



**10:00 a.m. ~ Sunday, June 30<sup>th</sup>**

## PRELUDE

“God of Our Fathers”

arr. J. Wayne Kerr

*Organ*

## WELCOME & RELATIONSHIPS of PEACE

### OPENING HYMN “God of Our Fathers”

### OPENING LITURGY

P: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

P: Lord, keep this nation under Your care. Bless the leaders of our land that we may be a people at peace among ourselves and a blessing to the other nations of the earth. Grant that we may choose trustworthy leaders, contribute to wise decisions for the general welfare, and serve You faithfully in our generation; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: **Amen.**

P: Dearly beloved, the apostle Paul says, “And you were dead in the trespasses and sins in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience—among whom we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the body and the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind. But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which He loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved. . . . So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus Himself being the cornerstone.”

*[Moment of Silent Confession]*

P: Almighty and eternal God, You have blessed us with a free land, having rights and privileges others dream about. We live in a land where liberty is given to us. With freedom also comes temptation to misuse our freedom.

C: **Forgive us, Lord, for misusing freedom in selfish ways. Keep us from squandering the precious opportunities You have given to us by the many freedoms we have.**

P: For these sins and all sins, sins of thought, word, and deed; by what we have done or failed to do,

**C: We stand before You now, asking Your forgiveness, and for the help of the Holy Spirit to amend our sinful lives.**

P: Hear the Good News! God has heard your confession. He has called me, a called and ordained servant of our King, to deliver this message to you: your sins are forgiven because of the cross of Christ. Receive that forgiveness in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen! Thank You, Lord, for forgiving me. Help me, by the aid of Your Holy Spirit, to relish the freedoms You have given us as Christians and as a country.**

P: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: For the freedom given to us by Christ, let us thank the Lord,

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: For Holy Baptism, which sets us free from sin, let us bless the Lord,

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: For our gracious God, who desires all men be saved, let us thank the Lord,

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: Thank You, Lord, for our freedom in Christ.

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

## RESPONSE “God Bless Our Native Land”

## CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

### NEW TESTAMENT LESSON Galatians 5:1-13 [ESV]

For freedom Christ has set us free; stand firm therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery. Look: I, Paul, say to you that if you accept circumcision, Christ will be of no advantage to you. I testify again to every man who accepts circumcision that he is obligated to keep the whole law. You are severed from Christ, you who would be justified by the law; you have fallen away from grace. For through the Spirit, by faith, we ourselves eagerly wait for the hope of righteousness. For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision counts for anything, but only faith working through love.

You were running well. Who hindered you from obeying the truth? This persuasion is not from him who calls you. A little leaven leavens the whole lump. I have confidence in the Lord that you will take no other view, and the one who is troubling you will bear the penalty, whoever he is. But if I, brothers, still preach circumcision, why am I still being persecuted? In that case the offense of the cross has been removed. I wish those who unsettle you would emasculate themselves! For you were called to freedom, brothers. Only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another. For the whole law is fulfilled in one word: “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” But if you bite and devour one another, watch out that you are not consumed by one another.

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God!**

### **HOLY GOSPEL** John 8:31-36 *[ESV]*

So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed him, “If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples, and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.” They answered him, “We are offspring of Abraham and have never been enslaved to anyone. How is it that you say, ‘You will become free’?”

Jesus answered them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, everyone who practices sin is a slave to sin. The slave does not remain in the house forever; the son remains forever. So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.

R: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise to You, O Christ!**

### **STATEMENT of FAITH** *The Apostles’ Creed*

### **HYMN** “Eternal Father, Strong to Save”

### **SERMON** “CONSEQUENCE OF FREEDOM”

### **OFFERING**

### **OFFERTORY**

“Holy, Holy, Holy”

arr. Douglas Wagner

*Piano/Organ Duet*

## PRAYERS of the CHURCH

### THE LORD'S PRAYER

### WORDS of INSTITUTION

### THE PEACE

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: **And also with you.**

### DISTRIBUTION MUSIC

“Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus”

arr. Lemmel

*Piano*

“I Surrender All”

arr. Hayes

*Piano*

### POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

### UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES

### BENEDICTION

### CLOSING HYMN “Before You, Lord We Bow”

### POSTLUDE

“Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory”

arr. Mary McDonald

*Organ*



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