



Order of Worship  
**July 7, 2024**  
*Seventh Sunday after Pentecost*

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Opening Hymn  
**“America the Beautiful”** – UMH #696

The Greeting

The Hymn of Celebration  
**“America”** – UMH #697

\*The Invitation to Communion – UMH #12

\*The Gloria Patri – UMH #71

\*The Holy Scripture  
**Galatians 5:1 (NIV)**

Ministry of Music  
**“O Come, O Come Emmanuel”** – UMH #211

The Proclamation  
**“Free, but not Free”**

The Service of Holy Communion – UMH #13

The Offering

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**“Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me”**

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Benediction

## America the Beautiful – UMH # 696

1. O beautiful for spacious skies,  
for amber waves of grain;  
for purple mountain majesties  
above the fruited plain!

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

2 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.

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

America! America! God mend thine every flaw,  
confirm thy soul in self-control,  
thy liberty in law.

## America – UMH #697

- 1 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 mountainside  
let freedom ring!
- 2 My native country, thee,  
land of the noble free,  
thy name I love;  
I love thy rocks and rills,  
thy woods and templed hills;  
my heart with rapture thrills  
like that above.
- 3 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.
- 4 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.

## Invitation to Communion

Leader: Christ our Lord invites to his table all who love him,  
who earnestly repent of their sin  
and seek to live in peace with one another.  
Therefore, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

CONFESSION AND PARDON.

**Merciful God,  
we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart.  
We have failed to be an obedient church.  
We have not done your will,  
we have broken your law,  
we have rebelled against your love,  
we have not loved our neighbors,  
and we have not heard the cry of the needy.  
Forgive us, we pray.  
Free us for joyful obedience,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*All pray in silence.*

Leader: Hear the good news:  
Christ died for us while we were yet sinners;  
that proves God's love toward us.  
In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

*People to leader:*  
**In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!**

*Leader and people:*  
**Glory to God. Amen.**

## **Gloria Patri**

Glory be to the Father,  
and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;  
as it was in the beginning,  
is now, and ever shall be,  
world without end. Amen, amen.

## **The Holy Scripture**

### **Galatians 5:1 NIV**

“Stand fast therefore in the liberty wherewith Christ hath made us free and be not entangled again with the yoke of bondage.”

## O Come, O Come Emmanuel – UMH #211

1 O come, O come, Immanuel,  
and ransom captive Israel  
that mourns in lonely exile here  
until the Son of God appear.

**Refrain:**

Rejoice! Rejoice! Immanuel  
shall come to you, O Israel.

2 O come, thou Wisdom from on high,  
and order all things far and nigh;  
to us the path of knowledge show  
and cause us in her ways to go. **Refrain**

3 O come, O come, great Lord of might,  
who to thy tribes on Sinai's height  
in ancient times once gave the law  
in cloud and majesty and awe. **Refrain**

4 O come, thou Root of Jesse's tree,  
an ensign of thy people be;  
before thee rulers silent fall;  
all peoples on thy majesty call. **Refrain**

**The Service of Communion**  
*The Great Thanksgiving*

Leader: The Lord be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

**All: We lift them up to the Lord.**

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing,  
always and everywhere to give thanks to you,  
Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

And so,  
with your people on earth and all the company of heaven  
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**All: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ.  
By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection  
you gave birth to your Church,  
delivered us from slavery to sin and death,  
and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit.

On the night in which he gave himself up for us,  
he took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread,  
gave it to his disciples, and said:

"Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you.  
Do this in remembrance of me."

When the supper was over he took the cup,  
gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said:

"Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant,  
poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.  
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ,  
we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving  
as a holy and living sacrifice,  
in union with Christ's offering for us,  
as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

**Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.**

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here,  
and on these gifts of bread and wine.  
Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ,  
that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his  
blood.

By your Spirit make us one with Christ,  
one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world,  
until Christ comes in final victory, and we feast at his heavenly  
banquet.



Through your Son Jesus Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church,  
all honor and glory is yours, almighty Father,  
now and forever. **Amen.**

And now, with the confidence of the children of God, let us pray the  
prayer that Jesus taught His disciples:

## **Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines On Me**

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.

World without end, without end. Amen!  
World without end, without end. Amen!  
World without end, without end. Amen!  
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.