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6th Sunday after Pentecost, June 30th, 2024

Welcome and Announcements

*\*Please stand*

Trinity Chimes

**Prelude** *Amazing Grace*

arr. Don Hustad

\*Call to Worship

One: This is the day that the Lord has made!

**All: Let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

**\*Hymn of Praise** 117 *O God, Our Help in Ages Past*   ST. ANNE

1. O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come, our shelter from the stormy blast, and our eternal home!

2. Under the shadow of thy throne,

still may we dwell secure;

sufficient is thine arm alone, and

our defense is sure.

3. Before the hills in order stood, or

earth received her frame, from

everlasting, thou art God, to endless

years the same.

4. A thousand ages, in thy sight, are like an evening gone; short as the watch that ends the night, before the rising sun.

6. O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come; be thou our guide while life shall last, and our eternal home.

Opening Prayer

**Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you, no secrets are hidden. Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and one another through Christ our Lord.**

**Amen.**

Scripture Lesson Isaiah 43:1-2, 4, 18-19, 20b-21

Thus says the Lord, He who created you, O Jacob,

He who formed you, O Israel:

**Do not fear, for I have redeemed you;**

**I have called you by name,**

**you are mine**

When you pass through the waters,

I will be with you;

**And through the rivers,**

**they shall not overwhelm you;**

When you walk through fire

you shall not be burned,

and the flame shall not consume you.

**Because you are precious in my sight, and**

**honored, and I love you!**

Do not remember the former things, or

consider the things of old.

**I am about to do a new thing;**

**now it springs forth,**

**Do you not perceive it?**

**I will make a way in the wilderness**

**and rivers in the desert.**

For I give water in the wilderness,

rivers in the desert,

to give drink to my chosen people

**The people whom I formed for myself**

**so that they might declare my praise.**

**Music of Preparation** 437 *This Is My Song*   FINLANDIA

1. This is my song, O God of all the nations,

a song of peace for lands afar and mine.

This is my home, the country where my heart is; here are my hopes, my dreams, my holy shrine; but other hearts in other lands are beating with hopes and dreams as true and high as mine.

2. My country's skies are bluer than the ocean, and sunlight beams on cloverleaf and pine; but other lands have sunlight too, and clover, and skies are everywhere as blue as mine. O hear my song, thou God of all the nations, a song of peace for their land and for mine.

3. This is my prayer, O Lord of all earth's kingdoms: Thy kingdom come, on earth, thy will be done.

Let Christ be lifted up till all shall serve him,

and hearts united learn to live as one.

O hear my prayer, thou God of all the nations; myself I give thee; let thy will be done.

Scripture Lesson Jeremiah 29:4-7, 10-14

**Making a Way Michael Edwards**

Musical Response

Prayers of the People

Confession and Pardon

Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart. We have failed to be an obedient church. We have not done your will, we have broken your law, we have rebelled against your love, we have not loved our neighbors, and we have not heard the cry of the needy. Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Pastor:  Hear the Good News, Christ is among us renewing us for life with love.  In the name of Christ, you are forgiven!

**People: In the name of Christ you are forgiven!**

**All: Glory to God, Amen.**

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 trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us, and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

\*Passing of the Peace

Invitation to Offering

Offertory *As the Deer/Fairest Lord Jesus* arr. Mark Hayes

\*Doxology 95 *Praise God, from Whom all Blessings Flow*

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise God, all creatures here below:

Praise God above, ye heavenly host;

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

\*Offertory Prayer

**\*Closing Hymn** 696 *America the Beautiful*   MATERNA

1. O beautiful for spacious skies,

for amber waves of grain;

for purple mountain majesties

above the fruited plain!

America! America!

God shed his grace on thee,

and crown thy good

with brotherhood from sea to shining sea.

2. O beautiful for heroes proved

in liberating strife,

who more than self their country loved,

and mercy more than life!

America! America!

May God thy gold refine,

till all success be nobleness,

and every gain divine.

3. O beautiful for patriot dream

that sees beyond the years

thine alabaster cities gleam,

undimmed by human tears!

America! America!

God mend thine every flaw,

confirm thy soul in self-control,

thy liberty in law.

\*Benediction

May the Lord bless you and keep you. May the Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious unto you. May the Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace

Postlude *The Liberty Bell*

Sousa/Linger

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Words: Sts 1,2 Lloyd Stone, 1934 st. 3 Georgia Harkness, ca. 1939

“America the Beautiful”

Words: Katharine Lee Bates, 1904

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