



**July 4<sup>th</sup>, 2021 ~ 9:30 AM**

***ALL ARE WELCOME!***

### INTRODUCTION

Jesus does great deeds of power and gives his disciples authority over demons. Yet none of this power is unilateral; it all must be received by faith. Jesus asks his disciples to go out without money or supplies, so that they will be dependent on how others receive them. When we are sent from the assembly to witness and to heal, we are asked to be vulnerable, to be dependent on the reception of others. The Spirit always operates in the “between”: between Jesus and his Abba, between Jesus and us, between you and me, between us and those to whom we are sent.

# GATHERING

*(\*Indicates to please rise as you are able in body, mind, or in spirit.)*

## \*GATHERING SONG

*Your Grace is Enough*

Great is Your faithfulness, O God; You wrestle with the sinner's restless heart.  
You lead us by still waters into mercy and nothing can keep us apart.

So remember Your people, remember Your children, remember Your promise O God.  
Your grace is enough, Your grace is enough, Your grace is enough for me.

Great is Your love and justice, God of Jacob; You use the weak to lead the strong.  
You lead us in the song of Your salvation, and all your people sing along.

So remember Your people, remember Your children, remember Your promise O God.  
Your grace is enough, Your grace is enough, Your grace is enough for me.  
Your grace is enough, Your grace is enough, Your grace is enough for me.

Remember Your people, remember Your children, remember Your promise O God.  
Your grace is enough, Your grace is enough, Your grace is enough for me.  
Yeah, Your grace is enough, heaven reaches out to us. Your grace is enough for me.  
Your grace is enough; I'm covered in your love. Your grace is enough for me, for me.

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## GATHERING PRAYER

### WELCOME & INVOCATION

#### \*CALL TO WORSHIP FOR INDEPENDENCE DAY

Pastor: As we gather this morning, may we appreciate and give thanks for our freedom to worship God.

**People: May God continue to bless all communities of faith that gather in the name of Christ.**

Pastor: We draw near to the God who rules over all nations.

**People: May God continue to bless our country and all the countries in the world.**

Pastor: We seek to live in harmony and peace together with all peoples on the earth.

**People: May God continue to establish peace on earth and help us to be agents of peace in our nation and in our lives.**

Pastor: Come, let us worship the Lord!

**People: With praise and thanksgiving, let us worship the Lord!**

Pastor: Let us pray, Almighty God, bless our nation and make it true to the ideas of freedom and justice for all which makes us great. Be close to our national leaders and give them vision and courage, as they ponder decisions affecting peace and the future of our world. Make each of us deeply aware of our shared heritage, in all its diversity, and may we be faithful and engaged citizens. Help this great land live up to our values and ideals, shepherding your will into our work and lives so that we may be an example to all nations of integrity, equality, and be a beacon on a hill, a light shining bright for all to see.

1 O beau - ti - ful for spa - cious skies, for am - ber waves of grain,  
 2 O beau - ti - ful for he - roes proved in lib - er - at - ing strife,  
 3 O beau - ti - ful for pa - triot dream that sees be - yond the years

for pur - ple moun - tain maj - es - ties a - bove the fruit - ed plain:  
 who more than self their coun - try loved, and mer - cy more than life:  
 thine al - a - bas - ter cit - ies gleam, un - dimmed by hu - man tears:

A - mer - i - ca! A - mer - i - ca! God shed his grace on thee,  
 A - mer - i - ca! A - mer - i - ca! May God thy gold re - fine,  
 A - mer - i - ca! A - mer - i - ca! God mend thine ev - 'ry flaw,

and crown thy good with broth - er - hood from sea to shin - ing sea.  
 till all suc - cess be no - ble - ness, and ev - 'ry gain di - vine.  
 con - firm thy soul in self - con - trol, thy lib - er - ty in law.

Text: Katherine L. Bates, 1859-1929  
 Music: MATERNA, Samuel A. Ward, 1848-1903

## \*PRAYER OF THE DAY

God of the covenant, in our baptism you call us to proclaim the coming of your kingdom. Give us the courage you gave the apostles, that we may faithfully witness to your love and peace in every circumstance of life, in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

# WORD

## CHILDREN'S SERMON

### PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

#### FIRST READING

*Ezekiel 2:1-5*

[A voice] said to me: O mortal, stand up on your feet, and I will speak with you.<sup>2</sup>And when he spoke to me, a spirit entered into me and set me on my feet; and I heard him speaking to me. <sup>3</sup>He said to me, Mortal, I am sending you to the people of Israel, to a nation of rebels who have rebelled against me; they and their ancestors have transgressed against me to this very day. <sup>4</sup>The descendants are impudent and stubborn. I am sending you to them, and you shall say to them, "Thus says the Lord God." <sup>5</sup>Whether they hear or refuse to hear (for they are a rebellious house), they shall know that there has been a prophet among them.

