

First Baptist Church



Growing Toward Christ

July 5, 2020

THE CHURCH AT WORSHIP

The Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

July 5, 2020

Morning Worship

Eleven o' clock

Greeting

Dr. Wayne Brown

Pledge to the Flag of the United States of America

I pledge allegiance to the flag
of the United States of America,
and to the Republic for which it stands,
one nation under God, indivisible,
with liberty and justice for all.

Pledge to the Christian Flag

I pledge allegiance to the Christian flag
and to the Savior for Whose kingdom it stands.
One brotherhood, uniting all Christians in service and love.

Pledge to the Bible

I pledge allegiance to the Bible,
God's holy Word,
and will make it a lamp unto my feet,
a light unto my path,
and will hide its word in my heart
that I may not sin against God.

Prelude

A Song of Liberty
(Patriotic Medley)

Dr. Patricia Slomanski
arr. Harold DeCou

Invocation

Dr. Brown

Hymn of Praise, No. 629

God of Our Fathers
(Stanzas 1, 2 and 4)

NATIONAL HYMN
Bryce Kronenwetter, Trumpet

God of our fathers, whose almighty hand Leads forth in beauty all the starry band Of shining worlds in splendor thro' the skies, Our grateful songs before Thy throne arise.	Thy love divine hath led us in the past, In this free land by Thee our lot is cast; Be Thou our ruler, guardian, guide, and stay, Thy Word our law, Thy paths our chosen way.
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Refresh Thy people on their toilsome way,
Lead us from night to never-ending day;
Fill all our lives with love and grace divine,
And glory, laud, and praise be ever Thine.

A Prayer Litany for Independence Day

Congregation

Leader: As we remember the birth of our nation, and the gifts of life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness, let us offer our thanks and prayers to God, the giver of all good gifts.

People: we thank you Lord.

Leader: For the women and men who braved the long journey by sea to come to this new world,

People: we thank you Lord.

Leader: For the tribes and nations who inhabited this land for generation upon generation,

People: we thank you Lord.

Leader: For patriots who dreamed of, and fought for, a free nation,

People: we thank you Lord.

Leader: For the men and women who laid the foundation of democracy, and who pledged liberty and justice for all,

People: we thank you Lord.

Leader: For those who built this country brick by brick, road by road, and town by town,

People: we thank you Lord.

Leader: For the brave soldiers who have fought for our country, for all who paid for our freedom by their service, and those who paid by their sacrifice,

People: we thank you Lord.

Leader: For the innovators and artists, poets and teachers, farmers and factory workers; for all who labor and provide for the common good,

People: we thank you Lord.

Leader: For this land, with its peaks and valleys, coasts and deserts, fields and meadows,

People: we thank you Lord.

Leader: For our own community, for those who came before us in this place, and for our neighbors near and far,

People: we thank you Lord.

Leader: Lord, we pray for this nation, that we might always be a nation which defends and promotes liberty and freedom, truth and justice,

People: we pray to you Lord.

Leader: That we might always be a nation where all are free to worship and pray,

People: we pray to you Lord.

Leader: That we might be a beacon of freedom to all those who live under the shadow of terror and hopelessness,

People: we pray to you Lord.

Leader: That those who are elected to govern and lead, would be guided by you, and be ever aware of the trust that has been given them,

People: we pray to you Lord.

Leader: That we would be a people who repent from our sins, and who always return to you and to your grace,

People: we pray to you Lord. Amen.

Hymn Response, No. 634

AMERICA

My Country, 'Tis of Thee (Stanzas 1, 3 and 5)

My country, 'tis of thee,
Sweet land of liberty,
Of thee I sing:
Land where my fathers died,
Land of the pilgrims' pride,
From ev'ry mountainside
Let freedom ring!

Let music swell the breeze,
And ring from all the trees
Sweet freedom's song:
Let mortal tongues awake;
Let all that breathe partake;
Let rocks their silence break,
The sound prolong.

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.

Pastoral Prayer

Dr. Brown

Worship through Song

Men's Ensemble
Jimmy Owens

If My People
(2 Chronicles 7:14)

If my people which are called by my name shall humble themselves and pray,
seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven,
and will forgive their sin and heal their land.

The Gospel Reading

Psalm 33:12, John 8:31-38
2 Corinthians 3:12-18, Galatians 5:13-15

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Sermon

Happy Birthday, America . . . The Land of the
Free . . . Really?

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Hymn of Commitment, No. 626

ST. ANNE

In Christ, Our Liberty
(Stanzas 1, 2 and 5)

We bind ourselves in freedom's chains;
The cross has set us free.
God's anvil forged each link with love,
In Christ, our liberty.

Tho' creeds and laws imposed by pow'r
May mock equality,
Our trust in Christ and Christ alone
Will keep our spirits free.

Now free in Christ it's time to stand,
It's time to stand and cry
That freedom will not live beyond
Our willingness to die.

Benediction

Dr. Brown

Postlude

God Bless America

Dr. Slomanski
Irvin Berlin

God bless America, land that I love.
Stand beside her and guide her
Thru the night with a light from above.

From the mountains to the prairies,
To the oceans white with foam,
God bless America, my home sweet home.
God bless America, my home sweet home.



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