

*Welcome*

**MEMORIAL DAY**

*We Will Never Forget*

**Order of Worship**

**May 24, 2020**

**10:00 a.m. Service**

**Prelude**

*Armed Forces Medley*

**Introit**

*Come Into His Presence*

*Folts*

**Call to Worship**

**\*Hymn #262**

**God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand**

1. God of the ages, whose almighty hand leads forth in beauty all the starry band  
Of shining worlds in splendor through the skies, our grateful songs before Thy throne arise.
2. Thy love divine hath led us in the past; in this free land by Thee our lot is cast;  
Be Thou our ruler, guardian, guide, and stay; Thy word our law, Thy paths our chosen way.
3. From war's alarms, from deadly pestilence, be Thy strong arm our ever sure defense;  
Thy true religion in our hearts increase; Thy bounteous goodness nourish us in peace.
4. Refresh Thy people on their toilsome way, lead us from night to never-ending day;  
Fill all our lives with love and grace divine, and glory, laud, and praise be ever Thine.

**\*Call to Confession**

**\*Prayer of Confession**

Holy and merciful God, in your presence we confess our sinfulness, our shortcomings and our offenses against you. You alone know how often we wander from your ways and waste your gifts. Have mercy on us and forgive us for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior.

**\*Silent Prayer of Confession**

**\*Assurance of Pardon**

Leader: Friends, believe the good news.  
All: **In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.**

**\*Congregational Response**

*Gloria Patri*

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Receive Confirmation Class**

## Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

**Offertory**

*Onward Christian Soldiers*

*Sullivan*

**\*Hymn #592**

*The Doxology*

**\*Prayer of Commitment 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 debts as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.**

**\*Choral Response**

**Anthem**

*The Glory of His Promises*

*Kern*

**Scripture Reading**

**Esther 4:10-14**

<sup>10</sup> Then Esther spoke to Hathach and commanded him to go to Mordecai and say, <sup>11</sup> "All the king's servants and the people of the king's provinces know that if any man or woman goes to the king inside the inner court without being called, there is but one law - to be put to death, except the one to whom the king holds out the golden scepter so that he may live. But as for me, I have not been called to come in to the king these thirty days."

<sup>12</sup> And they told Mordecai what Esther had said. <sup>13</sup> Then Mordecai told them to reply to Esther, "Do not think to yourself that in the king's palace you will escape any more than all the other Jews. <sup>14</sup> For if you keep silent at this time, relief and deliverance will rise for the Jews from another place, but you and your father's house will perish. And who knows whether you have not come to the kingdom for such a time as this?"

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Children's Time**

**\*Hymn #562**

**Eternal Father, Strong to Save**

1. Eternal Father, strong to save, Whose arm has bound the restless wave,  
Who bade the mighty ocean deep its own appointed limits keep:  
O hear us when we cry to Thee for those in peril on the sea.
2. O Savior, whose almighty word the wind and waves submissive heard,  
Who walked upon the foaming deep, and calm amid its rage did sleep:  
O hear us when we cry to Thee for those in peril on the sea.
3. O Holy Spirit, who did brood upon the chaos wild and rude,  
And bade its angry tumult cease, and gave, for fierce confusion, peace:  
O hear us when we cry to Thee for those in peril on the sea.
4. O Trinity of love and power, all travelers guard in danger's hour;  
From rock and tempest, fire and foe, protect them wheresoe'er they go;  
Thus evermore shall rise to Thee glad praise from air and land and sea.

## Scripture Reading

John 15:12-17

<sup>12</sup> "This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. <sup>13</sup> Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends. <sup>14</sup> You are my friends if you do what I command you. <sup>15</sup> No longer do I call you servants, for the servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all that I have heard from my Father I have made known to you. <sup>16</sup> You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit and that your fruit should abide, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name, he may give it to you. <sup>17</sup> These things I command you, so that you will love one another.

## Sermon

Rev. Dr. David H. Green

## Resolution

*"Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends." (John 15:13)*

## \*Affirmation of Faith:

The Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, 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 sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.**

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

## \*Prayers of the People

### \*Hymn #561

**My Country, 'Tis of Thee**

1. 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.
2. 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.
3. Let music swell the breeze, and ring from all the trees  
Sweet freedom's song;  
Let mortal tongues awake, let all that breathe partake,  
Let rocks their silence break, the sound prolong.

## \*Charge and Benediction

### \*Closing Response

4. Our fathers' God, to Thee, author 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.

## \*Postlude

*Semper Fidelis*

*Sousa*

\*Please stand if able.

**Before entering a church, you must self-screen for any  
of the following new or worsening signs of COVID-19:**

**Cough**

**Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing**

**Chills**

**Repeated shaking with chills**

**Muscle pain**

**Headache**

**Sore throat**

**Loss of taste or smell**

**Diarrhea**

**Feeling feverish or a measured temperature greater than or equal to 100.0 degrees Fahrenheit**

**Known close contact with a person who is lab confirmed to have COVID-19**

