

# Service for the Lord's Day

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## Pre-Service Music

Thomas Heidenreich, Organist

Prelude from *Suite, Op. 5*

Maurice Duruflé

## Concerns of the Congregation

### Call to Worship

Hugh Ralston

*One: Praise be to God who has freed us from oppression!*

**All: Praise be to God who has healed our wounded souls!**

*One: Let our hearts rejoice at God's redeeming love.*

**All: Let our voices raise in songs of thanksgiving for all that God is doing for us.**

*One: Come, let us worship the Lord with our whole hearts!*

**All: May our praise and voices resound with joy! Amen.**

## Prelude

Thomas Heidenreich, Organist

Adoration

Florence Price

## Ringling of the Revere Tower Bell

Let the ringing of the bell call our attention away from ourselves and onto the living Triune God: Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

**\*Hymn** see page 6      God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand

## \*Invocation

### \*Prayer of Confession:

**All:** Merciful God, in all our celebration, fireworks, parades, and gatherings we have proclaimed liberty and freedom. Yet our hearts these days beat to the pounding of anger, wilt to the temptations of doubt, and shrink with the darkness of fear. You are our salvation, and we turn to you for true freedom. Forgive us when we turn away from your freeing love. Help us to place our trust in you and serve you by working with others for peace and hope for all. These things we ask in Jesus' name. Amen

## \*Moments of Silent Confession

### \*Assurance of Pardon

2 Corinthians 3:17

*One: Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom.*

*This is the Good News.*

**All: Thanks be to God.**

**\*Gloria Patri #575**                      Glory Be to the Father

**\*Hymn #523**                              Great God of Nations

### **Prayers of the People**

#### **The Lord's Prayer**

**All: 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.**

**Offertory**                              Meditation on *Amazing Grace*                              Claude Murphree  
Thomas Heidenreich, Organ

**\*Doxology #572**                      Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow  
*At this time all children are invited to go to Children's Church.*

#### **\*Prayer of Dedication**

**Scripture Lesson**                      Philippians 1:3-11                              Rev. Dr. Robert Anderson  
Pew Bible Page 830; Large Print Bible 1825

*I thank my God every time I remember you. In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.*

*It is right for me to feel this way about all of you, since I have you in my heart and, whether I am in chains or defending and confirming the gospel, all of you share in God's grace with me. God can testify how I long for all of you with the affection of Christ Jesus.*

*And this is my prayer: that your love may abound more and more in knowledge and depth of insight, so that you may be able to discern what is best and may be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ—to the glory and praise of God.*

*One: This is God's Word for God's People.*

**All: Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

God Finishes What He Starts

Rev. Dr. Robert Anderson

**Sacrament of The Lord's Supper**

*We offer Communion during the worship service on the first Sunday of each month. We welcome anyone who proclaims Christ as Savior to partake. The Communion table is not restricted to Presbyterians. During the service, church elders will distribute the elements, while the congregation remains seated in the pews.*

**The Invitation**

**The Thanksgiving**

**The Words of Institution**

**The Communion**

We will share in the body together. You may drink of the cup when desired.

**The Prayer of Blessing**

**\*Apostles Creed**

**All: 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.**

**\*Hymn #520**

O Beautiful for Spacious Skies

**Benediction**

**Postlude**

Fugue in D Major, BWV 532

J.S. Bach

Thomas Heidenreich, Organist

\*Those who are able, please stand.

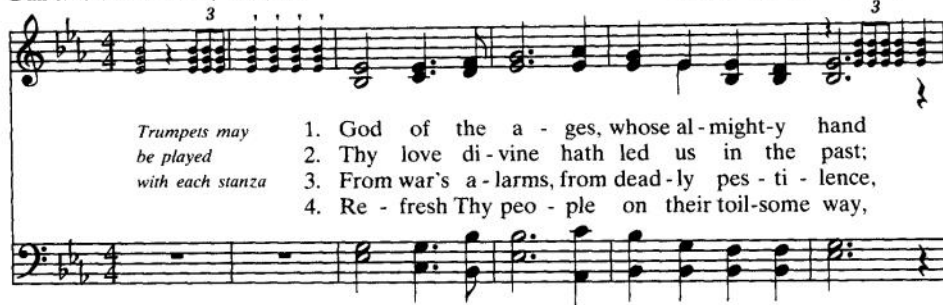
**About the Apostles Creed.** The Apostles Creed was not written by the Apostles, but does summarize the teachings of the Apostles from the Gospels. It is the oldest creed of the Christian church. The form of the creed we know today was written sometime around the eight century. The term "holy catholic Church" does not refer to the Roman Catholic church, but simply the church universal. This is referring to all Christians united in Christ.

# God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand

NATIONAL HYMN 10.10.10

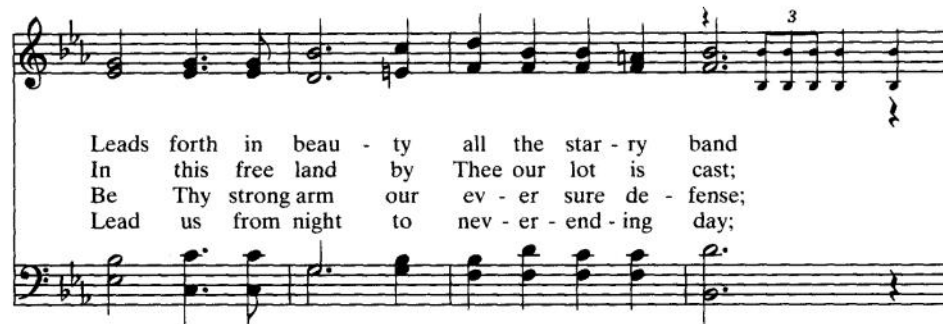
Daniel Crane Roberts, 1876; alt.

