



"Faith"  
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# COVENANT at WORSHIP

Liturgical Color: GREEN

June 30, 2024

10:00am Worship

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

Independence Day: Confronting Christian Nationalism

## GATHER IN GOD'S PRESENCE

PREPARATION

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

VOLUNTARY

*What Wonderful Love*

arr., Trevor Manor

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

The steadfast love of God never ceases.

**God's mercies never come to an end;**

they are new every morning.

**Great is your faithfulness, O God.**

Weeping may linger for the night,

**but joy comes with the morning,**

**for you hear us when we cry.**

So we will praise you and will not be silent.

**Sing praises, O you faithful ones,**

**and give thanks to God's holy name.**

\*HYMN 338

"O Beautiful for Spacious Skies"

MATERNA

CALL TO CONFESSION

*Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (responsive)

Ever present God,

You call us to be your hands in this world.

**Forgive us for the times we have been afraid  
to reach out toward those left out or kept away.**

**Help us to recognize the harm we have done  
in our actions and inactions, and lead us to work toward a different way.**

You call us to be your feet in this world.

**Forgive us for the times we have not tread lightly.**

**Guide us to live in harmony with Earth  
that gives us life instead of treating it as something to be conquered.**

You call us to live in this world with open hearts.

**Forgive us for the ways we have closed ourselves off from you.**

**Remind us of your expansive love, that we might recognize your presence  
everywhere we go and in all people we meet. Amen**

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

\*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

\*PRAISE HYMN 582 "Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines On Me" P.M. Vasile

**Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me, and to the Son, whose grace has  
pardoned me, and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free. As it was in the  
beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.**

**World without end, without end. Amen. World without end, without end. Amen.**

**World without end, without end. Amen. As it was in the beginning, is now and  
ever shall be. Amen.**

**LISTEN FOR THE GOOD NEWS**

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

PSALM READING

Psalm 30

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Mark 5: 21-43

PROCLAMATION

*A Heritage of Which I'm Proud*

Rev. Teresa Franklin

\*HYMN 340

"This Is My Song"

FINLANDIA

## RESPOND TO THE GOOD NEWS

PRAYER AGAINST CHRISTIAN NATIONALISM'S ABUSE OF FAITH  
(Source: Faithful America's Independence Day event, "Preach and Pray to Confront Christian Nationalism")

**Creator God, who has called us to be fishers of people and to show your love to all the nations of this earth: We thank you for founding your Son's church through the rock of Peter, and for welcoming us into a cloud of witnesses and communion of saints that stretches across all time, space, and race. You have charged us, as your church, to work for your kingdom on earth as it is in heaven, creating a beloved community where together we practice loving you and loving our neighbors. As a collective church, Lord, we ask your forgiveness for those times when your name has been used not for this mission of love, peace, and truth, but misused for hatred, violence, misinformation, and power. Guide us to be beacons of Christianity, not of Christian nationalism. Help us to raise a prophetic voice so that we may resist the hijacking of your name, provide a counter-witness to the abuse of faith, and do the work building a better world for the oppressed and marginalized, while also examining our own communities and taking the logs out of our own eyes as we attempt to do this heavenly work for you and for others. This we pray through the Holy Spirit and in the loving name of your risen Son Jesus Christ. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE, *including Concerns & Celebrations*

OFFERING

*America*

arr., Sharon Aaronson

\*DOXOLOGY

"We are Grateful, O Lord!"  
**We are grateful O Lord, We are grateful O Lord,  
for all you have done for us, We are grateful O Lord.**

\*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

\*HYMN 177

"I Will Come to You"

YOU ARE MINE

\*BENEDICTION

\*SENDING HYMN 540

"Farewell, Good Friends!"

SHALOM, CHAVERIM

**Farewell, good friends! Farewell good friends!  
Till we meet again, till we meet again.**

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