

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

The Lord's Day July 1, 2018
SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Lord God of the nations, you have revealed your will to all people and promised us your saving help. May we hear and do what you command, that the darkness may be overcome by the power of your light; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude: *Fanfare for the Common Man* Aaron Copland
arr. Kiyo Watanabe

Lighting the Christ Candles

Call to Worship:

Leader: The LORD brings the counsel of the nations to nothing; he frustrates the plans of the peoples.

People: **The counsel of the LORD stands forever, the thoughts of his heart to all generations.**

Leader: Happy is the nation whose God is the LORD, the people whom he has chosen as his heritage. Psalm 33:10-12

People: **Let us worship God.**

*Hymn: *O Beautiful for Spacious Skies* #338

*Prayer of Adoration

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession:

God our Father, you led men and women to this land, and, out of conflict, created in us a love of peace and liberty. We have failed you by neglecting rights and restricting freedoms. Forgive pride that overlooks national wrong or justifies injustice. Forgive divisions caused by prejudice or greed. Have mercy, God, on the heart of this land. Make us compassionate, fair, and helpful to each other. Raise up in us a right patriotism, that sees and seeks this nation's good; through Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.

Time for Personal Confession

Response: *Lord, Have Mercy Upon Us*

**Lord, have mercy upon us; Christ, have mercy upon us;
Lord, have mercy upon us.**

Assurance of Pardon:

Leader: As the Gospel reminds us, "The very stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; this was the Lord's doing and it is amazing in our eyes." Psalm 118:22-23; Mark 12:10

People: **Christ is our foundation; God's will in him cannot be shaken. Our redemption is sure; we are forgiven! Thanks be to God. Amen.**

*Gloria Patri: *Glory Be to the Father* #581

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end.
Amen, amen.**

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings:

Offertory
*Doxology: **Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; #606**

**Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

*Prayer of Dedication

Prayer for Illumination:

God of mercy, you promised never to break your covenant with us. Amid all the changing words of our generation, may we hear your eternal Word that does not change, and may we respond to your gracious promises with faithful and obedient lives; through our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

Psalter: **Psalm 145:13-21**
People respond singing *Your Faithfulness, O Lord, Is Sure* #42

Leader: Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and your dominion endures through all generations. The LORD is trustworthy in all he promises and faithful in all he does. The LORD upholds all who fall and lifts up all who are bowed down.

People: **Verse 1**

Leader: The eyes of all look to you, and you give them their food at the proper time. You open your hand and satisfy the desires of every living thing.

People: **Verse 2**

Leader: The LORD is righteous in all his ways and faithful in all he does. The LORD is near to all who call on him, to all who call on him in truth. He fulfills the desires of those who fear him; he hears their cry and saves them.

People: **Verse 3**

Leader: The LORD watches over all who love him, but all the wicked he will destroy. My mouth will speak in praise of the LORD. Let every creature praise his holy name for ever and ever.

People: **Verse 4**

Scripture Reading: **Exodus 20:1-17**
Anthem: *Give Me Your Tired, Your Poor* Emma Lazarus/Irving Berlin

Time for Young Disciples
(Preschool children may return to their pew or gather at the piano door where today's shepherd will lead them in a time of special activities.)

*Hymn: *My Country, 'Tis of Thee* #337

Scripture Reading: **Galatians 5:1-6, 13-14**

Sermon: **Free to Love** Steve Newton

*Affirmation of Faith: Nicene Creed hymnbook page 34

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation

Response: *The First Song of Isaiah* Isaiah 12:2-6
**Surely, it is God who saves me; I will trust in him and not be afraid.
For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense,
And he will be my Savior.**

Great Thanksgiving:

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

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

People: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Response: *Holy, Holy, Holy* Argentine folk song
**Holy, holy, holy, My heart, my heart adores You!
My heart knows how to say to you: You are holy, Lord!**

Response: *Christ Has Died, Christ Is Risen* #553
**Christ has died; Christ is risen, Christ will come again.
Christ has died; Christ is risen, Christ will come again.**

The Lord's Prayer:

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.

Presenting and Taking the Elements

All who profess faith in Christ are invited to come to the table using the center aisle and return to their seats using the outside aisles.

Closing Prayer:

Leader: Bless the Lord, O my soul;

People: **And all that is within me, bless God's holy name!**

Leader: Bless the Lord, O my soul;

People: **And forget not all God's benefits**

All: **God of majesty and light, you hold the whole world in your hand. So we give you our great praise that in Jesus Christ all people may see your glory. We thank you for revealing Jesus to be your Son, and for claiming our lives in baptism to be his glad disciples. By your Spirit, may peace descend upon us that we may follow him with grateful hearts. Take us and all we have to be useful in your service, God of all nations, in the gracious name of Jesus Christ, your Son, by the power of your Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.**

