



LEESBURG

United Methodist Church

Worship Program for July 4, 2021
6th Sunday after Pentecost

We Gather

Prelude "God of the Ages with Faith of Our Fathers" (arr. Pinkney)
"Patriotic Medley" Chancel Choir

Welcome Rev. Jim Wishmyer

Call to Worship Margrit Snyder

Leader: God graciously invites us to worship! Come, give thanks for all God has provided, and remember the sacrifices of those who have lived before us.

People: We enjoy the blessings of a land with abundant resources and beauty: mountains and valleys, rivers and lakes, and life in a nation blessed with freedom of worship, thought and opportunity.

Sung Response: Our fathers' God, to Thee, Author of liberty, to Thee we sing.

L As the people of God, we share a dream for this land and all lands, that continues to unfold:

P: A dream to experience the righteous reign of God on earth as in heaven; to see the Good News outshine the bad news; when every valley shall be exalted and the highway of our God becomes our way; where justice and righteousness for all will flow as one, in a life-giving stream.

Sung Response: Our fathers' God, to Thee, Author of liberty, to Thee we sing.

L: This dream, God's dream, continues.

P: Thus we come to draw strength and inspiration in the power of the Holy Spirit, with hope for our future, faith to trust, and love to serve until God's dream and purpose are fulfilled.

Sung Response: Our fathers' God, to Thee, Author of liberty, to Thee we sing.

Opening Prayer Margrit Snyder

L: At home and in-person, please join your heart and voice with me in prayer:

P: Loving God, you have made us and our world for your glory, that we might serve you in freedom and in peace. In celebrating our nation's birth, may we be born anew into your kingdom. Thus, as we seek your blessing on our nation and in our lives, may our worship and service form us to be those who bless you in our living, and who bless others in our serving. Fill us now in this time of worship, with the fulness of your Spirit, that our lives might bear the fruit of your grace and love. In the precious and holy name of Christ, we pray. Amen.

Hymn * "America" (UMH 697) Chancel Choir

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 rock 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 a wake; let all that breathe partake; let rocks their silence break, the sound prolong.
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.

We Proclaim

Scripture Galatians 4:19; 5:22-23 Rev. Wishmyer
 Sung Response "More Like You" (FWS 2167)
 Message "The Problem with Faithfulness" (*Fruit of the Spirit, part 5*) Angela Becek

We Respond

Offering/Doxology
 Holy Communion Word and Table II (UMH 12)
 Next Steps Rev. Wishmyer

We Send Forth

Hymn * "Battle Hymn of the Republic" (UMH 717)

1. Mine eyes have seen the glory of the coming of the Lord; he is trampling out the vintage where the grapes of wrath are stored; he hath loosed the fateful lightning of his terrible swift sword; his truth is marching on.
Refrain: Glory, glory, hallelujah! Glory, glory, hallelujah!
 Glory, glory, hallelujah! His truth is marching on.
2. I have seen him in the watchfires of a hundred circling camps, they have builded him an altar in the evening dews and damps; I can read his righteous sentence by the dim and flaring lamps; his day is marching on. **Refrain**
3. He has sounded forth the trumpet that shall never call retreat; he is sifting out the hearts of men before his judgment seat; O be swift, my soul, to answer him be jubilant, my feet! Our God is marching on. **Refrain**
4. In the beauty of the lilies Christ was born across the sea, with a glory in his bosom that transfigures you and me, as he died to make men holy, let us live to make men free, while God is marching on. **Refrain**
5. He is coming like the glory of the morning on the wave, he is wisdom to the mighty, he is honor to the brave; so the world shall be his footstool, and the soul of wrong his slave. Our God is marching on. **Refrain**

Blessing Rev. Wishmyer
 Postlude "My Faith Looks Up to Thee" (Palmer & Mason)

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 * Learn the stories behind this morning's patriotic hymns: leesburgumc.org/faith-and-life/song-stories-our-patriotic-hymns/

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