

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

July 4, 2021 – 11:00 a.m.

THE GATHERING

WELCOME AND CALL TO WORSHIP

PRELUDE

Fanfare for the Common Man

Aaron Copland

HYMN SING

337 - *My Country, 'Tis of Thee*

AMERICA

**My country, 'tis of thee, sweet land of liberty, of thee I sing:
Land where my fathers died, land of the pilgrims' pride,
from every mountainside let freedom ring.**

338 - *O Beautiful for Spacious Skies*

MATERNA

**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!**

INTROIT

Hymn for America
Summer Sanctuary Choir

Stephen Paulus

We have loved you for your rivers,
we have loved you for your shores,
Ev'ry treasure you have shown us,
Ev'ry seed that you have sown;
We have loved you for your mountains,
For your prairies, for your fields,
All these gifts we have been given,
All these glories that we share;
Now we thank God for these blessings,
We, your people, ev'rywhere.

Many are the stars of heaven,
Many are the hopes of earth;
All around us worlds unfolding,
All around these dreams to grow.
From the moment of our rising
'till we rest when day is done;
May we tell our hearts' own story,
Hearts that honor and believe.
Through our care for one another,
For this life and land we love.

PRESENTING THE MEANS OF GRACE

Our life is in Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh. The Bible is the written witness to Jesus Christ, therefore it is "The Word of Life." Our lives are claimed by God through our baptism. It is God's seal on who we are as the children of God, therefore it is "The Font of Identity." The Table is the center of our home in the Body of Christ, the place where we are welcomed, renewed, and strengthened for the life to which we are called, therefore it is "The Table of Sustenance."

*HYMN 331

God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand
Hymn can be found on pg 6

NATIONAL HYMN

*CALL TO CONFESSION

Lorie Williamson

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION** *(Read in unison)*

Holy God, we confess that we are an arrogant people. We confess the times when we have used knowledge in ways which put people down rather than build them up. Lord, forgive us for being more concerned with “being right” than we are with “showing love” and when we have idolized knowledge at the expense of loving and caring for others. Forgive us for those times when we turn to our false gods instead of you. Build us up in love and give us the courage to pour ourselves out, again and again, to more fully realize your kingdom here on earth.

(Time for silent prayer)

***ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

***RESPONSE**

AZMON

To God all glory, praise, and love be now and ever given
by saints below and saints above, the church in earth and heaven.

***THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

All children are invited forward for the Moment for Children. Children ages 3 through completed 3rd graders will be dismissed through the side door for childcare and activities. Completed 4th & 5th graders are encouraged to remain in Worship.

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Elizabeth Clay

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Deuteronomy 6:1-9

NEW TESTAMENT READING

1 Corinthians 8:1-13

SERMON

“Pride (In the Name of Love)”

Rev. Nathan Sautter

THE RESPONSE

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth: and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried: He descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; The holy catholic Church; the Communion of Saints; the Forgiveness of sins; the Resurrection of the body, and the Life everlasting. Amen.

GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Please also see the information about ways to give on the inside of the front cover of the bulletin.

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Zion's Walls
Sanctuary Summer Choir

Aaron Copland, arr. Glenn Koponen

Come fathers and mothers, Come sisters and mothers,
Come join us in singing the praises of Zion.
O fathers don't you feel determined to meet within the walls of Zion,
we'll shout and go round the walls of Zion.

*DOXOLOGY 609

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

Hal Hopson

Praise God, from whom all bless-ings flow;
praise Christ all peo - ple here be - low;
praise Ho - ly Spi - rit ev - er - more;
praise Tri - une God, whom we a - dore.

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

COMMUNION MUSIC

Finlandia

arr. Robert J. Powell

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

SHARING GRACE

THE SENDING

*HYMN 339

Lift Every Voice and Sing
Stanzas 1 and 3
Hymn can be found on pg 7 & 8

LIFT EVERY VOICE

***BLESSING**

*We are called to go out from our worship to share the grace of God with one another and the world.
You are welcome to be dismissed or to sit and listen to the Postlude.*

POSTLUDE

Jubilate

Fela Sowande

*Please stand if you can do so comfortably.

