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Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

8:00 AM & 10:30 AM

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE (played by Pastor Danielle & Travis Pinci) *Wrapped in Starlight* by Combs

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: On July 4, 1776, our forefathers bravely advanced the cause of freedom and liberty by declaring this nation's independence and sovereignty...we give thanks to that Creator for our liberties and pray for continued blessings upon our country, our government, and our fellow citizens.

L: We remember always that the earth is the Lord's,

P: and all who dwell in it.

L: God is king over the nations:

P: God sits on his holy throne.

L: He rules by his might forever.

P: His eyes keep watch on the nations.

L: Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,

P: For God judges the peoples with equity and guides the nations upon earth.

L: O Lord, be gracious to us and bless us,

P: And make your face to shine upon us.

L: May your ways be known upon the earth,

P: Your saving power among all people.

L: Let us pray. Lord of the nations, guide our people by your Spirit...through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

P: Amen

***OPENING HYMN NO. 566** (Lutheran Hymnal, see p. 3) *My Country Tis of Thee*

*Those for whom it is comfortable, please rise.

***TIME OF CONFESSION**

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION¹

ALL: As a community of believers, Holy One, we open ourselves to your restorative presence. We are surrounded by beauty, yet we often fail to wonder. We are symbols of hope, yet we often succumb to despair. We are blessed beyond measure, yet we often allow greed to shape our generosity. We are uncommonly free, yet we often bind ourselves to yesterday's failures. We are gifted and graced as a people of faith, yet we often fail to let our light shine. We are loved beyond measure, yet we often fail to pass on your love unconditionally. In these moments of shared silence, encourage us to lay down our burdens, release our fears, forgive our failures, reclaim our hopes, and align ourselves with your deep wisdom.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

ACT OF PRAISE NO. 2081 (FWS, see p. 4)

Thank You Jesus, Amen

ALL SING: Thank you, Jesus, amen! Thank you, Jesus, amen! Thank you, Jesus, amen! Alleluia! Amen!

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

SPECIAL MUSIC (sung by Pastor Danielle)

By Our Love

by Nockels

**SCRIPTURE
MESSAGE**

Philippians 3:9b-16, 18-20

HYMN NO. 437 (UM Hymnal, see p. 4)

This Is My Song

JOYS & CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE³ & 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.

***CLOSING HYMN NO. 181** (BH, see p. 5)

You Are Salt for the Earth, O People

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

God of the Ages

by Warren

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¹The Prayer of Confession comes from God's Freedom is Beyond Measure, written by Rev. Dr. June C. Goudey, and posted on the United Church of Christ website, accessed on the website <https://re-worship.blogspot.com/2012/06/confession-blessed-beyond-measure.html> on June 21, 2022.

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My Country 'Tis of Thee

Samuel F. Smith, 1805-1895

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$\text{♩} = 80$

Piano 


1. My coun - try, 'tis of thee, Sweet land of lib - er - ty,
 2. My na - tive coun - try, thee, land of the no - ble free,
 3. Let mu - sic swell the breeze, and ring from all the trees
 4. Our fa - thers' God, to thee, Au - thor of lib - er - ty,

5 

of thee I sing: Land where my fa - thers died,
 Thy name I love; I love thy rocks and rills,
 sweet free - dom's song; Let mor - tal tongues a - wake;
 to thee we sing: Long may our land be bright

9 

Land of the pil - grims' pride, from ev - 'ry moun - tain - side
 thy woods and tem - pled hills; My heart with rap - ture thrills
 Let all that breathe par - take; Let rocks their si - lence break,
 with free - dom's ho - ly light. Pro - tect us by thy might,

13 

let free - dom ring.
 like that a - bove.
 the sound pro - long.
 Great God, our king.

*Those for whom it is comfortable, please rise.

Thank You, Jesus Amen

Patrick Matsikenyiri

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Piano $\text{♩} = 80$

Thank you, Je - sus, a - men! Thank you, Je - sus, a - men! Thank you,

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Je - sus, a - men! Al-le - lu - ia! A - men!

This Is My Song (UM Hymnal)

Lloyd Stone & Georgia Harkness

Jean Sibelius, 1899

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Piano $\text{♩} = 80$

1. This is my song, O God of all the na - tions,
2. My coun - try's skies are blu - er than the o - cean,
3. This is my prayer, O Lord of all earth's king - doms:

5

a song of peace for lands a - far and mine.
and sun - light beams on clo - ver - leaf and pine;
Thy king - dom come; on earth thy will be done.

9

This is my home, the coun - try where my heart is;
but oth - er lands have sun - light too, and clo - ver,
Let Christ be lift - ed up till all shall serve him,

13

here are my hopes, my dreams, my ho - ly shrine;
and skies are ev - ery - where as blue as mine.
and hearts u - nit - ed learn to live as one.

17

but oth - er hearts in oth - er lands are beat - ing
O hear my song, thou God of all the na - tions,
O hear my prayer, thou God of all the na - tions;

21

with hopes and dreams as true and high as mine.
a song of peace for their land and for mine.
my - self I give thee; let thy will be done.

You Are Salt for the Earth

Marty Haugen, 1986

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Piano $\text{♩} = 80$



1. You are salt for the earth, O peo-ple: salt for the
2. You are a light on the hill, O peo-ple: light for the
3. You are a seed of the Word, O peo-ple: bring forth the
4. We are a blessed and a pil-grim peo-ple: bound for the

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reign of God! Share the fla-avor of life, O peo - ple: life in the
Cit-y of God! Shine so ho - ly and bright, O peo - ple: shine for the
reign of God! Seeds of mer-cy and seeds of jus - tice, grow in the
reign of God! Love our jour-ney and love our home-land: love is the

8



Cit-y of God! Bring forth the reign of mer-cy bring forth the reign of peace;
Cit-y of God!
Cit-y of God!
Cit-y of God!

13



Bring forth the reign of jus - tice, bring forth the Cit-y of God!