

FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

JULY 5, 2020 10:00 AM

PRELUDE

Two Early American Hymns

I. *There Is A Fountain*

arr. Christy James

II. *Come, Thou Fount*

arr. Paul Bailey

Wesley Mason, Violin

WELCOME AND OPENING PRAYER

HYMN #331

God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand

"National Hymn"

(*Please refrain from singing the hymns, but rather hum along.)



(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.

CONFESSION OF SIN

Almighty God, you love us, but we have not loved you. You call, but we have not listened. We walk away from neighbors in need, wrapped in our own concerns. We condone evil, prejudice, warfare, and greed.

God of grace, help us to admit our sin, so that as you come to us in mercy, we may repent, turn to you, and receive forgiveness; through Jesus Christ our Redeemer.

(silent prayer)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Brothers and sisters, hear these words from the scriptures: "Those who trust in the Lord are like Mount Zion, which cannot be moved, but abides forever. As mountains surround Jerusalem, so the Lord surrounds his people, from this time on and forevermore." (Psalm 125:1-2)

In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Thanks be to God!

SUNG RESPONSE #582

Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me, and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me, and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free! As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Psalm 33:8-12, 16-18

Let all the earth fear the LORD; let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of him.

⁹ For he spoke, and it came to be; he commanded, and it stood firm.

¹⁰ The LORD brings the counsel of the nations to nothing; he frustrates the plans of the peoples.

¹¹ The counsel of the LORD stands forever, the thoughts of his heart to all generations.

¹² Happy is the nation whose God is the LORD, the people whom he has chosen as his heritage.

¹⁶ A king is not saved by his great army; a warrior is not delivered by his great strength.

¹⁷ The war horse is a vain hope for victory, and by its great might it cannot save.

¹⁸ Truly the eye of the LORD is on those who fear him, on those who hope in his steadfast love,

ANTHEM

America, The Beautiful
Wesley Mason, Violin

arr. David Ritter

SERMON

Christians and the Fourth of July

HYMN #756

O God of Every Nation

"Llangloffan"

1 O God of ev - ery na - tion, of ev - ery race and land,
 2 From search for wealth and pow - er and scorn of truth and right,
 3 Lord, strength-en those who la - bor that all may find re - lease
 4 Keep bright in us the vi - sion of days when war shall cease,

re - deem the whole cre - a - tion with your al - might - y hand.
 from trust in bombs that show - er de - struc - tion through the night,
 from fear of rat - tling sa - ber, from dread of war's in - crease;
 when ha - tred and di - vi - sion give way to love and peace,

Where hate and fear di - vide us and bit - ter threats are hurled,
 from pride of race and sta - tion and blind - ness to your way,
 when hope and cour - age fal - ter, your still small voice be heard;
 till dawns the morn - ing glo - rious when truth and jus - tice reign

in love and mer - cy guide us and heal our strife - torn world.
 de - liv - er ev - ery na - tion, e - ter - nal God, we pray.
 with faith that none can al - ter, your ser - vants un - der - gird.
 and Christ shall rule vic - to - rious o'er all the world's do - main.

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

MUSICAL RESPONSE

The Lord's Prayer
Wesley Mason

Charles Hulin

HYMN #337

My Country, 'Tis of Thee

"America"

1 My coun - try, 'tis of thee, sweet land of
 2 My na - tive coun - try, thee, land of the
 3 Let mu - sic swell the breeze, and ring from
 4 Our *fa - thers' God, to thee, au - thor of

lib - er - ty, of thee I sing; land where my
 no - ble free, thy name I love; I love thy
 all the trees sweet free - dom's song. Let mor - tal
 lib - er - ty, to thee we sing. Long may our

*fa - thers died, land of the pil - grims' pride,
 rocks and rills, thy woods and tem - pled hills;
 tongues a - wake; let all that breathe par - take;
 land be bright with free - dom's ho - ly light;

from ev - ery moun - tain - side let free - dom ring.
 my heart with rap - ture thrills like that a - bove.
 let rocks their si - lence break, the sound pro - long.
 pro - tect us by thy might, great God, our King.

THE BENEDICTION

RESPONSE #306

Blest Be the Tie That Binds
(Please do not hold hands.)

"Dennis"

**Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love.
The fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.**

POSTLUDE

American Hymn
Bryan Lohr, Organ

Richard Keys Biggs

This Morning's Worship Leaders

Preacher..... Rev. Dr. James R.M. Young
 Liturgist.....Sharon Kazary
 Director of Music Ministries.....Bryan Lohr
 Sound TechnicianJoe Aurigemma
 Ushers.....David Stickler and Judy Stern

A MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION of First Presbyterian Church of Cumberland, Maryland is called by the Session for **next Sunday, July 12th immediately after worship** to elect Jeff Getty to the session class of 2021.

SANCTUARY FLOWERS: The flowers in the sanctuary this morning are given to the Glory of God in memory of her parents, Clifford and Lessie Bell, by Agnes Yount. **Please contact Michael Levitas or the church office if you would like to sponsor flowers for a special occasion like a birthday or anniversary or in memory or honor of someone. You may specify live or silk flowers. Silk flower money will be directed to the Special Ministries Fund.**

CARE & OUTREACH

RULING ELDERS: LAURA FISCUS & JOSH GILHART

PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER:

- ✠ Polly Eyler (Recovering at Mountain City Center: Nursing and Rehab in Frostburg from a fractured vertebra)
- ✠ Betty Richtmeyer (Recovering from abdominal surgery)