

SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

July 3, 2016

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

AS WE GATHER.....Most Americans know the first stanza of the national anthem of the United States of America. That first stanza of the “Star-Spangled Banner” is sung before sporting events, music concerts, and county fair festivals. We may not be as familiar, however, with the fourth stanza of this song:

O! thus be it ever when freemen shall stand,
Between their loved home, and the war’s desolation,
Blest with vict’ry and peace, may the heavn’-rescued land,
Praise the power that hath made and preserved us a nation!
Then conquer we must, when our cause it is just,
And this be our motto—“*In God is our trust,*”
And the star-spangled banner in triumph shall wave,
O’er the land of the free, and the home of the brave!

Francis Scott Key includes the words “In God is our trust.” As America celebrates its Independence Day, we recall similar words of the Psalms. “Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord, the people whom He has chosen as His heritage!” (Psalm 33:12). “It is better to take refuge in the Lord than to trust in man” (Psalm 118:8). May our trust be in God for safety, salvation and all things!

RINGING OF THE BELL

(After the ringing of the bell, we take moment in silence to prepare our hearts for worship)

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING BLESSING

P: In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

OPENING UP TO GOD AND ONE ANOTHER

P: For the one who sows to his own flesh will from the flesh reap corruption,

C: But the one who sows to the Spirit will from the Spirit reap eternal life.

P: Our own flesh is corrupt and doomed to die. We are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against God as we have sown seeds of hate, discord, covetousness, and pride. Confessing our sin, let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ.

C: Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.

P: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen

HYMN OF PRAISE "Green Book" 81 (Pastor sings first line)

This is The Feast

P: This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia.

**C: Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,
Whose blood set us free to be people of God.
Power and riches and wisdom and strength,
And honor and blessings and glory are his.**

**This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia.
Sing with all the people of God
And join in the hymn of all creation:
Blessing and honor and glory and might
be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen**

**This is the feast of victory for our God,
For the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign.
Alleluia. Alleluia.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us Pray..... Almighty God,

C: You have made us a new creation through water and the Word.

P: Grant that, motivated by Your great love for us, we would live lives of love and good works for our neighbor so that You are glorified;

C: Through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

Old Testament: Isaiah 66:10-14 (Rejoicing with Jerusalem)

"Rejoice with Jerusalem, and be glad for her, all you who love her; rejoice with her in joy, all you who mourn over her; that you may nurse and be satisfied from her consoling breast; that you may drink deeply with delight from her glorious abundance."

For thus says the Lord:

"Behold, I will extend peace to her like a river, and the glory of the nations like an overflowing stream; and you shall nurse, you shall be carried upon her hip, and bounced upon her knees. As one whom his mother comforts, so I will comfort you; you shall be comforted in Jerusalem. You shall see, and your heart shall rejoice; your bones shall flourish like the grass; and the hand of the Lord shall be known to his servants, and he shall show his indignation against his enemies."

Epistle: Galatians 6:1-10, 14-18 (Do not grow weary in doing good)

Reader: Brothers, if anyone is caught in any transgression, you who are spiritual should restore him in a spirit of gentleness. Keep watch on yourself, lest you too be tempted.

People: Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ. For if anyone thinks he is something, when he is nothing, he deceives himself.

Reader: But let each one test his own work, and then his reason to boast will be in himself alone and not in his neighbor. For each will have to bear his own load.

People: One who is taught the word must share all good things with the one who teaches.

Reader: Do not be deceived: God is not mocked, for whatever one sows, that will he also reap. For the one who sows to his own flesh will from the flesh reap corruption, but the one who sows to the Spirit will from the Spirit reap eternal life.

People: And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up. So then, as we have opportunity, let us do good to everyone, and especially to those who are of the household of faith.

Reader: But far be it from me to boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. For neither circumcision counts for anything, nor uncircumcision, but a new creation. And as for all who walk by this rule, peace and mercy be upon them, and upon the Israel of God.

People: From now on let no one cause me trouble, for I bear on my body the marks of Jesus.

Reader: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit, brothers. Amen.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

GOSPEL: Luke 10:1-20 *(Jesus sends out the seventy-two)*

After this the Lord appointed seventy-two others and sent them on ahead of him, two by two, into every town and place where he himself was about to go. And he said to them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few. Therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest. Go your way; behold, I am sending you out as lambs in the midst of wolves. Carry no moneybag, no knapsack, no sandals, and greet no one on the road. Whatever house you enter, first say, 'Peace be to this house!' And if a son of peace is there, your peace will rest upon him. But if not, it will return to you. And remain in the same house, eating and drinking what they provide, for the laborer deserves his wages. Do not go from house to house. Whenever you enter a town and they receive you, eat what is set before you. Heal the sick in it and say to them, 'The kingdom of God has come near to you.' But whenever you enter a town and they do not receive you, go into its streets and say, 'Even the dust of your town that clings to our feet we wipe off against you. Nevertheless know this, that the kingdom of God has come near.' I tell you, it will be more bearable on that day for Sodom than for that town.