Bold text indicates congregational participation.

IN WORSHIP TODAY

THE CHANCEL FLOWERS for today are given in loving memory of Don Duane, Don Kessler, and Robert Speckman.

USHERS: Connie Smith, Joy Sautter, Sharon Clark, Bev Wahl, Marcy Suter

OUR MUSIC AND PRODUCTION:

Sanctuary Summer Choir; Samuel Libra, piano and organ

Evan Vicic, Audio/Video Engineer; Virginia Fortner, Visuals Editor

A note on today's music

Representing the vast diversity of the American experience, our music in worship today comes from broad sources. Our hymn sing incorporates two 19th-century hymns, each proclaiming the fraternal spirit we share as neighbors and this land's created beauty, a theme echoed in the introit. Aaron Copland, perhaps America's most significant composer, turns our attention to the achievements of ordinary "common" people, a reminder that even the lowly—like him, the son of immigrant shopkeepers—can shape the future, rather than powerful elites, an idea that was new to the founding of this country. The latter part of the service turns to music of our Black brothers and sisters, for whom July 4th can be a reminder of time in bondage, rather than of liberty. The famous hymn, "Lift every voice and sing" is an optimistic march toward a brighter day, looking to the realization of God's kingdom on earth. Our service concludes with another immigrant, Fela Sowande, considered the "Father of Nigerian classical music" and a professor at Kent State University in neighboring Ohio. His music celebrates his own broad experience, marrying sounds of his native country, Anglican high liturgy, and the daring harmonies of jazz.

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WE LIFT UP IN PRAYER

The family and friends of Finis Gentry, 7/24/2021.

Lee Ann Dorsey and her family on the death of her mother, Mary Baxter Sigler Gordon, 6/22/2021.

The family and friends of Dr. Elizabeth Cressman, 6/3/2021.

Joan and Lamar Gaston, Page Penna, Edwin Penna, and their family and friends on the death of
Dr. Kathy Von Roenn, 5/19/2021.

Doris Flowers on the death of her father, Norman Berry, 5/18/2021.

Bette Riley on the death of her son, Charles S. Brunson, 5/17/2021.

UPCOMING EVENTS: Week of July 4, 2021

Telling the Story Through Photos - You've seen the words, "Sharing grace..." and now, as you enter the church's stairways or walk down the main hallway to the Library, you will see those very words in action in a new display of photographs. The photos tell the story in a very tangible way how we, as members of this community of faith, are living out Second Presbyterian's mission statement, "Sharing the grace of God with one another and the world around us."

Hope and Healing While Grieving will begin a new session starting on Wednesday, July 21. We will meet at 11:30 a.m. on the first and third Wednesdays of each month through April 2022. While most of us will be in Room 251, there will be a zoom option available. Please contact Elizabeth Clay at eclay@2ndpreslou.org if you are interested or have any questions.

Childcare changes Childcare for both 9:30 and 11:00 Worship is available for children 4 and under in room 117 in Hilbert Hall (former ITP hallway), located adjacent to the Weekday School Atrium, entrance #1 or #9. Children K-3rd are asked to begin worship with their families. They will have the opportunity to exit Worship for a time of fellowship together after the Children's Sermon. Children who have completed 4th & 5th grades are asked to sit with their families during worship. Parents may pick up their children on the playground or in the gym, in the case of inclement weather. A children's bulletin will be provided as well as extra resources on the "Worship Wagon" in the Narthex during 11:00 Worship and at the back of the circle drive during 9:30 Worship.

The playground will be available in between services for families to enjoy. Children must be supervised by a parent during this time.

Please register your child for 2PK! A registration form can be found on the "Worship Wagon" during both services.

