

MEMORIAL DAY SUNDAY

Rev. Kevin M. Pleas
Online Worship
May 30, 2021

PRELUDE "America the Beautiful" – arr. Ray Charles Adam Peithmann

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Rev. Kevin Pleas

INTROIT (# 673) "Down by the Riverside"

CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive)

Leader: Let us begin our time of worship with a moment of remembrance.

People: We remember our fallen veterans, and the sacrifices they have made on our behalf.

Leader: Let us begin our time of worship with a moment of thanksgiving.

People: We thank God for brave men and women that have given their lives so that we may worship without fear.

Leader: Let us begin our time of worship with a moment of silence, for all those who have sacrificed themselves in the service of our country's peace and freedom.

MOMENTS OF REMEMBRANCE

OPENING PRAYER (Unison)

God of every nation, as we today remember our loved ones who have died, and our Veterans, especially those that gave their lives for our sake, let us be stirred to action in their memory. Strengthen us to do all that is possible to promote peace and justice in our world. In the spirit of our Christ, give us the courage and determination to love not only our family members, friends and neighbors, but our enemies as well. Empower us to work for your Kingdom in this world and welcome us by your grace into your Kingdom in the next. Amen.

HYMN # 721 "My Country, 'Tis of Thee"

PASTORAL PRAYER

TIME OF SILENCE

OUR LORD'S PRAYER

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

PRAYER RESPONSE (# 306) "Hear Our Prayer, O Lord"

MUSICAL OFFERING "Ashokan Farewell" Susan Wilkes, Flute

SCRIPTURE READING Ruth Knowles
Luke 13:10-17 (New Revised Standard Version)

Now he was teaching in one of the synagogues on the sabbath. And just then there appeared a woman with a spirit that had crippled her for eighteen years. She was bent over and was quite unable to stand up straight. When Jesus saw her, he called her over and said, "Woman, you are set free from your ailment." When he laid his hands on her, immediately she stood up straight and began praising God. But the leader of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had cured on the sabbath, kept saying to the crowd, "There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be cured, and not on the sabbath day." But the Lord answered him and said, "You hypocrites! Does not each of you on the sabbath untie his ox or his donkey from the manger, and lead it away to give it water? And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen long years, be set free from this bondage on the sabbath day?" When he said this, all his opponents were put to shame; and the entire crowd was rejoicing at all the wonderful things that he was doing.

PASTOR'S MESSAGE

"The Healing Touch"

Rev. Kevin Pleas

HYMN # 546

"Amazing Grace"

CLOSING WORDS

BENEDICTION (Unison)

**Go into the world
with God's new song of love in your hearts.
Forgive others, as you are forgiven.
Open your hearts to the coming of God's Spirit.
And may the peace of God which passes all understanding
keep your hearts and minds faithful and well.
Through the grace of Jesus our risen Christ. Amen.**

POSTLUDE

"Allegro non troppo" and "Fughetta, Allegro assai"
from Concert Variations on the "Star-Spangled Banner" by Dudley Buck

Please note: In these difficult times, we are holding you all in our thoughts and prayers. For those who are able, we are grateful for your continuing contributions to the stewardship of our church.

Introit**Hymn no. 673****“Down by the Riverside”**

1. Gonna lay down my sword and shield, down by the riverside, down by the riverside, down by the riverside; gonna lay down my sword and shield, down by the riverside, gonna study war no more. I ain't gonna study war no more, ain't gonna study war no more.

2. Gonna lay down my burden, down by the riverside, down by the riverside, down by the riverside; gonna lay down my burden, down by the riverside, gonna study war no more. I ain't gonna study war no more, ain't gonna study war no more, ain't gonna study war no more, study war no more, I ain't gonna study war no more, ain't gonna study war no more.

Opening Hymn no. 721**“My Country, 'Tis of Thee”**

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.

Prayer Response**Hymn no. 306****“Hear Our Prayer, O Lord”**

Hear our prayer, O Lord, hear our prayer, O Lord, incline thine ear to us, and grant us thy peace. Amen.

Closing Hymn no. 546**“Amazing Grace”**

1. Amazing grace! How sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but now am found; was blind, but now I see.

2. 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved; how precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed.

3. Through many dangers, toils, and snares, I have already come; 'tis grace hath brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.

4. When we've been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun, we've no less days to sing God's praise than we'd first begun.