

THE GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Welcome, Announcements, and Service Notes

Prelude “America” Arr. Page

Call to Worship & Prayer of the Day

Hymn “For This Land In All Its Wonder” RHONDDA

*For this land in all its wonder, for each city, farm and town,
For each mountain filled with splendor, for each place where love is found,
For the freedoms we enjoy here, God, may thanks to you abound!
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*For your peace and love unending, breaking barriers that divide;
For the joy of cultures blending as we live here side by side;
God, we thank you and we pray now: May we all be unified! May we all be unified!*

*For your hand to lead and guide us, for your work in history,
For your vision born inside us of a just society,
God, we thank you and we pray now: May this vision come to be! May this vision come to be!*

*May we be a nation seeking ways that are both wise and fair,
May our living and our speaking serve your purpose everywhere.
May we follow where you lead us; God, this is our hope and prayer! God, this is our hope and prayer!*

Call to Confession

Corporate Prayer of Confession (unison)

What a debt we owe to you, O God. You have given us all things in Christ and yet we withhold from you the honor and glory that are yours. Instead, we pay tribute to empire, plot to entrap the innocent, mock your truth with empty praise, and put your patience to the test. Forgive us, O God, and by your grace restore in us the image of your face; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

(Moment for Silent Reflection)

Declaration of Forgiveness & The Peace of Christ

THE WORD OF GOD READ AND PROCLAIMED

Psalter Lesson Psalm 145: 8 – 14

Special Music “Praise to the Lord” Arr. Page

Gospel Lesson Matthew 22: 15 – 22

Sermon What Belongs to God Rev. Anthony L. Larson

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

Special Music “Holy is the Lord” Arr. McChesney

Sharing Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

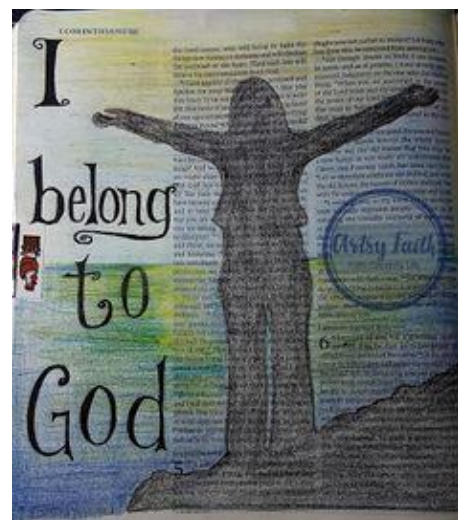
Offertory

SENT BY GOD'S WORD INTO THE WORLD

Hymn “God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand” NATIONAL HYMN

Charge & Benediction

Postlude “O Beautiful for Spacious Skies” Arr. Smith



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(optional)

1 God of the a - ges, whose al-might - y
 2 Thy love di - vine hath led us in the
 3 From war's a - larms, from dead - ly pes - ti -
 4 Re - fresh thy peo - ple on their toil-some

hand leads forth in beau - ty all the star - ry band
 past. In this free land by thee our lot is cast.
 lence, be thy strong arm our ev - er sure de-fense.
 way. Lead us from night to nev - er-end-ing day.

of shin - ing worlds in splen - dor through the skies,
 Be thou our rul - er, guard - ian, guide, and stay:
 Thy true re - li - gion in our hearts in - crease.
 Fill all our lives with love and grace di - vine,

our grate - ful songs be - fore thy throne a - rise.
 thy word our law, thy paths our cho - sen way.
 Thy boun - teous good - ness nour - ish us in peace.
 and glo - ry, laud, and praise be ev - er thine.

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This hymn was generated by 19th-century centennial celebrations: the words by the Declaration of Independence and the music by the adoption of the United States Constitution. Despite these origins, no specific nation is mentioned in this hymn of praise and prayer for peace.