUR LORD WILL BE EXALTED THROUGH HIS MINISTRY OF LOVE,
THROUGH US HE MARCHES ON! REFRAIN**

SCRIPTURE:

- John 3:16-17 - God sent Jesus to rescue us**
- Ephesians 2:1-10 - God made us alive**
- 1 Peter 2:9-10 - We are His children with a purpose**
- Psalms 103:1-5; 7-14 - blessings showered upon us**

BENEDICTION:

**P: The grace of our LORD + Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of
 The Holy Spirit be with us all.**

C: AMEN

SONG: “ARMED FORCES MEDLEY”

Air Force

Off we go into the wild blue yonder,
Climbing high into the sun
Here they come zooming to meet our thunder
At 'em boys, Give 'er the gun!
Down we dive, spouting our flame from under
Off with one terrible roar!
We live in fame or go down in flame. Hey!
Nothing can stop the U.S. Air Force!

Army

Over hill, over dale, as we hit the dusty trail,
And those Caissons go rolling along.
In and out, hear them shout, Counter march and right about,
And those Caissons go rolling along.
Then it's hi! hi! hee! in the field artillery,
Shout out your numbers loud and strong.
For where e'er you go, you will always know,
That those Caissons go rolling along.

Coast Guard

We're always ready for the call,
We place our trust in Thee.
Through surf and storm and howling gale,
High shall our purpose be,
"Semper Paratus" is our guide,
Our pledge, our motto, too.
We're "Always Ready", do or die! Aye!
Coast Guard, we fight for you.

Navy

**Anchors Aweigh, my boys, Anchors Aweigh.
Farewell to college joys, we sail at break of day-ay-ay-ay.
Through our last night on shore, hail to the foam,
Until we meet once more. Here's wishing you a happy voyage home.**

Marines

**From the Halls of Montezuma
To the shores of Tripoli;
We fight our country's battles
In the air, on land, and sea;
First to fight for right and freedom
And to keep our honor clean;
We are proud to claim the title
Of United States Marine.**

Onward Christian Soldiers

**Onward, Christian soldiers! Marching as to war,
With the cross of Jesus Going on before,
Christ, the royal Master, Leads against the foe;
Forward into battle, See His banners go!
Onward, Christian soldiers! Marching as to war,
With the cross of Jesus Going on before.**

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We Exit to Serve!

If this service has moved you spiritually and you have questions regarding your spiritual life, please feel free to visit with one of the Pastors after the service.