

**Peace Presbyterian Church, Elkhorn Nebraska**

July 4, 2021

Rev. Becky Balestri, Guest Pastor

Prelude      *Battle Hymn of the Republic*      *Tom Sladek, Army National Guard (1956-1996)*

The Ringing of the Bell      *Bill Dermeyer, US Navy Veteran*

Welcome and Announcements      *Tom Wagner*

Call to Worship      *Tom Wagner*

ONE: The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?

ALL: (loudly) No one!

ONE: The Lord shelters my life; whom shall I fear?

ALL: (loudly) Nobody!

ONE: I have asked one thing of the Lord.

ALL: What is that one thing?

ONE: I seek to dwell in the Lord's house all my days and see the beauty of the Lord.

ALL: Come, we will go with you to the Lord's house.

Hymn      *564 Oh Beautiful for Spacious Skies*      *Teresa King*

Prayer of Confession(*unison*)

ONE: God our King, when we look for leaders,

**ALL: We look for tall people,**

ONE: Fearing a "Napoleon complex" in someone of shorter stature.

**ALL: We look for rich people,**

ONE: Forgetting that Jesus promised the kingdom of heaven to the poor.

**ALL: We look for good looking people,**

ONE: Figuring that they must have what it takes to lead.

ALL: Yet when you chose David to be king.

ONE: You looked only at his heart.

**ALL: Forgive us when we look at outward appearances, rather than inner spirit.**

ONE: Help us to see as you do; help us to see what's inside. Amen.

Words of Forgiveness      *Rev. Balestri*

ONE: The peace of Christ be with you.      **ALL: And also with you.**

Response      *Gloria Patri*      *Teresa King*

Special Music      *Eternal Father, Strong to Save*      *Shirley Young*

Scripture      II Samuel 5:1-10

This is the Word of the Lord. **ALL: Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

God Is Still with David

*Rev. Balestri*

Hymn

289 *O God of Every Nation*

*Teresa King*

Prayer Requests

Prayers of the People, The Lord's Prayer

*Tom Wagner*

*Rev. Balestri*

Offering

*Tom Wagner*

ONE: God will pour out his grace upon us without reservation;

**ALL: and help us to be gracious and generous with our gifts and resources, so others might know God's hope, Christ's healing, and the Spirit's presence in their lives.**

Prayer of Thanksgiving

*Rev. Balestri*

Charge and Benediction

*Rev. Balestri*

**ALL: Go out into the world in peace; have courage; hold on to what is good; return no one evil for evil; strengthen the fainthearted; support the weak; help the suffering; honor all people; love and serve the Lord, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.**

Closing Song

*Patriotic Medley*

*Tom Sladek*