



Morning Worship

July 4, 2021

*Then Jesus said to those who believed Him, "If you abide in My word, you are My disciples indeed.
And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free." ~John 8:31-32*

Invitation to Worship

Christian Johns, Youth Minister

Instrumental Prelude

Dr. Sarah Spencer, Pianist

Hymns of Praise

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise Him, for He is thy health and salvation!
All ye who hear, now to His temple draw near;
Praise Him in glad adoration.

Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,
Shelters thee under His wings, yea, so gently sustaineth!
Hast thou not seen how thy desires e'er have been
Granted in what He ordaineth?

Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work and defend thee;
Surely His goodness and mercy here daily attend thee;
Ponder anew what the Almighty can do,
If with His love He befriend thee.

Praise to the Lord, oh, let all that is in me adore Him!
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before Him;
Let the Amen sound from His people again,
Gladly forever adore Him.

This Is My Father's World

This is my Father's world, and to my listening ears
All nature sings, and round me rings the music of the spheres.
This is my Father's world, I rest me in the thought
Of rocks and trees, of skies and seas; His hand the wonders wrought.

This is my Father's world, O let me ne'er forget
That though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the ruler yet.
This is my Father's world, why should my heart be sad?
The Lord is King; let Heaven ring! God reigns! Let earth be glad!

Morning Prayer

Words of Welcome

Greg Stahl, Associate Pastor

God's Revelation

Psalm 33:8-12, 20-22

Let all the earth fear the Lord;
let all the people of the world revere Him.
For He spoke, and it came to be;
He commanded, and it stood firm.
The Lord foils the plans of the nations;
He thwarts the purposes of the peoples.
But the plans of the Lord stand firm forever,
the purposes of His heart through all generations
Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord,
the people He chose for His inheritance.
We wait in hope for the Lord;
He is our help and our shield.
In Him our hearts rejoice,
for we trust in His holy name.
May your unfailing love rest upon us, O Lord,
even as we put our hope in You.

Our Response

Leader: Great is the nation whose God is the Lord.

People: *Happy are those who dwell in that land.*

Leader: Strong is the country that follows His will.

People: *Freedom and liberty abound within its borders.*

Leader: Let us praise God for the beauty and wonder of America.

People: *Let us thank Him for sending His grace upon us.*

Hymns of Assurance

This Is My Song

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.

My country's skies are bluer than the ocean,
And sunlight beams on cloverleaf and pine;
But other lands have sunlight too, and clover,
And skies are everywhere as blue as mine.
O hear my song, Thou God of all the nations,
A song of peace for their land and for mine.

This is my prayer, O Ruler of all nations:
Let Thy reign come; on earth Thy will be done.
In peace may all earth's people draw together,
And hearts united learn to live as one.
O hear my prayer, Thou God of all the nations;
Myself I give Thee; let Thy will be done.

America the Beautiful

O beautiful for spacious skies, for amber waves of grain,
For purple mountain majesties above the fruited plain!
America! America! God shed His grace on thee,
And crown thy good with brotherhood from sea to shining sea!

O beautiful for pilgrim feet, whose stern, impassioned stress,
A thoroughfare for freedom beat across the wilderness!
America! America! God mend thine every flaw,
Confirm thy soul in self-control, thy liberty in law!

O beautiful for heroes proved in liberating strife,
Who more than self their country loved, and mercy more than life!
America! America! May God thy gold refine,
Till all success be nobleness, and every gain divine!

O beautiful for patriot dream that sees beyond the years,
Thine alabaster cities gleam, undimmed by human tears!
America! America! God shed His grace on thee,
And crown thy good with brotherhood from sea to shining sea!

Sanctuary Choir

God Bless America

*words & music by Irving Berlin
arrangement by Roy Ringwald*

Sermon

Christian Johns, ROBC Youth Minister

Strength Rooted in Love

Ephesians 3:14-21

Closing Song

Wherever He Leads, I'll Go

“Take up thy cross and follow me,” I heard my Master say;
“I gave my life to ransom thee, surrender your all today.”

Chorus:

Wherever He leads, I'll go, wherever He leads, I'll go,
I'll follow my Christ who loves me so, wherever He leads, I'll go.

Parting Words

Greg Stahl

Postlude

Dr. Sarah Spencer



We are happy to welcome ROBC Youth Minister,
Christian Johns, to the pulpit this morning.