

WE GATHER IN THE PRESENCE OF CHRIST

Prelude God Bless The USA Lee Greenwood

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Welcome

† **Opening Hymn**America the Beautiful
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1. 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! May God thy gold refine, till all success be nobleness, and every gain divine.

3. O beautiful for patriot dream that sees beyond the years thine alabaster cities gleam, undimmed by human tears!

America! America! God mend thine every flaw, confirm thy soul in self-control, thy liberty in law.

Blessing for Children

Prayers of the People

A Pastor will begin a time of prayer and name those for whom our congregation is praying. Online Worshipers may type prayer requests in the Live Chat, taking care for privacy.

Pastoral Prayer

WE HEAR OF THE LOVE OF CHRIST

Scriptures

Philippians 2:5-11 (CEB)

Adopt the attitude that was in Christ Jesus:

Though he was in the form of God,

he did not consider being equal with God something to exploit.

But he emptied himself

by taking the form of a slave

and by becoming like human beings.

When he found himself in the form of a human,

he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.

Therefore, God highly honored him

and gave him a name above all names,

so that at the name of Jesus everyone

in heaven, on earth, and under the earth might bow

and every tongue confess

that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Scriptural Response

Liturgist: The Word of God for the People of God.

All: Thanks be to God! Amen.

AnthemThere Is a RedeemerArr. Benjamin HarlanChancel Choir, Sue Boles, Flute©2000 BMG Songs, Inc.

Message We Believe: Jesus Christ Rev. Bob Rhodes

WE RESPOND TO THE PRESENCE OF CHRIST

Response in the World

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory

My Country, 'Tis of Thee

Arr. Laurel Hunt Pedersen

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† **Doxology** Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow UMH 94

Affirmation of Faith

One: We believe!

All: in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth;

One: We believe!

All: in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born

of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, is seated at the right hand of the Father, and will come again to judge the

living and the dead.

One: We believe!

All: in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the

forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body and the life everlasting.

One: We believe!

All: We believe! Amen.

Thanksgiving and Holy Communion

Online worshipers are invited to select elements including bread and juice (or similar) from their homes to participate in Holy Communion. Please wait until directed before receiving your elements.

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.

Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our tresspasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Prayer After Communion

WE FOLLOW CHRIST INTO THE WORLD

† Closing Hymn

Grace Greater Than Our Sin

UMH 365

 Marvelous grace of our loving Lord, grace that exceeds our sin and our guilt! Yonder on Calvary's mount outpoured, there where the blood of the Lamb was spilt.

Refrain

Grace, grace, God's grace, grace that will pardon and cleanse within; grace, grace, God's grace, grace that is greater than all our sin!

2. Sin and despair, like the sea waves cold, threaten the soul with infinite loss; grace that is greater, yes, grace untold, point to the refuge, the mighty cross.

Refrain

Grace, grace, God's grace, grace that will pardon and cleanse within; grace, grace, God's grace, grace that is greater than all our sin!

3. Dark is the stain that we cannot hide. What can avail to wash it away? Look! There is flowing a crimson tide, brighter than snow you may be today.

Refrain

Grace, grace, God's grace, grace that will pardon and cleanse within; grace, grace, God's grace, grace that is greater than all our sin!

4. Marvelous, infinite, matchless grace, freely bestowed on all who believe! You that are longing to see his face, will you this moment his grace receive?

Refrain

Grace, grace, God's grace, grace that will pardon and cleanse within; grace, grace, God's grace, grace that is greater than all our sin!

† Benediction

Postlude

Eternal Father, Strong To Save

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