

# First Presbyterian Church

Sunday, July 5, 2020 – 9:30 a.m. – Live Stream  
5th Sunday after Pentecost

Prelude

*America, the Beautiful*

Ward / arr. Thygerson

Greetings

Call to Worship

Psalm 145:8-14

Leader: The LORD is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

The LORD is good to all, and his compassion is over all that he has made. All your works shall give thanks to you, O LORD, and all your faithful shall bless you. They shall speak of the glory of your kingdom, and tell of your power, to make known to all people your mighty deeds, and the glorious splendor of your kingdom. Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and your dominion endures throughout all generations. The LORD is faithful in all his words, and gracious in all his deeds. The LORD upholds all who are falling, and raises up all who are bowed down.

**People: Let us worship God.**

Prayer of the Day

Lord God Almighty, in whose name the founders of this country won liberty for themselves and for us, and lit the torch of freedom for nations then unborn: Grant that we and all the people of this land may have the grace to maintain our liberties in righteousness and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. **Amen.**

(1979 Book of Common Prayer, Protestant Episcopal Church in the USA)

Hymn

*My Country, 'Tis of Thee* (vs. 1 – 4)

No. 561

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

**Merciful God, in your gracious presence we confess our sin and the sin of this world. Although Christ is among us as our peace, we are a people divided against ourselves as we cling to the values of a broken world. The profit and pleasures we pursue lay waste the land and pollute the seas. The fears and jealousies that we harbor set neighbor against neighbor and nation against nation. We abuse your good gifts of imagination and freedom, of intellect and reason, and have turned them into bonds of oppression. Lord, have mercy upon us; heal and forgive us. Set us free to serve you in the world as agents of your reconciling love in Jesus Christ. Amen.**

Silence

Organ Response

Assurance of Pardon		
Song of Thanksgiving	<i>Gloria Patri</i>	No. 579
First Reading		Romans 7:15-25a
Kids Connection (pre-recorded)		Liz Norris
Second Reading		Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30
Sermon	<i>“When Your Conscience Condemns You or Who Stands Firm”</i> Rev. Dr. Brent O. Johnston	
Special Music	<i>This Land is Your Land</i> Joe Emery, Guitar	Woody Guthrie
Testimony (pre-recorded)		Dave Duncan
Pastoral Prayer and The Lord’s Prayer		
Call to Stewardship		
Offertory Anthem Solo	<i>God Bless America</i> Terry McManis, Baritone	Irving Berlin
Doxology		No. 592
Prayer of Dedication		
Hymn	<i>O Beautiful for Spacious Skies (vs. 1 – 4)</i>	No. 564
Charge and Benediction		
	Leader: The Lord be with you. <b>People: And also with you.</b>	
Postlude	<i>God of our Fathers</i>	Warren

### Worship Leaders

Pastor	Brent O. Johnston
Director of Music	Steve Bixler
Organist	Gary Huffman