

TRADITIONAL WORSHIP  
FOURTH SUNDAY IN KINGDOMTIDE

July 2, 2017

11:00 A.M.

*Together in Christ, Reaching Beyond Our Doors*

GATHERING IN CELEBRATION AND PRAISE

PRELUDE

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, GETTING ACQUAINTED

\*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: We came from all places and all peoples to gather here today.

**ALL: Some of us traveled across the ice, others came later in boats,  
still others of us waded rivers or arrived in planes.**

One: We found a land blessed.

**ALL: Blessed with mountains and valleys, rivers and oceans,  
fertile earth, wonderful woods, and promising cities.**

One: Here, A dream was born.

**ALL: A dream of freedom from all oppression,  
A dream of hope for our children,  
A dream of people in community under God.**

One: Let us worship God who sheds Grace on us all.

\*HYMN FOR GATHERING      "America the Beautiful"      No. 696

**A TIME TO CELEBRATE OUR CHILDREN**

**Congregation Sings      "Jesus' Hands Were Kind Hands"      No. 273 (vs. 1 & 2)**

CONNECTING WITH GOD IN PRAYER

UNISON PRAYER FOR THOSE WHO GOVERN

**O God, pour out your Holy Spirit on those who govern our land,  
Leaders of our nation, our state, and our community  
and all who are running for office.**

**Grant them a love of justice, a fiery passion for the common good.**

**Open their minds with wisdom and compassion,  
so that all people may be treated fairly and with dignity.**

**Open their ears to the cries of the desperate and powerless  
so cycles of poverty, disease, and abuse may be broken.**

**Open their eyes to see how best to respond and  
open their hearts with courage to do the right thing,  
even when pressured to do otherwise.**

MORNING PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

No. 895

## PROCLAMATION IN WORD AND SONG

### MINISTRY OF MUSIC

**"The Green Cathedral"**

**John Flesher, soloist**

### SCRIPTURE

Galatians 5: 13-16a

(NT p. 190)

*Key verse: For you were called to freedom, brothers and sisters; only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for self-indulgence.*

### SERMON

**"Independence, but With a Catch"**

### CALL TO COMMUNION

"I Come with Joy"

No. 617 (vs. 1-3)

### INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION

*All are welcome at the Lord's Table. Come forward as directed, where you will be given a piece of bread and which you may dip in the cup (gluten-free bread is also available). Please let an usher know if you cannot come forward so the elements can be brought to you. During this time you are invited to bring your offering forward to the plates available on the chancel.*

The Story of the Last Supper

**ALL: Loving God, through your goodness we have this bread and juice to offer, which earth has given and human hands have made. May we know your presence in the sharing of this bread, so that we may know your touch in all bread, all matter. We celebrate the life that Jesus has shared among his community at a meal long ago, and through the centuries, and shares with us now. Made one in Christ and one with each other, we offer these gifts and with them ourselves – a single, holy, living sacrifice. As citizens of this country, and citizens of Your Kingdom, we are honored to be at your table. Amen.**

Prayer of Consecration

Sharing the Bread and Cup

Music during Communion

"This is My Song"

No. 437 (vs. 1, 3)

\*Doxology

No. 94

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here

below. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts! Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

\*Prayer Over the Gifts

## GOING FORTH TO SERVE

### \*HYMN FOR SERVING

**"Let There Be Peace on Earth"**

**No. 431**

### \*BLESSING

### \*POSTUDE