

TRADITIONAL WORSHIP
MEMORIAL DAY SUNDAY

May 20, 2018

11:00 A.M.

Together in Christ, Reaching Beyond Our Doors.

GATHERING TO PRAISE

PRELUDE

"Nimrod"

Edward Elgar

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, GETTING ACQUAINTED

Please take a moment to fill out the Attendance Card as it is passed.

*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

This is God's house – a place of peace where we befriend one another in the name of Christ. Greet those around you as a sign of God's peace and Christ's friendship.

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Welcome to God's house on Memorial Day weekend.

We come before God, not to glorify war, but to honor and celebrate those who walked into the chaos and evil that is war;

**ALL: Those who were civilians and those who were military;
those who survived and those who did not;
those who were friends and those who were enemies.**

One: None who have waded through war, death and sorrow

are untouched in body, mind or spirit; they are beloved of God.

We all have been affected and changed by wars in our lifetime and before.

And all are in need of God's Grace, renewal, comfort and healing.

ALL: So we boldly enter God's presence, to receive God's peace and power.

*HYMN

"O God, You Tell Us of A Day"

(see insert)

A TIME TO CELEBRATE OUR CHILDREN

"Where Children Belong"

(congregation sings)

This, this is where children belong, welcomed as part of the worshipping throng.

Water, God's Word, bread and cup, prayer, and song: This is where children belong. This, this is where children belong, welcomed as part of the worshipping throng. Water, God's Word, bread and cup, prayer, and song: This is where children belong.

RECOGNIZING OUR VETERANS

CONNECTING WITH GOD IN PRAYER

CALL TO PRAYER

"This is My Song"

No. 437 (vs. 1)

A Litany from The Book of Worship for United States Forces

(see insert)

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

No. 895

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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

CHORAL ANTHEM "Battle Hymn of the Republic" arr. Peter Wilhousky

Trumpets: Elijah Cobb and Marnie Lane

Mine eyes have seen the glory of the coming of the Lord: He is trampling out the vintage where the grapes of wrath are stored; He hath loosed the fateful lightning of His terrible swift sword: His truth is marching on. Glory, glory, hallelujah! His truth is marching on. I have seen Him in the watch-fires of a hundred circling camps, they have builded Him an altar in the evening dews and damps; I can read His righteous sentence by the dim and flaring lamps: His truth is marching on. In the beauty of the lilies Christ was born across the sea, with a glory in His bosom that transfigures you and me: as He died to make men holy, let us live to make men free, while God is marching on.

SCRIPTURE LESSON Isaiah 65: 17-25 (OT p. 696)

Leader: The Word of God. **All: For the People of God.** Leader: Thanks be to God.

INTRODUCTION TO TODAY'S READINGS ON VETERANS WE REMEMBER

(Readers: Angie Morgan, Carl Pearce, Laura Larson, Matt Morgan)

1st VIGNETTE – Mike Strank (1919-1945)

SILENCE as we pray healing for all victims of wars

2nd VIGNETTE – Sharon Lane (1943-1969)

SILENCE as we pray release for all victims of wars

3rd VIGNETTE – Jimmy Ray Cain (1963-1983)

SILENCE as we pray a legacy for all victims of wars

4th VIGNETTE – Elizabeth Jacobson (1984-2005)

SILENCE as we pray new life for all victims of wars

A LITANY FOR TWO VOICES

(see insert)

GIVING OURSELVES AND OUR GIFTS TO GOD'S WORK

Offertory Hymn "This is My Song" No. 437 (vs. 2 & 3)

No. 94
*Doxology

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

We believe that God is at work in our world, turning hopeless and brutal situations into good. We believe that goodness and justice will triumph in the end, and that tyranny and oppression cannot last forever. Use these gifts, O God, to advance your ways of peace and justice in our world. For Christ's sake, Amen.

GOING OUT TO SERVE

*HYMN "Eternal Father Strong to Save" (see insert)

*BLESSING OF PEACE

*CHORAL BENEDICTION “The Lord Bless You and Keep You” Peter Lutkin

*POSTLUDE	"Marche Heroïque"	Herbert Brewer
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*You are invited to remain seated for the postlude as part of your worship experience.
(If you choose to exit the sanctuary during the postlude, please do so quietly. Thank you.)*

*All who are comfortable standing are invited to stand.

SONGS AND LITANIES

HYMN "O God, You Tell Us Of A Day"
(Sung to the tune: "I Sing the Mighty Power of God")

O God, you tell us of a day when all will be made new —
When former things will fade away from memory and view.
Then all the earth will shout for joy at what you bring to birth,
For by your grace, you'll bring about new heavens and new earth.

No more shall weeping fill the streets or people know distress;
Then infants will grow well and strong, and elders will be blessed.
Then those who work to build their homes will live in them in peace,
And all will eat the food they've grown and harvests will increase.

When people labor hard each day, they will not work in vain;
Their children won't be left to live in hopelessness and pain.
Then wolf and lamb, now enemies, will meet and rest and graze;
God's mountain will be one of peace, and joy will fill those days.

O God when will this vision come — this world Isaiah saw
When earth and heav'n will be as one, and love will be your law?
May we see glimpses of your grace, and may we seek to be
A church that gladly works to bring your new community.

A Litany from The Book of Worship for United States Forces
(The Armed Forces Chaplains' Board, 1974)

Leader: Let us give thanks to God for the land of our birth with all its chartered liberties. For all the wonder of our country's story:

People: We give you thanks, O God.

Leader: For leaders in nation and state, in every nation, and for those who in days past and in these present times have labored for the commonwealth:

People: We give you thanks, O God.

Leader: For those who in all times and places have been true and brave, and in the worlds common ways have lived upright lives and ministered to their fellows:

People: We give you thanks, O God.

Leader: For those who served their country in its hour of need, and especially for those who gave even their lives in that service:

People: We give you thanks, O God.

A LITANY FOR TWO VOICES

LEFT: Remember with clear eyes the horrific cost of war.

RIGHT: Remember with deep sorrow those who killed and were killed.

LEFT: Remember with grief the blood-stained battlefields.

RIGHT: Remember with tears the rending of people from their homes.

LEFT: Remember with compassion the bereaved and the wounded.

RIGHT: Remember with reverence those who risked their lives for peace.

LEFT: Remember with tenderness the children's longing for freedom.

RIGHT: Remember with gratefulness all who forgave their enemies.

LEFT: Remember with hope that the kingdom is planted with small seeds.

RIGHT: Remember with confidence that faith, hope and love abide.

All: Remember with joy that our Savior is the Prince of Peace.

HYMN "Eternal Father, Strong to Save"

Naval (General)

Lord, guard and guide the men who fly
And those who on the ocean ply;
Be with our troops upon the land,
And all who for their country stand:
Be with these guardians day and night
And may their trust be in thy might.

Fliers

Lord, guard and guide the men who fly
Through the great spaces in the sky
Be with them always, in the air
In darkening storms and sunlight fair.
Oh hear us when we lift our prayer
For those in peril in the air.

Submariners

Lord God, our power evermore
Whose arm doth reach the ocean floor
Dive with our men beneath the sea
Traverse the depths protectively
O hear us when we pray, and keep
them safe from peril in the deep.

Female Sailors

O God, protect the women who,
in service, faith in Thee renew;
O guide devoted hands of skill
And bless their work within Thy will;
Inspire their lives that they may be
Examples fair on land and sea.

United States Marines

Eternal Father, grant, we pray
To all Marines, both night and day
The courage, honor, strength, and skill
Their land to serve, Thy law fulfill
Be Thou the shield forevermore
From every peril to the Corps.