



## **Worship Resources** *(Sunday, July 5, 2020)*

### **BOLD TYPE IS SPOKEN BY THE CONGREGATION**

Prelude: *Let Us Break Bread Together* African American Spiritual  
*Jane Kerr, Organist*

*Welcome & Announcements*

### **Call to Worship**

*Angus MacInnes, Liturgist*

*Please join me in the Call to Worship*

*I will sing of your steadfast love, O God.*

**I will proclaim your faithfulness to all generations.**

*Your steadfast love endures forever.*

**Your faithfulness is as high as the heavens.**

*Happy are those who sing your praise,*

**who trust you to keep your promises,**

*who extol your righteousness throughout the day.*

**I will sing of God's steadfast love!**

**Let us worship!**

*Opening Hymn: "O Beautiful for Spacious Skies"*

***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 heroes proved in liberating strife,***

***Who more than self their country loved, and mercy more than life!***

***America! America! God mend thine every flaw;***

***Confirm thy soul in self-control, thy liberty in law!***

### **Call to Confession**

*Trusting in God's mercy and loving-kindness, let us confess our sins to God. Let us pray together...*

**Prayer of Confession :** Ever faithful God, forgive my lack of faith! I have failed to be compassionate or generous, afraid I won't have enough for myself. I have failed to trust your power to make me whole, choosing instead to pursue the false promises of this world's goods. I have grown impatient and doubtful when your timing doesn't suit my agenda, substituting my own plans in place of yours. I confess my need of you and your cleansing, forgiving mercy. Come, Holy Spirit. Renew my trust in You.

### **Assurance of Pardon**

Do not be afraid, brothers and sisters. The One who was and is and is to come knows you through and through and has overcome death and sin to forgive you.

**By God's mercy, I have been delivered into Christ's joy which has no end. Thanks be to God! Alleluia! Amen.**

### **Passing of the Peace**

### **Children's Time**

**Prayer for Illumination** Please join me as we prepare our hearts to hear God's Word by praying together: **Holy and gracious God, your steadfast love abides with your people in every age. As the words of your Scripture are read and proclaimed, teach us again to trust you. Show us the way to live grateful lives, without fear, knowing the true worth of all your creation, including ourselves, In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

### **Scripture Reading: Genesis 16:1-10**

<sup>1</sup> Now Sarai, Abram's wife, bore him no children. She had an Egyptian slave-girl whose name was Hagar, <sup>2</sup> and Sarai said to Abram, "You see that the LORD has prevented me from bearing children; go in to my slave-girl; it may be that I shall obtain children by her." And Abram listened to the voice of Sarai. <sup>3</sup> So, after Abram had lived ten years in the land of Canaan, Sarai, Abram's wife, took Hagar the Egyptian, her slave-girl, and gave her to her husband Abram as a wife. <sup>4</sup> He went in to Hagar, and she conceived; and when she saw that she had conceived, she looked with contempt on her mistress. <sup>5</sup> Then Sarai said to Abram, "May the wrong done to me be on you! I gave my slave-girl to your embrace, and when she saw that she had conceived, she looked on me with contempt. May the LORD judge between you and me!" <sup>6</sup> But Abram said to Sarai, "Your slave-girl is in your power; do to her as you please." Then Sarai dealt harshly with her, and she ran away from her.

<sup>7</sup> The angel of the LORD found her by a spring of water in the wilderness, the spring on the way to Shur. <sup>8</sup> And he said, "Hagar, slave-girl of Sarai, where have you come from and where are you going?" She said, "I am running away from my mistress Sarai." <sup>9</sup> The angel of the LORD said to her, "Return to your mistress, and submit to her." <sup>10</sup> The angel of the LORD also said to her, "I will so greatly multiply your offspring that they cannot be counted for multitude."

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn After Sermon: "How Great Thou Art"

**O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder consider all the worlds Thy hands have made;  
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder, Thy power throughout the universe  
displayed.**

**REFRAIN:**

**Then sings my soul, my Savior God to Thee; How great Thou art! How great Thou art! (repeat)  
And when I think that God His son not sparing, sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in;  
That on the cross, my burden gladly bearing, He bled and died to take away my sin. (Refrain)**

**Prayer of Dedication**

Please join me as we pray together:

**Holy God, who gives life, grace, hope, and strength to all creation, we thank you:**

**for your steadfast commitment to your promises,  
for the community of faith you have built here,  
for your servants who have held fast to you through the centuries,  
for the teachings and the witness of our ancestors,  
for the gospel's welcome of all people everywhere,  
for the healing that comes from your watchful care.**

**Bless the gifts that we give that this community, separated by distance but united in spirit, may  
be nurtured and nurture others in faith. Amen.**

Invitation to the Lord's Table

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise...**

Postlude: "Lift Every Voice and Sing"

*Lift every voice and sing till earth and heaven ring,*

*Ring with the harmonies of liberty.*

*Let our rejoicing rise high as the listening skies;*

*Let it resound loud as the rolling sea.*

*Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us;*

*Sing a song full of the hope that the present has brought us.*

*Facing the rising sun of our new day begun, let us march on, till victory is won.*