

Woodbury United Methodist Church

July 5, 2020

5th Sunday after Pentecost

PRELUDE

The Lord Is My Hope
Rebecca Hibbard, cello

Ridge

GREETING

Rev. John Thomason

HYMN

America the Beautiful
led by the Bower-Richardson family

Bates/Ward

**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.**

**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 mend thy every flaw,
confirm thy soul in self-control, thy liberty in law.**

OPENING PRAYER

A Prayer for Independence Day
from *The United Methodist Book of Worship*

Rynn Naylor, Liturgist

Almighty God, you rule all peoples of the earth. Inspire the minds of all women and men to whom you have committed the responsibility of government and leadership in all the nations of the world. Give to them the vision of truth and justice, that by their counsel all nations and peoples may work together. Give to the people of our country zeal for justice and strength of forbearance, that we may use our liberty in accordance with your gracious will. Forgive our shortcomings as a nation; purify our hearts to see and love the truth. We pray all these things through Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

CHILDREN'S TIME

led by Michael Boisseau

THE LORD'S PRAYER (unison)

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

led by Rev. Thomason

THE CHURCH AT PRAYER

led by Rynn Naylor

SCRIPTURE READINGS

read by Rynn Naylor

2 Samuel 12:7-15
Nathan Condemns David

Nathan said to David, “You are the man! Thus says the LORD, the God of Israel: I anointed you king over Israel, and I rescued you from the hand of Saul; I gave you your master's house, and your master's wives into your bosom, and gave you the house of Israel and of Judah; and if that had been too little, I would have added as much more. Why have you despised the word of the LORD, to do what is evil in his sight? You have struck down Uriah the Hittite with the sword, and have taken his wife to be your wife, and have killed him with the sword of the Ammonites. Now therefore the sword shall never depart from your house, for you have despised me, and have taken the wife of Uriah the Hittite to be your wife. Thus says the LORD: I will raise up trouble against you from within your own house; and I will take your wives before your eyes, and give them to your neighbor, and he shall lie with your wives in the sight of this very sun. For you did it secretly; but I will do this thing before all Israel, and before the sun.” David said to Nathan, “I have sinned against the LORD.” Nathan said to David, “Now the LORD has put away your sin; you shall not die. Nevertheless, because by this deed you have utterly scorned the LORD, the child that is born to you shall die.” Then Nathan went to his house.

1 Chronicles 29:26-28
Summary of David's Reign

Thus David son of Jesse reigned over all Israel. The period that he reigned over Israel was forty years; he reigned seven years in Hebron, and thirty-three years in Jerusalem. He died in a good old age, full of days, riches, and honor; and his son Solomon succeeded him.

HYMN OF PREPARATION

This Is My Song

Stone/Sibelius

led by the Bower/Richardson family

**This is my song, O God of all the nations,
a song of peace for lands afar and mine.
This is my home, the country where my heart is;
here are my hopes, my dreams, my holy shrine;
but other hearts in other lands are beating
with hopes and dreams as true and high as mine.**

SERMON

2020 Hindsight

Rev. Thomason

MOMENT OF REFLECTION

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

from *The United Methodist Book of Worship*

Lord Jesus Christ, you are the way of peace. Come into the brokenness of our lives and our land with your healing love. Help us to be willing to bow before you in true repentance, and to bow to one another in real forgiveness. By the fire of your Holy Spirit, melt our hard hearts and consume the pride and prejudice which separate us. Fill us, O Lord, with your perfect love, which casts out

our fear, and bind us together in that unity which you which you share with the Father and the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

PRIVATE PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

1 John 1:9

If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

THE OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS

OFFERTORY

Be Thou My Vision
the Cloud family

Byrne/Hull/Young

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING FOR CIVIC OCCASIONS

from *At the Lord's Table*

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Blessed are you, Lord our God, Creator and Sovereign of the universe. It is fitting that we give you thanks and praise. You created a land rich in resources and set before the founders and pioneers of our nation an opportunity beyond measure to build a realm of justice, peace, and freedom that might be a blessing to all the world. Even when we abused your land and turned aside from your ways, you have been slow to anger and abounding in mercy. Through many voices you have called us back to your way and nurtured in our hearts a noble dream.

Therefore, with your people in every nation and in all ages and with the company of heaven, we join in the song of unending praise, saying:

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.

Truly holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ. In the fullness of time you gave him to be for us the way, the truth, and the life. He proclaimed justice to all peoples and brought good news to the poor, release to the captives, sight to the blind, and freedom to the oppressed. He healed the sick, fed the hungry, and ate with those whom others scorned.

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.”

On the day you raised him from the dead, he was recognized by his disciples in the breaking of the bread, and in the power of your Holy Spirit your Church has continued in the breaking of the bread and the sharing of the cup.

By his death and resurrection he delivered us from slavery to sin and death and won for you a new people by water and the Spirit. As his ascension you exalted him to sit and reign with you at your right hand. We his people have beheld his glory and we acknowledge him to be our King.

Therefore, in remembrance of all your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we ask you to accept this our pledge of allegiance to him and to his Kingdom, in union with Christ’s pledge of eternal love for us, sealed with his blood.

Send the power of your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts, that in the breaking of this bread and the drinking of this wine, we may know the presence of the living Christ; be one body in him, cleansed by his blood; faithfully serve him in our nation and in the world; and look forward to his coming in final victory. Hasten the day when the prophets’ dream shall come to pass, when justice shall roll down like waters and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream, when nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more.

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

BREAKING THE BREAD AND LIFTING THE CUP

SHARING THE BREAD AND CUP

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

from At the Lord’s Table

God our Father, you give us a share in the one bread and the one cup and make us one with Christ. Help us to bring your salvation and joy to all the world. We ask this through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

HYMN

Softly and Tenderly
led by the Cloud family

Thompson

**Softly and tenderly Jesus is calling, calling for you and for me;
see, on the portals he’s waiting and watching, watching for you and for me.
Come home, come home; you who are weary, come home;
Earnestly, tenderly, Jesus is calling, calling, O sinner, come home!**

BENEDICTION

Rev. Thomason

POSTLUDE

We Have Been Told

David Haas
arr. Christopher Shay