George William Warren, 1892



*Trumpets may  
be played  
with each stanza*

1. God of the a - ges, whose al - might - y hand
2. Thy love di - vine hath led us in the past;
3. From war's a - larms, from dead - ly pes - ti - lence,
4. Re - fresh Thy peo - ple on their toil - some way,



Leads forth in beau - ty all the star - ry band  
In this free land by Thee our lot is cast;  
Be Thy strong arm our ev - er sure de - fense;  
Lead us from night to nev - er - end - ing day;



Of shin - ing worlds in splen - dor through the skies,  
Be Thou our rul - er, guard - ian, guide, and stay;  
Thy true re - li - gion in our hearts in - crease;  
Fill all our lives with love and grace di - vine,



Our grate - ful songs be - fore Thy throne a - rise.  
Thy word our law, Thy paths our cho - sen way.  
Thy boun - teous good - ness nour - ish us in peace.  
And glo - ry, laud, and praise be ev - er Thine.

# 523 Great God of Nations

*O praise the Lord, all ye nations: praise Him, all ye people. Psa. 117:1*

ST. PETERSBURG 8888

Alfred A. Woodhull, 1828

Arr. from Dimitri S. Bortniansky, 1825

1. Great God of na - tions, now to Thee Our hymn of  
2. Thy Name we bless, Al - might - y God, For all the  
3. Here free - dom spreads her ban - ner wide And casts her  
4. We pray Thee let the gos - pel light Through all our  
5. Great God, pre - serve us in Thy fear; In dan - ger

grat - i - tude we raise; With hum - ble heart and bend - ing  
kind - ness Thou hast shown To this fair land the Pil - grims  
soft and hal - lowed ray; Here Thou our fa - thers' steps didst  
land its ra - diance shed; Dis - pel the shades of er - ror's  
still our Guard - ian be: O spread Thy truth's bright pre - cepts

knee We of - fer Thee our song of praise.  
trod, This land we fond - ly call our own.  
guide In safe - ty through their dan - gerous way.  
night, And heav'n - ly bless - ings round us spread.  
here; Let all the peo - ple wor - ship Thee. A - men.

# O Beautiful for Spacious Skies 520

*Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord, Psa. 33:12*

Katharine L. Bates, 1893

MATERNA C.M.D.  
Samuel A. Ward, 1882

1. O beau - ti - ful for spa - cious skies, For am - ber waves of grain,  
2. O beau - ti - ful for pil - grim feet, Whose stern im - pas - sioned stress  
3. O beau - ti - ful for he - roes proved In lib - er - at - ing strife,  
4. 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!  
A thor - ough - fare for free - dom beat A - cross the wil - der - ness!  
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! God mend thine ev - ery flaw,  
A - mer - i - ca! A - mer - i - ca! May God thy gold re - fine,  
A - mer - i - ca! A - mer - i - ca! God shed His grace on thee,

And crown thy good with broth - er - hood From sea to shin - ing sea!  
Con - firm thy soul in self - con - trol, Thy lib - er - ty in law!  
Till all suc - cess be no - ble - ness, And ev - ery gain di - vine!  
And crown thy good with broth - er - hood From sea to shin - ing sea! A - men.

THE CHRISTIAN CITIZEN

**Sunday, July 3**

9:15 AM — Choir Rehearsal

9:15 AM — Adult Sunday School

10:30 AM — Worship

11:30 AM — Neighborhood Fellowship Time

11:30 AM — Prayers for Healing and Wholeness in the Ruth Fox Conference Room

**Monday, July 4**

Independence Day Holiday — Church office closed

**Wednesday, July 6**

12 PM — Brown Bag Bible Study

**Saturday, July 9**

7:30 AM — Men's Bible Study in the Chapel

**Sunday, July 10**

9:15 AM — Choir Rehearsal

9:15 AM — Adult Sunday School

10:30 AM — Worship

11:30 AM — NFellowship Time

**Monday, July 11**

6:30 PM — Session Meeting

**Wednesday, July 13**

12 PM — Brown Bag Bible Study

**Saturday, July 16**

7:30 AM — Men's Bible Study in the Chapel

**Today — Sundaes Sunday Neighborhood Fellowship**

Today we will have our traditional Sundaes Sunday celebration for the Independence Day holiday. Plan to join on the front sidewalk for ice cream and goodies.

**Healing and Wholeness — After worship today.**

A time of Prayer for Healing and Wholeness will be held today and on the first Sunday of each month in the Ruth Fox Conference Room at the rear of the Sanctuary. Elders will gather with the pastor and pray and anoint with oil those who desire prayer for physical, spiritual and emotional needs. We will gather following the worship service this morning and if you desire prayer you are invited to attend.