

Celebration of Worship

5th Sunday of Pentecost

July 1, 2018

9:30 A.M.

We welcome you to worship. We are glad that you are here! Nursery and Preschool care is available if you need it. The Young and Young at Heart are welcomed to the front early on for a special time in the service. Please sign the Friendship Pads so that we can get to know you better, and join us for lemonade in the Narthex after the service.

Thought for Reflection

“The American Flag stands for the fact that cloth can be very important. You can tell just how important that cloth is because when you compare it to people, it gets much better treatment. Nobody cares if a homeless person touches the ground. A homeless person can lie all over the ground all night long without anyone picking him up, folding him neatly, and sheltering him from the rain.

School children pledge loyalty to this piece of cloth every morning. No one has to pledge loyalty to justice and equality and human decency...but we all have to promise to love a rectangle of red, white and blue cloth.”

Charlotte Aldebron, from an essay for her sixth grade class in Cunningham Middle School, Presque Isle, Maine. Retired January 9, 2018

God Invites Us to Worship

WELCOME AND GREETING

RINGING THE CHURCH BELL

PRELUDE *Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory* Smith

We Offer Praise

CALL TO WORSHIP (responsively)

One: From shore to shore...

All: Let God’s praise be sung.

One: From mountains high to valleys low...

All: Let the echo of praise resound.

One: From the mouths of children and the prayers of the saints...

All: Let thanksgiving resound.

One: For great is our God...

All: And greatly to be praised.

* Please stand, if you are able.

* HYMN *God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand* #262

God Speaks with a Heart of Love through the Word

FOR THE YOUNG AND THE YOUNG AT HEART

John and Blume Lux and their children

SCRIPTURE *Psalm 130* p. 500

MEDITATION *‘The Republic, for which it stands...’*
Pastor Larry DeVuyst

SCRIPTURE *Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30* p. 792

READING *“I put a flag on my lapel tonight”*

SCRIPTURE *II Samuel 7:1-17* p. 245

READING *The last words of the “Declaration of Independence”*

* HYMN *Eternal Father, Strong to Save* #562

READING *“Two Pastors and the War for Independence”*

We Respond in Rededication

THE MORNING OFFERING

SHARING JOYS AND CONCERNS

MORNING PRAYER AND THE LORD’S PRAYER (Debts/debtors)

Sharing the Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper

The Invitation

The Words of Institution

The Communion (by intinction)

God Sends Us Out to Serve

ANNOUNCEMENTS

* HYMN *O Beautiful for Spacious Skies* #564

* BENEDICTION

* POSTLUDE *My Country, ‘Tis of Thee* Broughton

* PRAYER UNDER THE CROSS

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MEMORY VERSE

“I know my sheep and my sheep know me.”

John 10:14b