*The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.***

#### \*GOSPEL READING

*Mark 6:1-13*

*The Holy Gospel according to Mark. **Glory to You, O Lord.***

[Jesus] came to his hometown, and his disciples followed him.<sup>2</sup>On the sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astounded. They said, "Where did this man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been given to him? What deeds of power are being done by his hands! <sup>3</sup>Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon, and are not his sisters here with us?" And they took offense at him. <sup>4</sup>Then Jesus said to them, "Prophets are not without honor, except in their hometown, and among their own kin, and in their own house." <sup>5</sup>And he could do no deed of power there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and cured them. <sup>6</sup>And he was amazed at their unbelief.

Then he went about among the villages teaching. <sup>7</sup>He called the twelve and began to send them out two by two, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits. <sup>8</sup>He ordered them to take nothing for their journey except a staff; no bread, no bag, no money in their belts; <sup>9</sup>but to wear sandals and not to put on two tunics. <sup>10</sup>He said to them, "Wherever you enter a house, stay there until you leave the place. <sup>11</sup>If any place will not welcome you and they refuse to hear you, as you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them." <sup>12</sup>So they went out and proclaimed that all should repent. <sup>13</sup>They cast out many demons, and anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them.

*The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.***

#### SERMON

*Pastor David Young*

1 Be - fore you, Lord, we bow, our God who reigns a - bove and  
 2 May ev - 'ry moun - tain height, each vale and for - est green, shine  
 3 Earth, hear your mak - er's voice; your great re - deem - er own; be -  
 4 And when in pow'r he comes, oh, may then ev - 'ry land from

rules the world be - low with bound-less pow'r and love. Our thanks we  
 forth in wis - dom's light, and its rich fruits be seen! May ev - 'ry  
 lieve, o - bey, re - joice, and wor - ship God a - lone. Cast down your  
 all its rend - ing tombs send forth a glo - rious band, a count - less

bring in joy and praise, our hearts we raise, to you we sing!  
 tongue be tuned to praise and join to raise a grate - ful song.  
 pride, your sin de - plore, and bow be - fore the Cru - ci - fied.  
 throng, with joy to sing to heav'n's high king sal - va - tion's song!

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**OUR STATEMENT OF FAITH**

*The Apostles' Creed*

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen**

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Let us come before the triune God in prayer.

God of all, through the waters of baptism you claim people of all races, ethnicities, and languages as your beloved children. Sustain the baptized and increase their faith, that your gospel may be proclaimed throughout the earth. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of the heavens, your creating Spirit animates the universe. We give you thanks for the moon and stars, for the planets and the Milky Way Galaxy, and for all of the mysteries of the cosmos that remain unknown to us. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of freedom, you have liberated us from sin and death and rescue us from all forms of spiritual, social, and political oppression. Defend us from tyrants in our midst and deliver us from all forms of slavery or corruption. Direct our freedom for works of liberation and wholeness. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of compassion, you became vulnerable in the person of Jesus Christ in solidarity with the disempowered. Strengthen those who feel faint, give courage to those who fear, and bring wholeness to those in need (*especially those we name aloud now or in the silence of our hearts*). Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of holiness, you send us out into the world to proclaim your love. We pray for our outreach ministries. Equip us as we leave this place to witness and serve our neighbors. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We give you thanks that in every time and place you call forth prophets who move us towards freedom. Thank you for those who work for human rights, community organizers, and all who strive for liberty for all. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

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## HOLY COMMUNION

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### SPECIAL MUSIC

*"Prayer for America"*  
Appalachian Folk Melody arr. Dennis Allen  
Offered by the Worship Choir

## \*THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you! **And also with you!** Lift up your hearts! **We lift them to the Lord!**  
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise!**

## \*JESUS' WORDS ABOUT COMMUNION & 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; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

### SENDING

## \*BLESSING

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**  
The blessing of God, who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us,  $\mp$  be upon you now and forever. **Amen.**

## \*SENDING SONG

*Shelter Me*

*Verses are sung by the choir. The congregation joins on each refrain:*

O shel-ter me, O shel-ter me:

The way a - head is dark and dif - fi - cult to see.

O shel-ter me, O shel-ter me:

All will be well if on - ly you will shel-ter me.

The image shows four staves of musical notation in 4/4 time, key of B-flat major. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first and third staves are refrains, and the second and fourth staves are verses. The music is simple and suitable for a choir or congregation.

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## \*DISMISSAL

Go in peace. You are the body of Christ. **Thanks be to God!**

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