

# ***Mt. Zion United Church of Christ***

1054 Ridgewood Road, York, Pennsylvania 17406

Telephone: 717-755-6117

E-mail: [office@mtzionucc.org](mailto:office@mtzionucc.org)

Website: [www.mtzionucc.org](http://www.mtzionucc.org)

Rev. Danielle E. Neff, Senior Pastor

Rev. Jeff Kardisco, Associate Pastor

Mr. Denny Daugherty, Adult Choir Director & Tech Director

Mr. Travis Pinci, Accompanist, Children's Music Coordinator, & Secretary

Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

8:00 AM & 10:30 AM

***This is My Story, This is My Song***

***This Is My Song***

*If you are a guest, thank you for worshiping with us today. We invite you to take a moment to complete a visitor's card located in the back of the pew in front of you and place it in the offering plate when it is passed. We also invite you to sign your name in our guest book located in the back entrance of the sanctuary.*

*We welcome infants and children and all their wiggles & voices in our worship! For your comfort, we also have a children's corner in the back of the sanctuary where your child can relax and play and you can still participate in the worship experience. We also have nursery care downstairs during our 10:30 AM worship service. Please see a member of the welcoming team for assistance!*

*We pray God's blessing upon you. For today's service, we will be using the black hymnal.*

## **WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **PRELUDE**

*Finlandia with America*

arr. Tate

## **CALL TO WORSHIP**

L: In this week where we remember and celebrate the birth of our nation, we remember first, the author of our world and all that is in it.

**P: We worship God who breathed us into being. We worship God above all others.**

L: We remember that to worship freely, many traveled and struggled to secure this great freedom.

\*Those for whom it is comfortable, please rise.

**P:** In the distant past and in recent memory, our nation has been built by peoples who have come from all places, enduring hardship for the promise of the freedom God intends for us all.

L: We celebrate a land of blessing.

**P:** Blessed with mountains and valleys, rivers and oceans, fertile earth, wonderful woods, and promising cities.

L: In this country, we celebrate a dream.

**P:** A dream of freedom from all oppression, a dream of hope for our children, a dream of people in community under God.

L: As we remember and celebrate the birth of our nation, we acknowledge that God has called us to be a beacon of light for those in despair. And so we proclaim:

**P:** Send us the voiceless. Send us the fearful. Send us the oppressed.

L: And so the dream continues...

**P:** And so the dream of America continues... God, help us to do your work until your dreams come true.

**\*OPENING HYMN NO. 594** (black hymnal)

*How Beautiful, Our Spacious Skies*

### **\*TIME OF CONFESSION**

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION<sup>2</sup>

**ALL:** God of celebrations and sorrows, we have waved the flag this week and our hearts beat with pride at the stirring sounds of bands and parades. Fireworks emblazoned the skies, and families gathered for celebrations and fellowship. But in too many places there is little to celebrate. Our spirits ache for people both far and near who suffer and struggle just to have the basic necessities of life, while we live in abundance. Forgive us when our celebration clouds the needs of others. It is important for us to celebrate and to give thanks to you for all you have blessed us with, but we must never forget that out of that abundance you have given us a ministry and a mission to perform here and now.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

ACT OF PRAISE NO. 2155 (FWS, v. 3, see p. 6)

*Blest Are They<sup>3</sup>*

**ALL SING:** Blest are they who show mercy; mercy shall be theirs. Blest are they, the pure of heart; they shall see God! Rejoice and be glad! Blessed are you, holy are you. Rejoice and be glad! Yours is the kingdom of God!

\*Those for whom it is comfortable, please rise.

(10:30 AM) **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

**SCRIPTURE**

**MESSAGE**

*This Is My Story, This Is My Song: This is My Song*

**HYMN NO. 591** (black hymnal)

*This is My Song*

**JOYS AND CONCERNS**

**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 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.

**SPECIAL MUSIC** (played by Katrina Rhinehart) *America the Beautiful* by Ward & Bates

**OFFERTORY**

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY

*God of Our Fathers*

by Warren

\*OFFERTORY RESPONSE NO. 357 (black hymnal, vs. 1 & 4, see p. 5)

*You Are Called to Tell the Story*

**ALL SING:** You are called to tell the story, passing words of life along, Then to blend your voice with others as you sing the sacred song. Christ be known in all our singing, filling all with songs of love.

May the One whose love is broader than the measure of all space,  
Give us words to sing the story, move among us in this place. Christ  
be known in all our living, filling all with gifts of love.