"Woe to you, Chorazin! Woe to you, Bethsaida! For if the mighty works done in you had been done in Tyre and Sidon, they would have repented long ago, sitting in sackcloth and ashes. But it will be more bearable in the judgment for Tyre and Sidon than for you. And you, Capernaum, will you be exalted to heaven? You shall be brought down to Hades.

The one who hears you hears me, and the one who rejects you rejects me, and the one who rejects me rejects him who sent me."

The seventy-two returned with joy, saying, "Lord, even the demons are subject to us in your name!" And he said to them, "I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven. Behold, I have given you authority to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing shall hurt you. Nevertheless, do not rejoice in this, that the spirits are subject to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven."

WE SHARE OUR FAITH

C: We believe in God, the Creator of all things, the source of all goodness and love.....We believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God, true God yet true man. He was crucified, died and was buried for our sin that we might be free and know the joy of life. He was raised on the third day and ascended to heaven, and will come again in power and glory to judge both the living and the dead.....We believe in the Holy Spirit, the power of God at work inside of us.....We believe in the church of God, the people of faith throughout the world.....We believe that our sin is forgiven and that we will live together with God for now and throughout eternity. Amen.

SERMON

"Keeping the Flow"

SERMON HYMN

I, The Lord of Sea and Sky

I, the Lord of sea and sky,
I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in deepest sin
My hand will save.
I, who made the stars of night.
I will make their darkness bright,
Who will bear my light to them?
Whom shall I send?
Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.

I, the Lord of snow and rain.
I have borne my people's pain.
I have wept for love of them.
They turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone.
Give them hearts for love alone.
Will speak my word to them.
Whom shall I send?
Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.

I, the Lord of wind and flame.
I will tend the poor and lame.
I will set a feast for them.
My hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide
Till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give my life to them.
Whom shall I send?
Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.

*I will go, Lord, if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.*

OFFERING

(We offer our thanksgiving for what God has first given us—our selves, our time, our possessions)

OFFERTORY

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

P: As we pray for our nation and all nations of the world, we bow before our Lord in the name of Jesus, the Savior of the nations.

P: As we come before You in prayer, we do so with thanksgiving. As Ruler of all, You provide for our needs of both body and spirit. In the name of the Savior of the nations,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Protect our land with Your almighty arm. Defend and watch over the men and women who serve in the armed forces of our land (especially.....). In the name of the Savior of the nations,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Work through Your Church that the Good News of the Gospel of Jesus may go forth in our land. Grant that the light of Christ shines bright in our nation through us. In the name of the Savior of the nations,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Bless the work of world mission so that Your name is proclaimed in all nations. Raise up new workers in Your harvest, for the harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. In the name of the Savior of the nations,

C: hear our prayer.

Additional Prayers are added.....

P: O Lord, into Your hands we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy,

C: Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

LORD'S PRAYER

DISTRIBUTION

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

“Red Book” 119

Just As I Am

Just as I am, without one plea,
But that thy blood was shed for me,
And that thou bidd’st me come to thee,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Just as I am, and waiting not
To rid my soul of one dark blot,
To thee, whose blood can cleanse each spot,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Just as I am, though tossed about
With many a conflict, many a doubt,
Fightings and fears within, without,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Just as I am, poor, wretched, blind;
Sight, riches, healing of the mind,
Yea, all I need, in thee to find,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Just as I am, thou wilt receive,
Wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve;
Because thy promise I believe,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

“Red Book” 14

Bind us Together

**Bind us together Lord, Bind us together with cords that cannot be broken,
Bind us together Lord, Bind us together
Bind us together with love.**

There is only one God.

There is only one King.

There is only one body.

That is why I sing.

**Bind us together Lord, Bind us together with cords that cannot be broken,
Bind us together Lord, Bind us together
Bind us together with love.**

“Red Book” 16

Blessed Assurance

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine! Oh, what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God, Born of His Spirit, washed in His blood.
This is my story, this is my song, Praising my Savior all the day long;
This is my story, This is my song, Praising my Savior all the day long.

Perfect submission, perfect delight, Visions of rapture now burst on my sight;
Angels descending bring from above Echoes of mercy, whispers of love.
This is my story, this is my song, Praising my Savior all the day long;
This is my story, This is my song, Praising my Savior all the day long.

Perfect submission, all is at rest, I in my Savior am happy and blest;
Watching and waiting, looking above, Filled with His goodness, lost in His love.
This is my story, this is my song, Praising my Savior all the day long;
This is my story, This is my song, Praising my Savior all the day long.

BENEDICTION

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and.....+ give you peace.

C: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN “Green Book” 569 God Bless Our Native Land

God bless our native land;
Firm may it ever stand
Through storm and night.
When the wild tempests rave,
Ruler of wind and wave,
Do thou our country save
By thy great might.

So shall our prayers arise
To God above the skies,
On whom we wait.
Thou who art ever nigh,
Guarding with watchful eye,
To thee aloud we cry:
God save the state!

DISMISSAL

P: Go in Peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.