

Welcome to Worship

We Are Glad You Are Here!

July 5, 2020

5th Sunday After Pentecost

10am

WELCOME TO THIS DAY OF WORSHIP.

As we celebrate Independence Day, our Psummer of Psalms moves us to lament. Even as we celebrate a holiday weekend we lament that our nation does not live within God's design and is found suffering. May God empower us from our Lord's Table to use the freedom we celebrate for service and love of one another.

PREPARE FOR WORSHIP

*A patriot without religion in my estimation is as great a paradox
as an honest man without the fear of God.*

*Is it possible that he whom no moral obligations bind,
can have any real good will towards men?*

*Can he be a patriot who, by an openly vicious conduct,
is undermining the very bonds of society? ...*

The Scriptures tell us "righteousness exalteth a nation."

Abigail Adams, in a 1775 letter to Mercy Warren

OPENING PRAISE "How Can I Keep From Singing"

(verse 1)

There is an endless song echoes in my soul; I hear the music ring
And though the storms may come I am holding on to the rock I cling

(chorus)

How can I keep from singing Your praise; how can I ever say enough, how amazing is Your love
How can I keep from shouting Your Name;
I know I am loved by the King, and it makes my heart want to sing.

(verse 2)

I will lift my eyes in the darkest night for I know my Savior lives
And I will walk with You knowing You'll see me through and sing the songs You give **(chorus)**

(bridge)

I can sing in the troubled times sing when I win; I can sing when I lose my step and fall down again
I can sing cause You pick me up sing cause You're there
I can sing cause You hear me Lord when I call to You in prayer
I can sing with my last breath sing for I know
That I'll sing with the angels and the saints around the throne

(chorus) add:

I am loved by the King, and it makes my heart
I am loved by the King, and it makes my heart want to sing

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 13)

Becky Rios

HYMN OF ADORATION: "God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand"

God of the ages, 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.

Thy love divine hath led us in the past. In this free land by thee our lot is cast.
Be thou our ruler, guardian, guide, and stay: thy word our law, thy paths our chosen way.

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

Refresh thy people on their toilsome way. Lead us from night to never-ending day.
Fill all our lives with love and grace divine, and glory, laud, and praise be ever thine.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION from Psalm 22:1-11

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

RESPONSE SONG "Refiner's Fire"

1. Purify my heart. Let me be as gold, and precious silver
Purify my heart. Let me be as gold, pure gold

(chorus)

Refiner's fire, my heart's one desire is to be holy, set apart for you, Lord
I choose to be holy, set apart for you my master, ready to do your will

2. Purify my heart. Cleanse my from within, and make me holy
Purify my heart. Cleanse me from my sin, deep within **(chorus)**

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

PSALTER READING from Psalm 22:19-30

Praise Team

As the psalm is read responsively, join the praise team in the musical refrain:

*O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer; when I call answer me.
O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer; come and listen to me.*

MESSAGE

Rev. Dr. Bob Stebe

"When Things Go Wrong"

THE LORD'S SUPPER AT HOME

Invitation

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving (including 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.

Sharing the Gifts of God

A Song at the Table "We Remember You"

We remember You; we remember You by Your sacrifice of love
All glory now is due at this table here, mercy hovers near
Thanks are offered up in this bread and cup. We remember You

Precious risen Lamb; Jesus who was slain; now enthroned in glory, forever You will reign
Gladly we embrace both these signs of grace.
Thanks are offered up in this bread and cup. We remember You

Closing Prayer

HYMN OF A GRATEFUL NATION “O Beautiful for Spacious Skies”

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! God mend thine every flaw;
confirm thy soul in self-control, thy liberty in law!

O beautiful for patriot dream that sees beyond the years
thine alabaster cities gleam, undimmed by human tears!
America! America! May God thy gold refine
till all success be nobleness and every gain divine!

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE “Lift Every Voice and Sing”

Initially a poem for a school assembly at which Booker T. Washington spoke on Lincoln’s birthday in 1900, this text and tune have gained national recognition and devotion, not only within the African American community, but also among all who seek liberation from oppression. (from *Glory to God: a Presbyterian Hymnal*)

1 Lift every voice and sing till earth and heaven ring,
ring with the harmonies of liberty.
Let our rejoicing rise high as the listening skies;
let it resound loud as the rolling sea.
Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us;
sing a song full of the hope that the present has brought us.
Facing the rising sun of our new day begun,
let us march on, till victory is won.

2 Stony the road we trod, bitter the chastening rod,
felt in the days when hope unborn had died.
Yet, with a steady beat, have not our weary feet
come to the place for which our parents sighed?
We have come over a way that with tears has been watered;
we have come, treading our path through the blood of the slaughtered,
out from the gloomy past, till now we stand at last
where the white gleam of our bright star is cast.

3 God of our weary years, God of our silent tears,
thou who hast brought us thus far on the way;
thou who hast by thy might led us into the light,
keep us forever in the path, we pray.
Lest our feet stray from the places, our God, where we met thee;
lest, our hearts drunk with the wine of the world, we forget thee;
shadowed beneath thy hand may we forever stand,
true to our God, true to our native land.

End of Worship...Beginning of Service

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Outdoor Worship Sunday, July 19. More details to follow.

Virtual VBS Compassion Camp will start weekly on July 20th with our last week on August 17th. We're putting together videos for each week that families can walk through and supporting materials for our families to work through together as well. More details will be coming out over the next few weeks. If you have any questions please feel free to contact Laura MacMillan via email at lauramacmillan@hillsboropres.org.

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