

JULY 6, 2025

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Greeting One Another

Psalm 27:1, 14

*The LORD is my light and my salvation –
whom shall I fear?*

*The LORD is the stronghold of my life –
of whom shall I be afraid?*

*Wait for the LORD;
be strong and take heart
and wait for the LORD.*

HYMN 599 ~ GOD OF OUR FATHERS (1-2)

God of our fathers, whose Almighty hand
Leads forth in beauty all the starry band
Of shining worlds in splendor through the skies,
Our grateful songs before Thy throne arise.

Thy love divine hath led us in the past;
In this free land by Thee our lot is cast;
Be Thou our Ruler, Guardian, Guide, and Stay,
Thy Word our law, Thy paths our chosen way.

PRAYER

HYMN 599 ~ GOD OF OUR FATHERS (3-4)

From war's alarms, from deadly pestilence,
Be Thy strong arm our ever sure defense;
Thy true religion in our hearts increase,
Thy bounteous goodness nourish us in peace.

Refresh Thy people on their toilsome way;
Lead us from night to never ending day;
Fill all our lives with love and grace divine;
And glory, laud, and praise be ever Thine.

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.

HYMN 363 ~ TURN YOUR EYES UPON JESUS (1-2)

O soul, are you weary and troubled?
No light in the darkness you see?
There's light for a look at the Savior,
And life more abundant and free!

***Turn your eyes upon Jesus,
Look full in His wonderful face,
And the things of earth will grow strangely dim
In the light of His glory and grace.***

Thro' death into life everlasting He passed,
And we follow Him there;
Over us sin no more hath dominion
For more than conqu'rors we are!

Offering

AMERICA THE BEAUTIFUL

Beth Hoogland

Prayer

ACCOUNTING FOR THE POWER OF THE LIGHT

Matthew 9:27-34

I. CONFIDENCE IN JESUS (9:27-31)

A. The Blind Men (27)

- 1. Shadowing Jesus (27a)***
- 2. Shouting to Jesus (27b)***

B. The Believing Men (9:28-31)

- 1. Clarification from Jesus (28)***
 - a. Relentless (28a)***
 - b. Reliance (28b)***
 - c. Response (28c)***
- 2. Conviction about Jesus (29-30a)***
 - a. His Touch (29a)***
 - b. Their Trust (29b)***
 - c. Their Thrill (30a)***
- 3. Command from Jesus (30b-31)***
 - a. Jesus' Warning (30b)***
 - b. Jesus' Witness (31)***

II. CONFOUNDED BY JESUS (9:32-34)

A. The Freed (32-33a)

- 1. The Power to Repress (32)***
- 2. The Power to Release (33a)***

B. The Frazzled (33b)

C. The Furious (34)

HYMN 363 ~ TURN YOUR EYES UPON JESUS (3)

His word shall not fail you He promised;
Believe Him, and all will be well;
Then go to a world that is dying,
His perfect salvation to tell!

*Turn your eyes upon Jesus,
Look full in His wonderful face,
And the things of earth will grow strangely dim
In the light of His glory and grace.*

(a Capella)

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Announcements

Special Sunday School Series: *July, 9:00 am*

Andrew Sandeen will lead a four-week series of conversations before Sunday Worship Services in July. All are welcome to join in these discussions on: 1) Fort Morgan & Neighbors, 2) "Foreigners" in the Bible, 3) God's Image & Cross-Cultural Challenges, and 4) Christian Hospitality.

Missions Meeting: *July 6, 11:00 am*

We would like to meet for a Missions Meeting following this morning's Worship Service.

Home Bible Study: *July 8, 5:30 pm*

The Home Bible Study will meet on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of July. We meet in different homes, so please check with Pastor Tolson if you are interested in joining. We are continuing our study of Philippians with Chapter 7 in our workbook.

Men's Fellowship: *July 9, 7:00 am*

Men's Fellowship meets on Wednesday mornings in the Fellowship Hall. We meet at 7:00 a.m. and are continuing a study of the life of David in 1 Samuel 29.

Board Meeting: *July 14, 7:00 pm*

The Church Board plans to meet on Monday evening, July 14, at 7:00 p.m. with Erik Stone giving the devotions.

Willow Women's Bible Study: *Summer Break*

The Willow Women's Bible Study will break for the summer and resume on September 8. Please visit with Heidi if you are interested in joining this study on September 8 so that you can get a workbook.

Heavenly Heartbeats: *Summer Break*

The women's Bible study plans to take a break for the summer months.

Praise Team Rehearsal: *Summer Break*

The Praise Team plans to break for the summer months and resume in September. If you have a piece of special music for one of our Sunday services, then please let Pastor Tolson know.

Offerings

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