



June 29, 2025 | God and Country Sunday

10:45 A.M. COMBINED WORSHIP

Grace and Peace, friends. We are so glad to share this time of worship with you. May you find yourself in the hope-filled presence of God. We invite you to share your attendance, your prayer concerns, and any steps you are taking in faith by filling out the Connect Card or by scanning the QR code card. Both are found in the card holder on the back of the pews. Finally, we love children here. If a nursery is helpful, ask one of our greeters or ushers for assistance.

**People standing, as able.*

Ringling of the Tower Bells

Prelude Rondeau Jean Joseph Mouret

The Life of the Church Jay Jackson
Please register your attendance at this time and check in on Facebook!

***Greeting**
Pastor: The grace of our Lord be with you.
People: And also with you.

***Call to Worship**
Pastor: Today, we remember the foundational truths upon which our nation was built: liberty, justice, and the pursuit of happiness for all.
People: We give thanks for the freedoms we cherish and the sacrifices made to secure them.
Pastor: Let us not forget that true freedom is found in Christ, who sets us free from sin and calls us to love our neighbors as ourselves.
People: We seek his guidance for our nation, that we may be a people who walk humbly, act justly, and love mercy.
All: Let us lift our voices and our hearts to the God of all nations, whose unfailing love endures through all generations. Amen.

***Hymn of Praise** To God Be the Glory UMH 98

OF FAITH AND FREEDOM
Narrator: Mark Crum

Narration Faith and Freedom

Anthem I Vow to Thee My Country Holst/Perry
Chancel Choir, Organ, Brass and Percussion

I vow to thee, my country, all earthly things above. Entire and whole and perfect, the service of my love. The love that asks no question, the love that stands the test. That lays upon the altar the dearest and the best. The love that never falters, the love that pays the price. The love that makes undaunted the final sacrifice. And there’s another country, I’ve heard of long ago. Most dear to them that love her, most great to them that know. We may not count her armies, we may not see her King; her fortress is a faithful heart, her pride is suffering. And soul by soul and silently her shining bounds increase, and her ways are ways of gentleness, and all her paths are peace.

Narration Service and Honor

Presentation of the Flags
USA Ricc Gonzales
USMC David Cook
USN Kevin Howe
USAF Debbie Lile
USCG Nathan Mirick, Venture Crew 621

***Hymn** My Country, ‘Tis of Thee UMH 697
The Christian flag and American flag will process to the Chancel during the singing of this hymn.

Flag Bearers
Jenna Crum, Venture Crew 621
Samantha Crum, Venture Crew 621

***Affirmation of Loyalty to the Christian Flag** Mark Crum
I confirm my loyalty to the Christian Flag and to our Savior whose cross it bears, one spiritual fellowship under that cross, uniting us in service and love.

***The Pledge of Allegiance** Mark Crum
I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America and to the Republic for which it stands, one Nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

***The National Anthem**
Oh, say, can you see, by the dawn’s early light. What so proudly we hail’d at the twilight’s last gleaming? Whose broad stripes and bright stars, thro’ the perilous fight, o’er the ramparts we watch’d, were so gallantly streaming? And the rockets’ red glare, the bombs bursting in air, gave proof thro’ the night that our flag was still there. O say does that star-spangled banner yet wave o’er the land of the free and the home of the brave?

Offertory Prayer Jay Jackson
You can also text your offering to 903-417-0707, and through the Church App

Offertory Joy in the Morning Natalie Sleeth

***Doxology**
Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Two Readings from the Scriptures
Deuteronomy 6:4-9 Page 157 O.T.
Colossians 2:6-8 Page 189 N.T.
Lay Reader: Susan Jones
Lay Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon “Walking Partner” Jay Jackson

Anthem Battle Hymn of the Republic Peter J. Wilhousky

***Invitation** Jay Jackson

***Hymn of Invitation** God of the Ages UMH 698

***Sending Forth** Jay Jackson

***Postlude** The Washington Post John Philip Sousa

Instrumentalists playing for today’s worship service
Paul Arriola, *trumpet*; Heather Auvil, *horn*; Jay Callender, *organ*;
Gustavo Corrales, *tuba*; Christian Guillen, *trombone*;
Kevin Ogilvie, *timpani/percussion*, Austin Willis, *trumpet*.