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

\***CLOSING HYMN NO. 592** (black hymnal)

*God of the Ages*

\***BENEDICTION**

\*Those for whom it is comfortable, please rise.

**\*CHORAL BENEDICTION** (refrain)

*This is My Song*

**ALL SING:** This is my song, O God of all the nations, a song of peace for lands afar and mine. This is my home, the country where my heart is; here are my hopes, my dreams, my holy shrine; But other hearts in other lands are beating with hopes and dreams as true and high as mine.

**\*POSTLUDE**

*A Joyous Acclamation*

by Peterson

\*Those for whom it is comfortable, please rise.

# You Are Called to Tell the Story

$\text{♩} = 80$

Piano

1. You are called to tell the sto - ry, pass - ing  
2. May the One whose love is board - er than the

4

words of life a - long, Then to blend your voice with  
mea - sure of all space, give us words to sing the

7

oth - ers as you sing the sa - cred song. Christ be  
sto - ry, move a - mong us in this place. Christ be

10

known in all our sing - ing fill - ing all with songs of  
known in all our liv - ing fill - ing all with gifts of

13

love.  
love.

\*Those for whom it is comfortable, please rise.

# Blest Are They

$\text{♩} = 80$

Piano

The musical score is written on a single treble clef staff with a key signature of three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat) and a 4/4 time signature. The tempo is marked as quarter note = 80. The lyrics are: "Blest are they who show mer-cy; mer-cy shall be theirs. Blest are they, the pure of heart; they shall see God. Re - joice and be glad! Bless-ed are you, ho-ly are you! Re - joice and be glad! Yours is the king - dom of God!"

Blest are they who show mer-cy; mer-cy  
shall be theirs. Blest are they, the pure of  
heart; they shall see God. Re - joice  
and be glad! Bless-ed are you, ho-ly are  
you! Re - joice and be glad! Yours is the  
king - dom of God!

\*Those for whom it is comfortable, please rise.

# NOTES

\*Those for whom it is comfortable, please rise.

One vase of altar flowers is presented in memory of my husband, Dick, with love, from Barb Everhart and the family.

One vase of altar flowers is presented in honor of all the musicians providing special music during the summer by the congregation.

Thank you to Katrina Rhinehart for providing special music at both services today.

Thank you to J. R. Hogentogler for providing a testimonial at both services today.

We offer a hearing assistance system called *Listen Technologies*. If you would like to use a receiver, please check with the volunteers at the sound booth at the rear of the sanctuary.

8 AM Worship Tech: Mary Jane Snyder

8 AM Welcome Team: Coordinated by Carrah Wagaman

8 AM Sound Tech: Mary Jane Snyder

8 AM Video Tech: Coordinated by Denny Daugherty

8 AM Hall Monitor: Pam Minnich

10:30 AM Worship Tech: Lana Fritz

10:30 AM Welcome Team: Helen Burns, Carol Hartman; Coordinated by David Firestone

10:30 AM Sound Tech: Ryan Neal

10:30 AM Video Tech: Elaine Bevivino

10:30 AM Camera Tech: John Schriver

10:30 AM Hall Monitor: Coordinated by Bob Katherman

10:30 AM Nursery: Missy Kiefer & Tammy Gordon

WOW Kids: Coordinated by Kathy Sweeney

<sup>1</sup>The Call to Worship was based on liturgy created by Rev. Nathan Decker with contributions and adaptations by Rev. Danielle Neff for Mt. Zion UCC, York, PA.

<sup>2</sup>The prayer of confession was written by Nancy C. Townley, an ordained elder in the United Methodist Church. Written and shared on the "Ministry Matters" website, with permission for use in worship June 1, 2012 <https://www.ministrymatters.com/all/entry/2897/worship-connection-july-1-2012>. Accessed July 1, 2019.

<sup>3</sup>*Blest Are They*. Tune: David Haas. © 1985, GIA Publications, Inc. Reproduced with permission under One License # A-725030.

\*Those for whom it is comfortable, please rise.

