



**10:00 a.m. ~ Sunday, July 6<sup>th</sup>**

## PRELUDE

“Lift Every Voice and Sing”

Rosamond Johnson

*Piano*

## 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 1 Corinthians 9:19-23 [ESV]**

For though I am free from all, I have made myself a servant to all, that I might win more of them. To the Jews I became as a Jew, in order to win Jews. To those under the law I became as one under the law (though not being myself under the law) that I might win those under the law. To those outside the law I became as one outside the law (not being outside the law of God but under the law of Christ) that I might win those outside the law. To the weak I became weak, that I might win the weak.

I have become all things to all people, that by all means I might save some. I do it all for the sake of the gospel, that I may share with them in its blessings.

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God!**

### **HOLY GOSPEL Matthew 17:24-18:6 [ESV]**

When they came to Capernaum, the collectors of the two-drachma tax went up to Peter and said, “Does your teacher not pay the tax?” He said, “Yes.” And when he came into the house, Jesus spoke to him first, saying, “What do you think, Simon? From whom do kings of the earth take toll or tax? From their sons or from others?” And when he said, “From others,” Jesus said to him, “Then the sons are free. However, not to give offense to them, go to the sea and cast a hook and take the first fish that comes up, and when you open its mouth you will find a shekel. Take that and give it to them for me and for yourself.”

At that time the disciples came to Jesus, saying, “Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?” And calling to him a child, he put him in the midst of them and said, “Truly, I say to you, unless you turn and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. Whoever humbles himself like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven.

“Whoever receives one such child in my name receives me, but whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in me to sin, it would be better for him to have a great millstone fastened around his neck and to be drowned in the depth of the sea.

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**

“An American Folk Medley

arr. Todd Marchand

*Brass Quintet*

**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**

“Alas and Did My Savior Bleed”

arr. Raney

*Piano*

“Jesus Paid it All”

arr. Raney

*Piano*

**POST-COMMUNION BLESSING**

**UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES**

**BENEDICTION**

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

**POSTLUDE**

“Fanfare for the Common Man”

arr. Copland/Lloyd

*Organ*



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