

JULY 5, 2026

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Greeting One Another

Psalm 33:12

*Blessed is the nation whose God is the LORD,
the people he chose for his inheritance.*

1 Peter 2:9

*But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood,
a holy nation, a people belonging to God,
that you may declare the praises of him who called you
out of darkness into his wonderful light.*

HYMN 602 ~ AMERICA (1, 3, 4)

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 mountain side let freedom ring!

Let music swell the breeze,
And ring from all the trees sweet freedom's song:
Let mortal tongues awake; let all that breathe partake;
Let rocks their silence break, the sound prolong.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father which art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come.
Thy will be done in 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.

Our fathers' God, to Thee,
Author of liberty, to Thee we sing:
Long may our land be bright with freedom's holy light;
Protect us by Thy might, Great God, our King!

PRAYER

BATTLE HYMN OF THE REPUBLIC

~ Beth Hoogland ~

HYMN 600 ~ AMERICA THE BEAUTIFUL

O beautiful for spacious skies, for amber waves of grain,
For purple mountains majesties above the fruited plain!

America! America! God shed His grace on thee,
And crown thy good with brotherhood from sea to shining sea!

O beautiful for pilgrim feet, whose stern, impassioned stress
A thoroughfare for freedom beat across the wilderness!

America! America! God mend thine ev'ry flaw.
Confirm thy soul in self-control, thy liberty in law!

O beautiful for heroes proved in liberating strife,
Who more than self their country loved, and mercy more than life!

America! America! May God thy gold refine,
Till all success be nobleness and every gain divine!

O beautiful for patriot dream that sees beyond the years
Thine alabaster cities gleam, undimmed by human tears!

America! America! God shed His grace on thee,
And crown thy good with brotherhood from sea to shining sea.

Offering

~ AMERICA MEDLEY ~

THIS IS MY COUNTRY

I pledge thee my allegiance, America, the bold,
For this is my country to have and to hold!

This is my country, land of my birth!

This is my country, grandest on earth!

I pledge thee my allegiance, America, the bold,
For this is my country to have and to hold!

YOU'RE A GRAND OLD FLAG

You're a grand old flag, you're a high-flying flag,
And forever in peace may you wave.

You're the emblem of the land I love,

The home of the free and the brave.

Every heart beats true for the red, white, and blue,

Where there's never a boast or brag.

But should auld acquaintance be forgot,

Keep your eye on the grand old flag.

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THIS LAND IS YOUR LAND

As I was walking that ribbon of highway,
I saw above me that endless skyway;
I saw below me that golden valley.
This land was made for you and me.

This land is your land, this land is my land,
From California to the New York island.
From the redwood forest to the Gulf Stream waters,
This land was made for you and me.

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This is my country, land of my birth!
This is my country, grandest on earth!
I pledge thee my allegiance, America, the bold,
For this is my country to have and to hold!
America! America, my home!
This is my country!

Prayer

STRIVING FOR GREATNESS
Matthew 18:1-6

I. THE ENQUIRY (18:1)

A. The Timing (1a)

B. The Test (1b)

II. THE EXPRESSION (18:2-4)

A. The Example (2-3)

B. The Exhortation (4)

III. THE EXPERIENCE (18:5-6)

A. The Welcome (5)

B. The Warning (6)

GOD BLESS THE U.S.A.

If tomorrow all the things were gone I'd worked for all my life,
And I had to start again with just my family and my life.
I'd thank the Lord above that I'm living here today.
'Cause the flag still stands for freedom
And they can't take that away!
And I'm proud to be an American
Where at least I know I'm free!
And I won't forget the men who died,
Who gave that right to me.
And I'll gladly stand up next to you and defend her still today.
'Cause there ain't no doubt I love this land,
God bless the U.S.A.

From the lakes of Minnesota to the hills of Tennessee,
Across the plains of Texas, from sea to shining sea,
From Detroit down to Houston and New York to L.A.,
Well there's pride in every American heart,
And it's time to stand and say
That I'm proud to be an American
Where at least I know I'm free!
And I won't forget the men who died,
Who gave that right to me.
And I'll gladly stand up next to you and defend her still today.
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Announcements

Prayerful Send Off: *July 5*

During this morning's service, we want to take some time to prayerfully send off the McCombs family as they move to Texas in the coming weeks. Following the service, we have cake in the Fellowship Hall to wish them God's best.

Brief Board Meeting: *July 5, 11:00 am*

We would like to have a brief Board Meeting following this morning's Worship Service to discuss some of the damage caused from the latest storm.

Home Bible Study: *July 7, 5:30 pm*

The Home Bible Study will meet on July 7. We meet in different homes, so please check with Pastor Tolson if you are interested.

Men's Fellowship: *July 8, 7:00 am*

Men's Fellowship meets on Wednesday mornings in the Fellowship Hall. We meet at 7:00 a.m. and will begin our study with 1 John 2:9.

Board Meeting: *July 13, 7:00 pm*

The Church Board plans to meet on Monday evening, July 13, at 7:00 p.m. with Erik Stone giving the devotions.

Baby Bottle Campaign

A Caring Pregnancy Resource Center runs its Baby Bottle Campaign from Mother's Day to Father's Day. Baby bottles can still be returned to the foyer.

Offerings

Thank you very much for your faithful giving. Offerings can be mailed to the church or given online at www.iechurch.org.