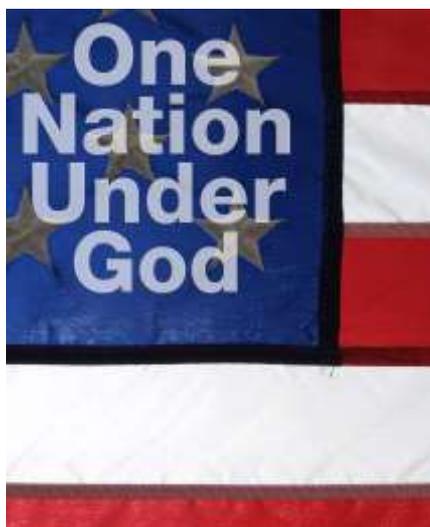


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Worship Focus

God Bless our Nation



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OPENING HYMN

255 – Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty



1 O - pen now thy gates of beau - ty;
2 Gra - cious God, I come be - fore thee;
3 Here thy praise is glad - ly chant - ed;
4 Thou my faith in - crease and quick - en;
5 Speak, O God, and I will hear thee;



Zi - on, let me en - ter there, Where my
Come thou al - so un - to me. Where we
Here thy seed is du - ly sown. Let my
Let me keep thy gift di - vine. How - so -
Let thy will be done in - deed. May I



soul in joy - ful du - ty Waits for him who
find thee and a - dore thee, There a heav'n on
soul, where it is plant - ed, Bring forth pre - cious
e'er temp - ta - tions thick - en; May thy Word still
un - dis - turbed draw near thee While thou dost thy



an - swers prayer. Oh, how bless - ed is this
earth must be. To my heart, oh, en - ter
sheaves a - lone, So that all I hear may
o'er me shine As my guid - ing star through
peo - ple feed. Here of life the foun - tain



place, Filled with sol - ace, light, and grace!
thou; Let it be thy tem - ple now!
be Fruit - ful un - to life in me,
life, As my com - fort in all strife.
flows; Here is balm for all our woes.

Text: Benjamin Schmolck, 1672–1737, abr.; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–78, alt.
Tune: UNSER HERRSCHER (87 87 77) Joachim Neander, 1650–80, alt.

INVOCATION

Minister The grace of our Lord (+) Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

Congregation **And also with you.**

CONFESSION OF SINS AND ABSOLUTION

M God invites us to come into his presence and worship him with humble and penitent hearts. Therefore, let us acknowledge our sinfulness and ask him to forgive us.

C **Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve Your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord have mercy on me a sinner.**

M God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given His only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

LORD HAVE MERCY (*Kyrie*)

M For all that we need in life and for the wisdom to use all your gifts with gratitude and joy, hear our prayer, O Lord.



M For the steadfast assurance that nothing can separate us from your love and for the courage to stand firm against the assaults of Satan and every evil, hear our prayer, O Christ.



M For the well-being of your holy Church in all the world and for those who offer here their worship and praise, hear our prayer, O Lord.



M Merciful God, maker and preserver of life, uphold us by your power and keep us in your tender care:



PRAYER AND PRAISE

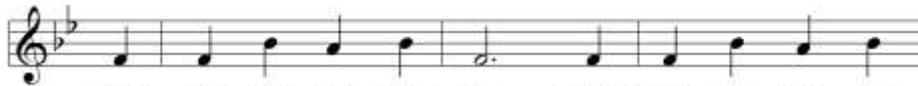
M The works of the Lord are great and glorious; his name is worthy of praise.



1 When morn - ing gilds the skies, My heart, a -
2 When mirth for mu - sic longs, This is my
3 Let all of hu - man - kind In this their
4 Sing, sun and stars of space; Sing, all who



wak - ing, cries, "May Je - sus Christ be praised!"
song of songs: "May Je - sus Christ be praised!"
con - cord find: "May Je - sus Christ be praised!"
see his face; Sing, "Je - sus Christ be praised!"



When eve - ning shad - ows fall, Then sounds my ves - per
God's ho - ly house of prayer Has none that can com -
Let all the earth a - round Ring joy - ous with the
God's whole cre - a - tion o'er, To - day and ev - er -



call: "May Je - sus Christ be praised!"
pare With "Je - sus Christ be praised."
sound: "May Je - sus Christ be praised!"
more, Sing, "Je - sus Christ be praised!"

Text: *Katholisches Gesangbuch*, Würzburg, 1828, abr.; tr. Robert S. Bridges, 1844–1930, alt.
Tune: LAUDES DOMINI (666 666) Joseph Barnby, 1838–96.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M Let us pray. O God, protector of all the faithful, you alone make strong; you alone make holy. Show us your mercy and forgive our sins day by day. Guide us through our earthly lives that we do not lose the things you have prepared for us in heaven; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



THE WORD

FIRST LESSON Deuteronomy 6:4-7,17

A nation is at its best when the people and families of a nation follow in faith the One true God.

DEUTERONOMY 6:⁴ Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one. ⁵ Love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength. ⁶ These commandments that I give you today are to be upon your hearts. ⁷ Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up.