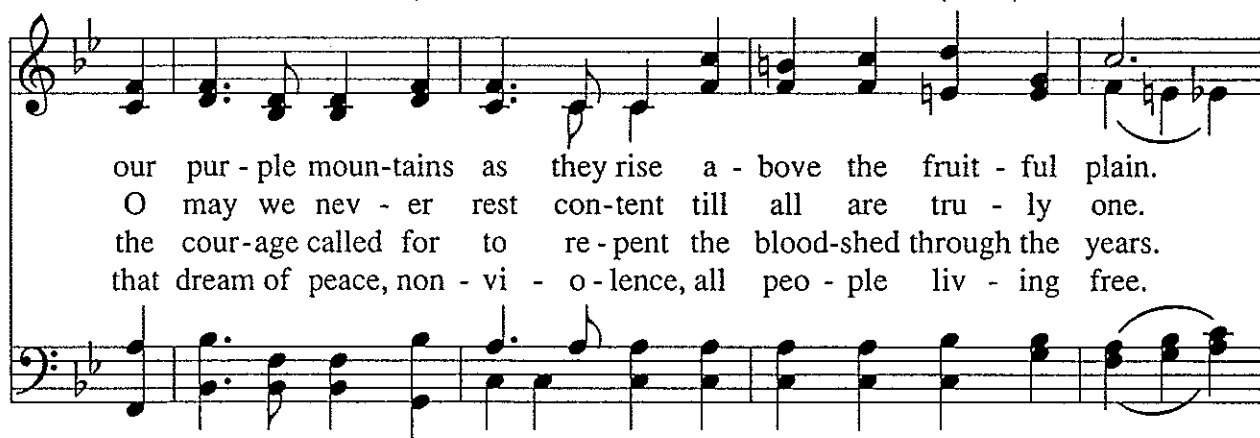


## How Beautiful, Our Spacious Skies

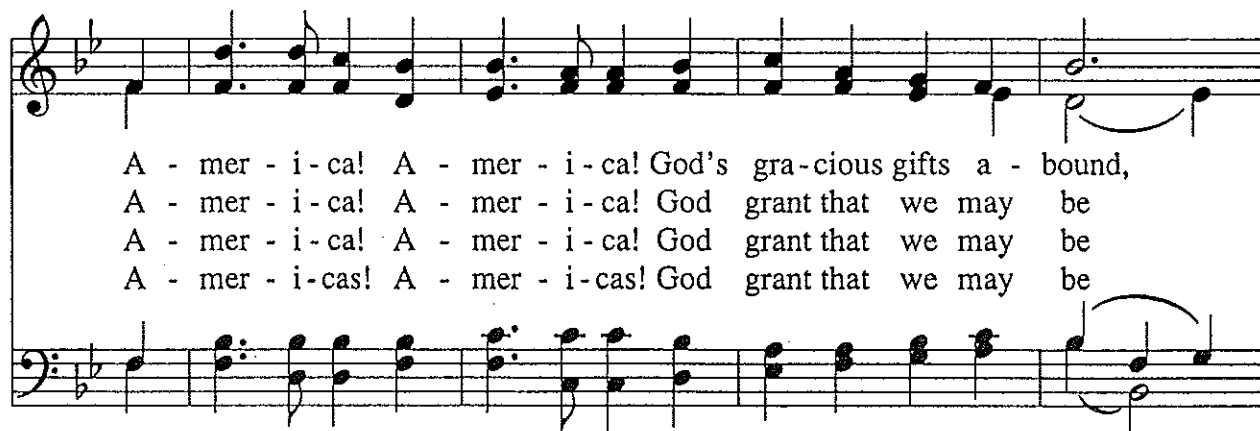
St. 1, Katharine Lee Bates, 1893; alt.  
St. 2, 3, 4, Miriam Therese Winter, 1993



