

## **WELCOME**

This morning as we join in worship, our hope for you is that you will find renewed life, health and strength in God. We are glad that you have heard God's call to come and worship, and that you have chosen to do so with this congregation. If you do not have a church home in this area, we invite you to join with us as we seek to serve Christ and live as His disciples. You may be received into church membership by profession of faith, letter of transfer, or reaffirmation of faith. If you are interested in uniting with this church, please contact the church office or any elder.

### **Session Members**

Nancy Mason - '20 - Worship

Matt Shick - '20 - Stewardship

John Hehn - '21 - Facilities

Bob Friskney - '22 - Fellowship

Deborah Thatcher - '22- Mission

Cindy Doyle - '20 - Christian Ed.

Carina Brushwood - '21 - Cong. Care

Patty MacEwen - '21 - Administration

Carol Shick - '22 - Worship

Cammie Williams - Clerk of Session

### **Our Mission Statement**

To provide opportunities for people to  
discover God's love,  
seek God's purpose,  
and do God's will.

### **Our Vision Statement**

Glorifying God with  
mind, body, and soul.

Pastor: The Rev. Loli Reiter

Ministers: The Congregation

*"But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation,  
God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts  
of him who called you out of darkness into  
his marvelous light." 1 Peter 2:9*

Music Director: Logan Sorey

Organist: Sheila Donohue

Worship Leader: TJ Childs

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**5th Sunday after Pentecost  
July 5, 2020, 11:00 A.M.**

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE                    “The Promised Land” - from Sacred Harp early American hymns

OPENING PRAYER

CALL TO WORSHIP

God of our weary years, God of our silent tears,  
Thou who hast brought us thus far on the way;  
Thou who hast by Thy might led us into the light;  
Keep us forever in the path, we pray.  
Lest our feet stray from the places, our God, where we meet Thee;  
Lest, our hearts drunk with the wine of the world we forget Thee.  
Shadowed beneath Thy hand may we forever stand,  
True to our God, true to our native land.

HYMN # 561                                    “My Country, ‘Tis of Thee”

**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.**

**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.**

**Our fathers’ God, to Thee, Autor 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 OF CONFESSION (unison)

**God of Grace, we are accomplices to the sins of our forbearers. Our country still struggles with racism and inequality. The right to pursue life, liberty, and happiness continues to be limited to some; and our land and waters are poisoned by our pollution and greed. Forgive us, Lord. Help us to listen and to have compassion on our neighbors. Help us to honor all that is good about our nation by working together to make America all that You will her to be. This we pray in the name of Jesus, The King of Kings and Lord of Lords, Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

CHILDREN'S TIME

SCRIPTURE READING     John 8:31-39

SERMON                *"We are the Church...We worship God and God alone"*

HYMN # 289                "O God of Every Nation"

**God of every nation, Of every race and land,  
Redeem the whole creation With Your almighty hand;  
Where hate and fear divide us And bitter threats are hurled,  
In love and mercy guide us And heal our strife-torn world.**

**From search for wealth and power And scorn of truth and right,  
From trust in bombs that shower Destruction through the night,  
From pride of race and station And blindness to Your way,  
Deliver every nation, Eternal God, we pray.**

**Keep bright in us the vision Of days when war shall cease,  
When hated and division Give way to love and peace,  
Till dawns the morning glorious When peace on earth shall reign  
And Christ shall rule victorious O'er all the world's domain.**

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH     The Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.  
And in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the  
Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was  
crucified, dead and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose  
again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sits on the right hand of  
God the Father Almighty; from there he shall come to judge the living and the  
dead.**

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

OFFERING OUR GIFTS

Offering - "Let Us Pray For Our Nation"

Doxology

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow  
Praise God, all creatures here below;  
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER**

(Matthew 6:9-13)

**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 sins as we forgive those who sin 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.**

**HYMN # 564**

**"O Beautiful for Spacious Skies"**

**O beautiful for spacious skies, For amber waves of grain,  
For purple mountain majesties Above the fruited plain!  
America! America! God shed His grace on thee,  
And crown thy good with brotherhood from sea to shining sea!**

**O beautiful for pilgrim feet, Whose stern, impassioned stress  
A thoroughfare for freedom beat Across the wilderness!  
America! America! God mend thine every flaw,  
Confirm thy soul in self-control Thy liberty in law!**

**O beautiful for heroes proved In liberating strife,  
Who more than self their country loved, And mercy more than life!  
America! America! May God thy gold refine  
Till all success be nobleness And every gain divine!**