¹⁷ Be sure to keep the commands of the LORD your God and the stipulations and decrees he has given you.

SECOND LESSON Romans 8:1-10

As a nation we cherish our freedoms, however, the greatest freedom is that which we have in Christ.

ROMANS 8:1 Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus,² because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit of life set me free from the law of sin and death.³ For what the law was powerless to do in that it was weakened by the sinful nature, God did by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful man to be a sin offering. And so he condemned sin in sinful man,⁴ in order that the righteous requirements of the law might be fully met in us, who do not live according to the sinful nature but according to the Spirit.

⁵ Those who live according to the sinful nature have their minds set on what that nature desires; but those who live in accordance with the Spirit have their minds set on what the Spirit desires.⁶ The mind of sinful man is death, but the mind controlled by the Spirit is life and peace;⁷ the sinful mind is hostile to God. It does not submit to God's law, nor can it do so.⁸ Those controlled by the sinful nature cannot please God.

⁹ You, however, are controlled not by the sinful nature but by the Spirit, if the Spirit of God lives in you. And if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he does not belong to Christ.¹⁰ But if Christ is in you, your body is dead because of sin, yet your spirit is alive because of righteousness.

VERSE OF THE DAY

**Earth, hear your Maker's voice; Your great Redeemer own.
Believe, obey, rejoice, And worship him alone.
Cast down your pride! Your sin deplore
And bow before The Crucified! (618:4)**

THEREFORE,



THERE IS NOW NO
CONDEMNATION FOR
THOSE WHO ARE IN
CHRIST JESUS.

R O M A N S 8 : 1

GOSPEL Matthew 22:15-22

As Christians we live under dual citizenship – we live under God’s grace and also the protection of the nation.

MATTHEW 22:15 Then the Pharisees went out and laid plans to trap him in his words.

¹⁶ They sent their disciples to him along with the Herodians. “Teacher,” they said, “we know you are a man of integrity and that you teach the way of God in accordance with the truth. You aren’t swayed by men, because you pay no attention to who they are.

¹⁷ Tell us then, what is your opinion? Is it right to pay taxes to Caesar or not?”

¹⁸ But Jesus, knowing their evil intent, said, “You hypocrites, why are you trying to trap me? ¹⁹ Show me the coin used for paying the tax.” They brought him a denarius, ²⁰ and he asked them, “Whose portrait is this? And whose inscription?”

²¹ “Caesar’s,” they replied.

Then he said to them, “Give to Caesar what is Caesar’s, and to God what is God’s.”

²² When they heard this, they were amazed. So they left him and went away.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

After the reading of the Gospel the congregation responds:



HYMN OF THE DAY

401 – Your Works, Not Mine, O Christ



1 Your works, not mine, O Christ, Speak glad -
 2 Your blood, not mine, O Christ, Can heal -
 3 Your cross, not mine, O Christ, Has borne
 4 Your death, not mine, O Christ, Has paid
 5 Your right - eous - ness, O Christ, A - lone



ness to this heart. They tell me all
 my sin - ful soul; Your wounds, not mine,
 the dread - ful load Of sins that none
 the ran - som due; Ten thou - sand deaths
 can cov - er me; No oth - er right -

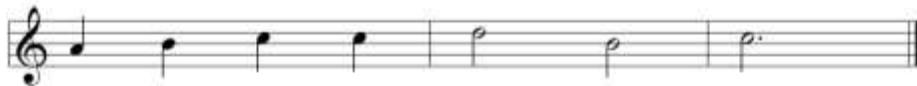


is done; They bid my fear de - part.
 con - tain The balm that makes me whole.
 could bear But the in - car - nate God.
 like mine Would have been all too few.
 eous - ness Can set a sin - ner free.

Refrain



To whom but you, who can a - lone For



sin a - tone, Lord, shall I flee?

Text: Horatius Bonar, 1808–89, alt.
 Tune: ST. JOHN (66 66 88) *The Parish Choir*, London, 1850.

SERMON

Romans 8:1-10

God Gives Ultimate Freedom

1. From the condemnation of sin
2. For new life in the spirit

CONFESSION OF FAITH – THE NICENE CREED

**C We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made, of one being with the Father.**

Through him all things were made.

**For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary,
and became fully human.**

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate.

He suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures.

