



Old Presbyterian Meeting House

SERVICE FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

Fifth Sunday After Pentecost

July 5, 2020

PRELUDE

Prelude and Fugue in F major (“Little”), BWV 556

J.S. Bach
1685–1750

WELCOME

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Let us worship God!

Rev. Katherine A. Stanford

PREPARING TO HEAR GOD'S WORD

CALL TO WORSHIP

The Lord is good to all;
the Lord's compassion is over all the Lord has made.

Let us make the Lord's mighty deeds known to all people.

The Lord's kingdom is everlasting;
the Lord's dominion endures throughout all generations.

Let us commit ourselves to the work of God's kingdom by lifting up the fallen.

Brian and Mark Comey
Adapted from Psalm 145

HYMN 337

My Country, 'Tis of Thee

AMERICA

(1) 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.

(2) 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.

(3) 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.

(4) 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.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Mrs. Mary Pratt Perry

God of blessing, forgive us for our ingratitude for your creation, your creatures, and your people. We are all your children, yet we are neglectful of those who have less than we do. We find it too inconvenient to follow you. Forgive us for offering prayers for others and letting it go at that. Forgive us for honoring you with our words and actions on Sundays and then forgetting all about you on the other days of the week. Wake us up to your call and claim on our lives so that we may bear witness to your kingdom in all we say and do. Hear now the prayers we bring to you in silence ...

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Dr. Robert R. Laha

GOD'S WORD TO US

ANTHEM

The Road Home
Sung by the Meeting House Virtual Choir
Text by Michael Dennis Browne (b. 1940)
Suzanne Karpov Seigart, soprano solo

PROSPECT, hymn from
Southern Harmony (1835)
Arr. by Stephen Paulus
1949–2014

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

Psalm 145:8–14
Zechariah 9:9–12

Rev. Ann Herlin

TIME WITH CHILDREN

The Edwards Family

SERMON

A Pledge of Allegiance

Dr. Robert R. Laha

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Mrs. Noelle Castin

We believe Christ gives us and demands of us personal lives that are centered in God and open to God's reality and rule. Christ teaches us to put obedience to God above the interests of self, family, race, or nation; to offer God joyously our money, ability, and time. Adapted from *A Declaration of Faith*, 1977

We need constantly to search out God's way in Scripture, not expecting detailed directions for every decision, but relying on God's Word to press God's present claim on us, and to assure us of God's grace and comfort. Life in God's presence issues in life for others, for if we do not love sisters and brothers whom we see, we cannot love God whom we do not see.

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

Rev. Ann Herlin

PRESENTATION OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Rev. Katherine A. Stanford

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.

HYMN 339

Lift Every Voice and Sing

LIFT EVERY VOICE

(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.

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Dr. Robert R. Laha

RESPONSE 600

Amen

African-American Traditional

Performed by the Meeting House Virtual Choir

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POSTLUDE

The Star-Spangled Banner

John Stafford Smith

1750–1836

Arr. by Virgil Fox

1912–1980

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