

*HYMN OF COMMITMENT NO. 702

America the Beautiful

MATERNA

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 ev’ry 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 ev’ry 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.

*BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE NO. 642

Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross

NEAR THE CROSS

**Jesus, keep me near the cross: there a precious fountain,
free to all, a healing stream, flows from Calv’ry’s mountain.
In the cross, in the cross be my glory ever,
till my ransomed soul shall find rest beyond the river.**

POSTLUDE

Memorial Trumpet

Franklin Ritter

**Stand as you are able. | CCLI #1036515*

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THE WORSHIP OF GOD

Memorial Day | Seventh Sunday of Easter

ELEVEN O’CLOCK

May 24, 2020

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Dietrich Bonhoeffer wrote, “The first confession of the Christian community before the Lord is the deed.” We remember today the sacrificial deeds of others and seek the strength to be living sacrifices today.

CHIMING OF THE HOUR AND PRELUDE

The Everlasting Arms

arr. Lani Smith

WELCOME AND CALL TO REVERENCE

Rev. Thrailkill

*CALL TO WORSHIP

If it were not for God, what would we do? What would we be?

Thank God we are not left to our own devices. Thank God we are not alone.

Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made the heavens and the earth.

Come let us worship the Lord, who is our Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer, and Friend!

*INVOCATION

Rev. Thrailkill

God of our yesterdays and our tomorrows, nothing is permanent but your love; nothing is certain except your presence. When life is changing and stark realities set in, remind us that you are still with us. Make us certain of who you are and of your good works in our lives, that we may not only worship you today, but live before others, that they may know we trust and belong in you. Amen.

*HYMN OF PRAISE NO. 62

NATIONAL HYMN

God of Our Fathers

God of our fathers,
whose almighty hand
leads forth in beauty
all the starry band
of shining worlds
in splendor through 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.

From war’s alarms,
from deadly pestilence,
be Thy strong arm
our ever sure defense;
Thy true religion
in our hearts increase,
Thy bounteous goodness
nourish us in peace.

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.

CHILDREN’S MOMENT

Anna Tart

PASTORAL PRAYER

Dr. Phillips

*SONG OF PREPARATION

Beth & Matt Redman

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Blessed be Your name
in the land that is plentiful
Where Your streams of
abundance flow
Blessed be Your name

Blessed be Your name
when I’m found in the desert place
Though I walk through the wilderness
blessed be Your name

Ev’ry blessing You pour out I’ll
turn back to praise
When the darkness closes in Lord
still I will say

Blessed be the name of the Lord
Blessed be Your name
Blessed be the name of the Lord
Blessed be Your glorious name

Blessed be Your name
when the sun’s shining down on me
When the world’s all as it should be
Blessed be Your name

Blessed be Your name
on the road marked with suffering
Though there’s pain in the offering,
blessed be Your name

Ev’ry blessing...
Blessed be the name...

You give and take away
You give and take away
My heart will choose to say
Lord blessed be Your name

You give and take away...
Blessed be the name...
Blessed be the name...

*WORDS OF THANKSGIVING

ANTHEM

Tom & Robin Brooks

Heal Our Land
Scott Thrailkill, soloist

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Exodus 1:8-17, 2:1-8 & Romans 12

SERMON

Dr. Phillips

A Transformational Sacrifice