



7.4.21

## Welcome and Announcements

**Introduction of Rev. Linda Stephan**

Dick Wallace

**Call to Worship**

Dick Morrison

One: Good morning, sisters, and brothers. This is a day of new beginnings.

As a church, we honor what has been, but with arms flung open wide, we embrace what is yet to be.

**All: We hear what the prophets have said - that God is again doing a new thing - healing, including, expanding - calling us all into a future where all have enough.**

One: With joy, we now partner with Pastor Linda Stephan who joins us, beginning today, to live the good news of Christ in this place.

**All: Welcome Pastor Linda!**

One: We gift you with this stole, a symbol of Christ's servant leadership among us.

**All: On this Independence Day, let us celebrate our dependence on the Grace of God, and on one another.**

**Hymn for All**

"For the Healing of The Nations"

*For the healing of the nations, Lord, we pray with on accord;*

*For a just and equal sharing of the things that earth affords;*

*To a life of love in action help us rise and pledge our word,*

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*Lead us forward into freedom; from despair your world release,*

*that, redeemed from war and hatred, all may come and go in peace.*

*Show us how through care and goodness fear will die and hope increase,*

*fear will die and hope increase.*

**Prayer of the People and The 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 trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

**Special Music**

"Battle Hymn of The Republic"

arr. Wilhousky

**Scripture**

Philippians 2: 1-13

**Message**

"In(ter)dependence Day"

Rev. Linda Stephan

**Giving Gifts We've Brought for God**

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## Hymn

### "This is My Song"

*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.*

*My country's skies are bluer than the ocean,  
and sunlight beams on cloverleaf and pine;  
but other lands have sunlight too, and clover,  
and skies are everywhere as blue as mine.  
O hear my song, thou God of all the nations,  
a song of peace for their land and for mine.*

*This is my prayer, O Lord of all earth's kingdoms;  
Thy kingdom come; on earth thy will be done.  
Let Christ be lifted up till all shall serve him,  
And hearts united learn to live as one.  
O hear my prayer, thou God of all the nations;  
Myself I give thee; let thy will be done.*

## Parting Blessing

Rev. Linda Stephan

## Parting Music

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### TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS:

Pastors: Rev. Chris Lane & Rev. Linda Stephan  
Dick Wallace, guest speaker; Dick Morrison, liturgist  
Music: Central's Chancel Choir, Jeffrey Cobb, director;  
Michael Coonrod, piano  
A/V Team: Tom Atkinson, Tom Bartlett, Silvio Ciccone,  
Kim Burch, Austin Robison  
Hosts: Staff Pastor Parish Relations Team  
Set-Up Team Leader: Mark Girardin

**Thank you for joining us today!**



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