Thank you to all who have volunteered for VBS! We are able to keep it going this year!! We still have several "helper" positions to be filled. If you have a day during VBS week, July 12-16, 9am-12pm please let us know! Please contact Lorie Williamson, Director of Children's Ministries at lwilliamson@2ndpreslou.org.

THE MINISTRY TEAM

Rev. Steven P. Jester, Pastor

Rev. Nathan Sautter, Associate Pastor for
Community Life

Rev. Jordan Akin, Associate Pastor for Youth

Jim Rittenhouse, Director of Worship and Music
Ministries

Lorie Williamson, Director of Children's
Ministries

Hayley Abell, Director of Weekday School

Lisa Bickett, Pastoral Assistant

Chelsea Beasley, Formation Assistant

Beth Haendiges, Community Life Assistant

Keith DeCosta, Sexton

Samuel Libra, DMA, Organist

Christina Recktenwald, Children's Choirs

Co-Coordinator

Ricky Case, Children's Choirs Co-Coordinator

Elizabeth Clay, Parish Associate

Jackie Grimley, Bookkeeper

Virginia Fortner, Worship and Music Assistant

Paula S. Roberts, Organist Emerita

331 God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand

(optional)

1 God of the a - ges, whose al-might - y
 2 Thy love di - vine hath led us in the
 3 From war's a - larms, from dead - ly pes - ti -
 4 Re - fresh thy peo - ple on their toil-some

hand leads forth in beau - ty all the star - ry band
 past. In this free land by thee our lot is cast.
 lence, be thy strong arm our ev - er - sure de - fense.
 way. Lead us from night to nev - er - end - ing day.

of shin - ing worlds in splen - dor through the skies,
 Be thou our rul - er, guard - ian, guide, and stay:
 Thy true re - li - gion in our hearts in - crease.
 Fill all our lives with love and grace di - vine,

our grate - ful songs be - fore thy throne a - rise.
 thy word our law, thy paths our cho - sen way.
 Thy boun - teous good - ness nour - ish us in peace.
 and glo - ry, laud, and praise be ev - er - thine.

This hymn was generated by 19th-century centennial celebrations: the words by the Declaration of Independence and the music by the adoption of the United States Constitution. Despite these origins, no specific nation is mentioned in this hymn of praise and prayer for peace.

339 Lift Every Voice and Sing

1 Lift ev - ery voice and sing till earth and heav - en
 2 Ston - y the road we trod, bit - ter the chas - tening
 3 God of our wea - ry years, God of our si - lent

ring, ring with the har - mo - nies of lib - er -
 rod, felt in the days when hope un - born had
 tears, thou who hast brought us thus far on the

ty. Let our re - joic - ing rise high as the lis - tening
 died. Yet, with a stead - y beat, have not our wea - ry
 way; thou who hast by thy might led us in - to the

skies; let it re - sound loud as the roll - ing sea.
 feet come to the place for which our par - ents sighed?
 light, keep us for - ev - er in the path, we pray.

Initially a poem for a school assembly at which Booker T. Washington spoke on Lincoln's birthday in 1900, this text and tune have gained national recognition and devotion, not only within the African American community, but also among all who seek liberation from oppression.

THE LIFE OF THE NATIONS

Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us;
 We have come o - ver a way that with tears has been wa - tered;
 Lest our feet stray from the plac - es, our God, where we met thee;

sing a song full of the hope that the pres - ent has brought
 we have come, tread - ing our path through the blood of the slaugh -
 lest, our hearts drunk with the wine of the world, we for - get

us. Fac - ing the ris - ing sun of our new day be -
 tered, out from the gloom - y past, till now we stand at
 thee; shad - owed be - neath thy hand may we for - ev - er

gun, let us march on, till vic - to - ry is won.
 last where the white gleam of our bright star is cast.
 stand, true to our God, true to our na - tive land.