

FAITH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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At the sound of the chimes, please use this time to silently prepare for worship.

CHIMES

PRELUDE “American Patrol” – Meacham

GREETING This is the day that the Lord has made!
Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

* CALL TO WORSHIP – (responsively)

God has called prophets through the ages to speak the truth;
Praise Almighty God who reigns over all the nations!
Our loving God reigns supreme until the end of time;
Praise Almighty God who reigns over us in mercy and love!
Let us never forget that our God has ultimate claim on our lives;
Praise Almighty God forever and ever!

* **OPENING HYMN** - “My Country, ‘Tis of Thee” – #337

* THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Gracious and ever-loving God, we come to you asking for forgiveness for the sins we commit. We place idols of all kinds ahead of worshipping you and putting you first in our lives. We hurt people around us with our words and actions. Please heavenly Lord, forgive us for all the sins and hurts we cause; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

* THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON (responsively)

Those who love me, I will deliver, says the Lord;
I will protect those who know my name.
When they call to me, I will answer them;

I will be with them in trouble, I will rescue them and show them my salvation.

Receive the Good news of the gospel:

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

GLORIA PATRI: *Glory to God – #582*

Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,

And to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,

And to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

***PASSING OF THE PEACE (responsively)**

May mercy, peace, and love be yours in abundance. The peace of Christ be with you. ***And also with you.***

(You are invited to offer your neighbor a brief sign of peace.)

THE WELCOMING OF GUESTS

We invite our guests to use the nametags in the attendance pads to identify themselves so that we may get to know each other.

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHILDRENS TIME - Elder Richard Carter

SPECIAL MUSIC - “*America, the Beautiful*” – arr. Ritter; Lisa Heinemeier, violin

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (unison)

Gracious God, guide us as we read the word today. Open our hearts, ears, and minds to what you have to say in scripture, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE – Ezekiel 2

Holy Wisdom. Holy Word. ***Thanks be to God.***

NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE - Mark 6:1-13

Holy Wisdom. Holy Word. ***Thanks be to God.***

SERMON “The Prophet’s Uncomfortable Truth” Rev. Brian Louis

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD’S WORD—adaptation of “A Brief Statement of Faith”

In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve. We trust in Jesus Christ, Fully human, fully God. Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human

pain and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal. We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father. In sovereign love God created the world good and makes everyone equally in God's image male and female, of every race and people, to live as one community. We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life. The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the Church. With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

SHARING OUR PRAYERS FOR JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

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 debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the Kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen

RECEPTION OF OUR OFFERINGS TO GOD

OFFERTORY – “Give Me Your Tired, Your Poor” – Berlin & Lazarus
(please see note at the end of the bulletin)

*** DOXOLOGY – “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow” #609**
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.
Praise God, all creatures high and low.
Alleluia, alleluia!
Praise God, in Jesus fully known: Creator, Word, and Spirit one.
Alleluia, alleluia!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

*** PRAYER OF DEDICATION OF OUR OFFERINGS**

*** CLOSING HYMN - “God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand” #331**
Also known as the “*National Hymn*” – see notes at the bottom of the hymn page in the hymnal.

*** BENEDICTION**

* **BENEDICTION RESPONSE** - *God Bless America* – Berlin

*God bless America, land that I love,
Stand beside her and guide her
Thru 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.*

* **POSTLUDE** - “*The Liberty Bell March*” – Sousa

Give Me Your Tired, Your Poor

*In 1876 France announced it was giving the United States a statue commemorating the American centennial. A few years later the enormous sculpture was delivered, and a few years after that the famous American journalist and philanthropist Joseph Pulitzer organized a subscription to raise money for a base to support the statue. This endeavor provided Irving Berlin with the plot for his 1949 musical hit, *Miss Liberty* (with the book by Robert E. Sherwood). In a sense the base inspired the final stirring song for the show. Berlin set to music the stanza that is inscribed on the base, which is a verse from a longer poem by Emily Lazerus called “*The New Colossus*.”*

~Reader’s Digest Family Songbook of Faith and Joy~

*“Give me your tired, your poor,
Your huddled masses yearning to breathe free,
The wretched refuse of your teeming shore,
Send these, the homeless, tempest-tossed to me;
I lift my lamp beside the golden door.”*