

## GATHERING

## Prelude

## Striking the Hour

Introit: Congregation (Hymn #294) "Wherever" *American Folk Melody*

*Wherever I may wander, wherever I may be,  
I'm certain of my Maker's love; God's care is over me.  
God made the great high mountains, and made the wide blue sea;  
God made the sky where airplanes fly; God made the world and me.*

*Throughout the whole creation, I see God's loving care;  
For everyone in every land, God's children everywhere.  
Wherever I may wander, wherever I may be,  
I'm certain of my Maker's love; God's care is over me.*

## Call To Worship:

L: Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord.

P: Righteousness exalts a nation,  
but sin is a reproach to any people.

L: Bless the Lord your God for the good land he has given you.

P: Proclaim liberty throughout all the land;  
unto all the inhabitants thereof.

## Invocation: (George Washington: A Prayer for Guidance: Unison)

O eternal and everlasting God, we presume to present ourselves this morning before thy Divine majesty, beseeching thee to accept of our humble and hearty thanks, that it hath pleased thy great goodness to keep and preserve me the night past from all the dangers poor mortals are subject to, . . . Increase our faith in the sweet promises of the gospel; give us repentance from dead works; pardon our wanderings, and direct our thoughts unto thyself, the God of our salvation; teach me how to live in thy fear, labor in thy service, and ever to run in the ways of thy commandments; . . .

Hymn: # 561 "My Country, 'Tis of Thee" *America*

## Prayer of Confession and Intercession:

Almighty God, ruler of all nations: we pray for this nation and its people, and for our leaders.  
May we be mindful of your favor and obedient to your will.  
Forgive our shortcomings as a nation, and purify our hearts to know the truth that alone can make us free.

Save us from injustice and oppression, from arrogance and greed.

Increase our concern for the afflicted and poor in our own land, and for people beyond our own boundaries, that we may be a blessing and an example to all nations.

Bring us at last to that day when the whole world shall know peace and blessedness, through Jesus Christ our Lord. (private confession) Amen.

## Declaration of Pardon

## Welcome and Congregational Concerns and Joys

## Greeting One Another in the Peace of Jesus Christ

Act of Praise, Hymn: # 355 "Hear the Good News" *Nettleton*

*A Hymn of the Dakota Native Americans*

## THE WORD

## Scripture Lesson: Hebrews 11: 1-16

Pew Bible, NTPg. 225

## Time with the Children

Children of all ages are invited to the chancel steps. Children 3 through 1st grade may go to Covenant Hall to attend *Godly Play*. Children 2nd grade and older are invited to remain in the sanctuary. As the children come forward and as they leave the congregation can join in singing "What does the

Lord require of you? To seek justice, and love kindness, and walk humbly with your God."

## Worship with Tithes and Offerings

Offertory: "Battle Hymn of the Republic"

David Matthews

arr. Wilhousky

## Doxology and Prayer of Dedication of our Gifts to God: # 592

## Scripture Lesson: Matthew 5: 38-48

Pew Bible, NTPg. 5

## Sermon: "Faith Informs Citizenship"

John I. DeBevoise

## A Litany for the Nation: (Taken From The Lutheran Book of Worship)

L: On July 4, 1776, our forefathers bravely advanced the cause of freedom and liberty by declaring this nation's independence and sovereignty and that all her citizens possessed the unalienable rights of life,

liberty and the pursuit of happiness given by our Creator. It is appropriate therefore as we celebrate our nation's 233rd birthday that we give thanks to that Creator for our liberties and pray for continued blessings upon this country, the government and our fellow citizens.

The earth is the Lord's,

P: And all who dwell in it.

L: God is king over the nations:

P: God sits on his holy throne.

L: He rules by his might forever.

P: His eyes keep watch on the nations.

L: Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,

P: For God judges the peoples with equity and guides the nations upon earth.

L: O Lord, be gracious to us and bless us,

P: And make your face to shine upon us.

L: May your ways be known upon the earth,

P: Your saving power among all peoples.

All: Lord of the nations, guide our people by your Spirit to go forward in justice and freedom. Give us what outward prosperity may be your will, but above all things, give us faith in you, that our nation may bring glory to your name and blessings to all peoples; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer (...forgive us our debts...)

## SENDING

Hymn: # 564 "O Beautiful For Spacious Skies" *Materna*

## Charge and Benediction

## Postlude

The flowers in the Sanctuary are dedicated to the glory of God, and are given in loving memory of Betty Meng, by Barbara and Don Meng and their families.



Opening Praise  
 "You're Worthy of My Praise"  
 "Everlasting God"

Lighting the Mission Candle  
 Filling the Font

Opening Prayer Miller Detrick

Scripture Isaiah 60: 1-4

Song  
 "Be Thou My Vision"

Children's Message

Greeting in the Name of Jesus

Life of the Church  
 Announcements  
 Joys and Concerns  
 Offering

Song of Preparation  
 "When the Saints"

Scripture Ephesians 2:11-22

Message No Longer Aliens  
Geoff Kohler

Prayers of the People

Song  
 "Mighty To Save"

Benediction

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