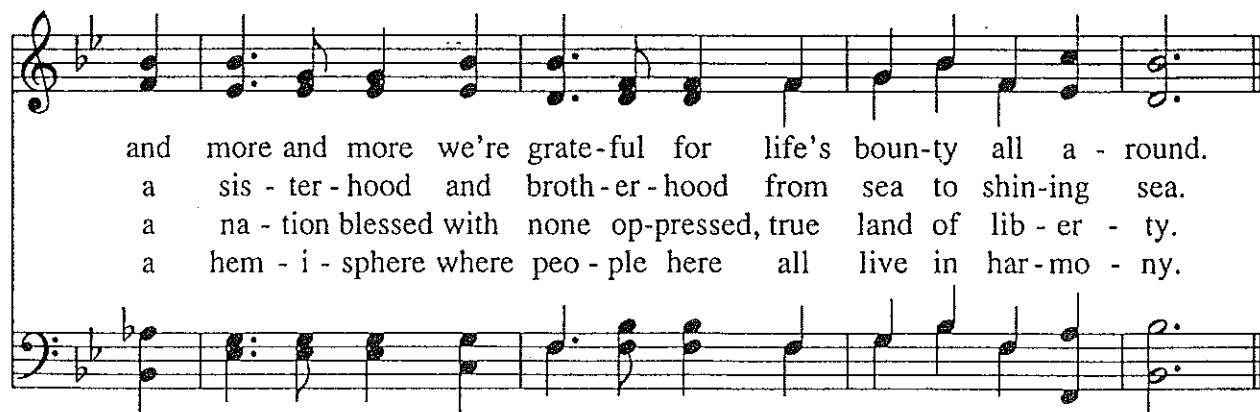
1 How beau-ti-ful, our spa-cious skies, our am - ber waves of grain;  
2 In - dig - e-nous and im - mi - grant, our daugh-ters and our sons:  
3 How beau-ti-ful, sin - cere la - ment, the wis - dom born of tears,  
4 How beau-ti-ful, two con - ti - nents, and is - lands in the sea



our pur - ple moun-tains as they rise a - bove the fruit - ful plain.  
O may we nev - er rest con-tent till all are tru - ly one.  
the cour-age called for to re - pent the blood-shed through the years.  
that dream of peace, non - vi - o - lence, all peo - ple liv - ing free.



A - mer - i - ca! A - mer - i - ca! God's gra-cious gifts a - bound,  
A - mer - i - ca! A - mer - i - ca! God grant that we may be  
A - mer - i - ca! A - mer - i - ca! God grant that we may be  
A - mer - i - cas! A - mer - i - cas! God grant that we may be



and more and more we're grate-ful for life's boun-ty all a - round.  
a sis - ter - hood and broth - er - hood from sea to shin - ing sea.  
a na - tion blessed with none op - pressed, true land of lib - er - ty.  
a hem - i - sphere where peo - ple here all live in har - mo - ny.

On her first trip west in the summer of 1893 the distinguished New England educator Katharine Lee Bates was inspired to write "O Beautiful for Spacious Skies." One hundred years later Miriam Therese Winter wrote new stanzas to clearly include all of the Americas.

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

1 This is my song, O God of all the na - tions, a song of  
2 My coun-try's skies are blu - er than the o - cean, and sun-light

peace for lands a - far and mine. This is my home, the  
beams on clo - ver - leaf and pine; But oth - er lands have

coun - try where my heart is; here are my hopes, my  
sun - light, too, and clo - ver, and skies are ev - ery -

dreams, my ho - ly shrine; But oth - er hearts in oth - er lands are  
where as blue as mine. O hear my song, O God of all the

beat - ing with hopes and dreams as true and high as mine.  
na - tions, a song of peace for their land and for mine.

*These stanzas, published during the period between the two world wars, express a hope for lasting peace among all nations, races, and cultures. Finlandia is derived from a "tone poem" of the same name by Finnish composer Jean Sibelius.*

Tune: FINLANDIA 10.10.10.10.10.  
Jean Sibelius, 1899  
Arr. for The Hymnal, 1933

# God of the Ages, Who with Sure Command 592

*Daniel Crane Roberts, 1876; alt.*

1 God of the a - ges, who with sure com-mand  
 2 Your pur - pose, just, en - vi - sions mor-tals free;  
 3 From war's a - larms, from dead-ly pes - ti - lence,  
 4 Re - fresh your peo - ple on life's toil-some way;

brought forth in beau - ty all the star - ry band  
 God, set our path toward hu - man lib - er - ty.  
 with stead - fast care be ev - er our de - fense;  
 lead us from night to nev - er - end - ing day;

of shin - ing worlds in splen-dor through the skies,  
 Still be our rul - er, guard-ian, guide, and stay—  
 Your love and faith with - in our hearts in - crease;  
 With truth and love guide us through er - ror's maze,

our grate - ful songs be - fore your throne a - rise.  
 your Word our law, your paths our cho - sen way.  
 with boun-teous good - ness nour - ish us in peace.  
 and we shall give you glo - ry, laud, and praise.

*Episcopal priest Daniel Crane Roberts wrote this hymn for a July 4, 1876, centennial celebration at Brandon, Vermont. George W. Warren, composer of the tune, was organist at St. Thomas' Church in New York City for thirty years.*

Tune: NATIONAL HYMN 10.10.10.  
*George William Warren, 1892*