He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.**

We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

**We look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

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MUSICAL OFFERING



PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

Brief silence

Father, we thank You that You have released us from the Law and that we now belong to Christ. Help us always to serve You in the new life of the Spirit and bear fruit for You. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Father, we thank You for all You do to provide us with our daily bread. Be with all who work to grow the fruits of the earth that You have given us for food. Give them favorable weather and a successful harvest. Bless also all involved in the commerce and industry of our land. Allow the fruits of their labor to provide for the material needs of the many who rely on them. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Father, we thank You for our own nation and the many freedoms that You have provided for us here. Guide our elected and appointed leaders to serve us with integrity. Be with those who defend our freedoms in the armed forces, as well as the police and firefighters who protect our freedoms closer to home. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Father, we thank You for the freedom from sin, sickness and death that will come with the full manifestation of Your Son's Kingdom. Give comfort, healing, patience and endurance to [_____ and] all who suffer from illness, injury or chronic affliction. Strengthen their faith so that they know that despite their suffering, they have not lost their reward. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Father, we thank You for the seasons and the means to travel the earth that You have given us. Keep safe all who journey, whether by land, sea or air; bring them safely to their destinations and see them home again. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Father, we thank You for the foretaste of the feast to come that comes in the body and blood of Your Son. May this eating and drinking strengthen our faith, bind us to You and free us for service to others. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Father, we thank You for the great cloud of witnesses that surrounds us. Join our praise with theirs and bring us at last with them into the full freedom of Your Kingdom. All this we pray through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**C Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins,
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and forever. Amen.**



THE SACRAMENT

PREFACE and PROPER PREFACES

M The Lord be with you.



C: And al - so with you.

M Lift up your hearts.



C: We lift them up to the Lord.

M Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



C: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

M Praise to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In love he has blessed us with every spiritual blessing. He sends the Holy Spirit to testify that we are his children and to strengthen us when we are weak. Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ. To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and thanks and honor and glory for ever and ever:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY (*Sanctus*)



C: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly is the Lord of hosts.



The whole earth is full of your glo - ry.

You are my God, and I will ex - alt you.

I will give you thanks, for you have be - come my sal -

va - tion. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly is the Lord of hosts.

The whole earth is full of your glo - ry.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

M Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, “Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.”

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, “Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me.”

M The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: A - men.

O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD (*Agnus Dei*)

C: O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; grant us your peace. A - men.

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'O Christ, Lamb of God'. It consists of five staves of music in C major, 4/4 time. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff begins with 'C: O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.' The second staff continues with 'O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.' The third staff continues with 'O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; grant us your peace. A - men.'

DISTRIBUTION

The Scriptures teach that the celebration of the Lord's Supper connects us intimately with Christ and with one another as Christians who are united around a common confession of faith. Therefore, we ask that only those who are members of Calvary or churches within our fellowship come forward to receive the Lord's Supper.



DISTRIBUTION HYMN

383 – Blessed Are They, Forever Blest



1 Bless - ed are they, for - ev - er blest,
 2 Bless - ed are they to whom the Lord
 3 From guile their hearts and lips are free;
 4 How glo - rious is that right - eous - ness



Whose guilt is par - doned by their God,
 Im - putes not their in - iq - ui - ty.
 Their hum - ble joy, their ho - ly fear
 That hides and can - cels all their sins,



Whose sins with sor - row are con - fessed
 They plead no mer - it or re - ward
 With deep re - pent - ance well a - gree
 While bright the ev - i - dence of grace



And cov - ered with their Sav - ior's blood.
 And not on works but grace re - ly.
 And join to prove their faith sin - cere.
 Through all their lives ap - pears and shines!

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748, alt.

Tune: O JESU CHRISTE, WAHRES LICHT (LM) *Andächtige Haus-Kirche*, Nürnberg, 1676, alt.

THANKSGIVING

THANK THE LORD



C: Thank the Lord and sing his praise, Tell ev-'ry-one what he has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re-joice and proud-ly bear his name.



He re-news his prom-is - es and leads his peo-ple forth in joy with



shouts of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

PRAYER AND BLESSING

M Hear the prayer of your people, O Lord, that the lips which have praised you here may glorify you in the world, that the eyes which have seen the coming of your Son may long for his coming again, and that all who have received in his true body and blood the pledge of your forgiveness may be restored to live a new and holy life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C: A - - men.

M Brothers and sisters, go in peace.
Live in harmony with one another.
Serve the Lord with gladness.

The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look on you with favor and (+) give you peace.



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CLOSING HYMN

619 – God Bless Our Native Land

The musical score is written on a single treble clef staff in 3/4 time, with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody consists of 16 measures. The lyrics are arranged in four lines, with the first two lines starting with a '1' and '2' respectively, indicating two different versions of the hymn. The lyrics are: '1 God bless our na - tive land! Firm may she / 2 For her our prayers shall rise To God a - ev - er stand Through storm and night! When the wild / bove the skies; On him we wait. Thou who art tem - pests rave, Ru - ler of wind and wave, / ev - er nigh, Guard - ing with watch - ful eye, Do thou our coun - try save By thy great might, / To thee a - loud we cry, God save the state!' The score ends with a double bar line.

1 God bless our na - tive land! Firm may she
2 For her our prayers shall rise To God a -
ev - er stand Through storm and night! When the wild
bove the skies; On him we wait. Thou who art
tem - pests rave, Ru - ler of wind and wave,
ev - er nigh, Guard - ing with watch - ful eye,
Do thou our coun - try save By thy great might,
To thee a - loud we cry, God save the state!

Text: Charles T. Brooks, 1813–83, st. 1, alt.; John S. Dwight, 1813–93, st. 2.
Tune: AMERICA (664 6664) *Thesaurus Musicus*, London, c. 1740.

After worship, please feel free to stay and greet your neighbors.