**O beautiful for patriot dream That sees beyond the years  
Thine alabaster cities gleam, Undimmed by human tears!  
America! America! God shed His grace on thee  
And crown thy good with brotherhood from sea to shining sea!**

**CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

**CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**

**The Grace of Our Lord Jesus Christ, be with you all, be with you all.  
The Grace of Our Lord Jesus Christ, be with you all. Amen.**

**POSTLUDE**

**"Rondeau" — Henry Purcell**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**CHURCH ACTIVITIES** The office is PHYSICALLY closed as we continue to be a part of the effort of keeping our congregation and community safe. Kara will continue to be available by telephone and email during regular church hours (Mon.- Thurs., 9:00am to 2:00pm), and the mail will continue to be picked up regularly. If there is a need, don't hesitate to contact us. Meals on Wheels will continue to prepare food on Wednesdays, but we encourage all other groups to refrain from gathering until further notice. Please continue to pray and know you are being prayed for. God bless!

### **VOLUNTEERS IN SERVICE THIS WEEK**

Temple Keeper: Fred Shambach (on or before 7/11)

**THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING THE MINISTRIES OF OUR CHURCH!** We are so grateful for your faithful giving! You can continue to give through the mail; by setting up "Bill Pay" with your bank; and now you can make a secure gift on our website. May God continue to bless you, as you continue to be a blessing to others!

**CONGREGATIONAL SURVEY** - If you can not get the survey on line, please call the church office, we want everyone's input.

**CHRISTIAN EDUCATION ZOOM SUNDAY SCHOOL CONTINUE** - No Zoom Sunday School today.

**AN OPPORTUNITY TO SERVE:** Beth-el is in need of **volunteers** to sort food and make up bags of food on Mondays and Wednesday. They also need help distributing the food bags on Tuesdays. This is a great opportunity for Youth to get service hours! If you are interested, please contact Deb Thatcher at 813-240-1751 and leave a message.

**SPECIAL OFFERING FOR FREE THE GIRLS AND SOCK-IT TO BETH-EL** - New or gently used bras and new socks may be dropped off at the church in the containers provided in the fellowship hall.

**EGG CARTON COLLECTION** is an ongoing ministry. The cartons are taken to E.C.H.O. to be used for distribution of eggs to families when picking up food. Currently the cartons may be left on any of the benches around the court yard at the church. Upon returning to the church, a plastic silver container is available for collection, inside the front entry to the fellowship hall.

## OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

### **Sunday, July 5, 2020**

11:00 am Worship Service Online Live

12:30 pm No Zoom Sunday School

### **Wednesday, June 24, 2020**

8:30 am Meals on Wheels

### **Sunday, July 12, 2020**

11:00 am Worship Service Online Live

12:30 pm Zoom Sunday School

## A HOPEFUL LOOK AHEAD

- July
- 5- Sunday Worship Online Live, Zoom Sunday School
  - 8- Meals on Wheels
  - 12- Sunday Worship Online Live, Zoom Sunday School
  - 15- Meals on Wheels
  - 19- Sunday Worship Online Live with Communion, Zoom Sunday School
  - 22- Meals on Wheels
  - 26- Sunday Worship Online Live, Zoom Sunday School
  - 29- Meals on Wheels

**No Committees or Stated Session meetings in July.  
Make time to Sabbath!**

## PRAISES and CONCERNS

Pray at all times in the Spirit...Ephesians 6:18a

Our ministry is to pray for our members who are hospitalized, ill, home bound, attending college, and in the military; and to also encourage others to send cards, make a phone call or visit if possible. If you do not have a directory or need an address not listed, please contact the church office, we will be happy to help.

Rob Bargo

Susan Kriska

Jim Barfield

Robert Lavazza

Tammy Wooster

Bonnie & John Taylor

Bill Worth

Terry Cooney

Charles Brandt

George Kosan

Bob Stetler

Joy Lavazza

**Healthcare Workers:** Mazen Al-Alawi, Waleska Alvarado, Jenny Carswell, Lexi Crawford, Allie Abrams Downey, Maggie Hehn, Patricia Hudson, Cheryl High Sawyer, Joelle Vlahakis

**College:** Kai Abe, Elizabeth Banks, Michaela Brushwood, Danh Cooney, Michael Hawkins, Christian Jaimungal, Rachel Kosan, Peter Lapham, Amber Todd, Jenny Todd

**Military:** Jeff Mason Jr., Diego Rincon, Justin Ernul, Wyatt Harris, Michael Paynter, Sherryn Ramkarran, Aaron Sampson