Order for the Worship of God July 5, 2020 5th Sunday after Pentecost 11:00 AM Worship Service

WE COME TO WORSHIP

CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive)

Leader: Give thanks to the Lord for God is good. **People: God's steadfast love endures forever.** Leader: Welcome one another in Jesus' name, **People: for Christ is truly present among us.**

Leader: Let us worship God.

OPENING VOLUNTARY

"Patriotic Pride"

Blanche Marie Lewis

Tom Huffman & Heather Wood

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

HYMN "Christ Be with Us"

HYFRYDOL

Christ be with us, Christ behind us, Christ before us — all around! Christ in busy, noisy cities, Christ where hardly rings a sound. Jesus, you're our Lord and Savior; on your love we can depend. Help us see your presence clearly in each stranger and each friend.

Christ in lines of people fleeing, praying that a war will cease; Christ in battered women's shelters, looking for a place of peace. Christ with people sick or dying, loved ones trying hard to cope in this world of so much suffering, Christ, you give your people hope.

Christ with all who keep on struggling, helping others to be free; Christ with churches working, searching for a greater unity; Christ, in bread and wine, be with us, giving strength for each new day In this world of daily crosses, be our joyful, living way.

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CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Together)

Great God: your Son called disciples, and prayed for their unity. Forgive our divisions as a nation. Help us to confess our lack of charity toward people whose customs are different, or whose creeds conflict with what we believe. Forgive us when we claim equality in God's sight but still do not show equality to all. Heal the broken fellowships throughout our land. Hear our prayer, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

APOSTLES' CREED (Together)

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Al mighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

Irving Berlin

CALL TO OFFERING

WE GROW IN THE WORD

SCRIPTURE READING

2 Corinthians 3:18 (NRSV)

SERMON SERIES

Hear My Prayer #4 "O Lord, Hear My Prayer, Transform Our Nation!" Chris Curvin, Pastor

HYMN #338

"O Beautiful for Spacious Skies"

MATERNA

(stanzas 1,2)

O beautiful for spacious skies, for amber waves of grain, for purple mountains 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 thy every flaw; confirm thy soul in self control, thy liberty and law!

WE UNITE IN PRAYER AND SACRAMENT

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

PRAYERS OF PRAISE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER (*Together*)

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.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD AND THE SHARING OF THE CUP; THE DISTRIBUTION OF THE BREAD AND CUP

(Please plan to celebrate communion during this livestream service by preparing a small portion of juice—or something to drink—and bread for your use at home.)

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

WE GO OUT TO SERVE

HYMN #32

"I Sing the Mighty Power of God"

ELLACOMBE

I sing the mighty power of God that made the mountains rise, that spread the flowing seas abroad and built the lofty skies. I sing the wisdom that ordained the sun to rule the day. The moon shines full at God's command, and all the stars obey.

I sing the goodness of the Lord who filled the earth with food. God formed the creatures through the Word, and then pronounced them good.

Lord, how thy wonders are displayed, where'er I turn my eye, if I survey the ground I tread, or gaze up on the sky.

There's not a plant or flower below but makes thy glories known. And clouds arise, and tempests blow, by order from thy throne, While all that borrows life from thee is ever in thy care,

And everywhere that we can be, thou, God, art present there.

BENEDICTION

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

"THAXTED"

arr. Charles Callahan

(from hymn # 341 in Glory to God)
Let all the peoples praise you; let all the nations sing;
In every land let praises and songs of gladness ring. (Psalm 67)

Stephanie Carson, Music Director Tom Huffman, Organist & Associate Music Director

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*Or "servanthood"

This text (inspired by the vista from Pike's Peak and by a visit to Chicago's Columbian World Exposition) and tune (named MATERNA because it was composed for "O Mother, Dear Jerusalem") were joined in 1912. The combination proved immensely popular during World War I and afterwards.

32 I Sing the Mighty Power of God



With minimal revision this text brings together six of the eight four-line stanzas in an 18th-century hymn written for children and originally headed "Praise for Creation and Providence." The anonymous German tune provides a fitting sense of breadth and wonder.