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Memorial Day

Welcome and Announcements

Andrea Harmon

*Prelude*

*Meditation*

*We Gather in the Word*

Call to Worship (from Psalm 20)

Gail Long, Lay Reader

In times of trouble, may the Lord answer your cry.

May the name of the God of Jacob keep you safe from all harm.

**May he send you help from his sanctuary and strengthen you from Jerusalem.**

May our God remember all your gifts and look favorably on your burnt offerings.

**May the Lord grant your heart's desires and make all your plans succeed.**

May we shout for joy when we hear of your victory and raise a victory banner in the name of our God.

May the Lord answer all your prayers.

*\*Gathering Song*

*My Country, 'tis of Thee*

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*My country, 'tis of thee, sweet land of  
liberty, of thee I sing: land where my  
father died, land of the pilgrims' pride,  
from every mountain side let freedom ring.*

*My native country, thee, land of the  
noble free, thy name I love; I love thy  
rocks and rills, thy woods and templed hills;  
my heart with rapture thrills like that above.*

*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.*

\*Opening Prayer

Great and loving God, we ask that your Holy Spirit bless our time together and refresh us with your presence. In the midst of a world full of trouble and strife, we thank you for watching over us, guiding us, and as we confess our sins, for forgiving us. Enable us to enter your presence today joyfully and reverently, and let us depart with the assurance that our sins are forgiven. Fill us, O God, with the peace that passes all understanding. Amen.

\*Shar.      \*Sharing the Peace of Christ

*Anthem*

*Majesty*

*Chancel Choir*

Scripture

Psalms 23

Pew Bible, Page 392

Reading: A History of Memorial Day

Gail Long

*Song:*

*For all the Saints*

*326 (v. 1,3,4)*

*For all the saints who from their labors rest, who  
thee by faith before the world confessed, thy  
name, O Jesus, be forever blest. Alleluia! Alleluia!*

*O blest communion, fellowship divine!  
We feebly struggle; they in glory shine; yet  
all are one in thee, for all are thine. Alleluia! Alleluia!*

*And when the strife is fierce, the warfare long,  
steals on the ear the distant triumph song; yet  
hearts are brave again, and arms are all thine. Alleluia! Alleluia!*

Scripture

1 Corinthians 13

Pew Bible, Page 813

Reading: The Meaning of Sacrifice

Joyce Knouse

*Song:*

*This is the day*

*Can you hear it? The gentle voice of the spirit*

*There's no reason to fear it, He's calling you to life  
Just surrender, Run into the arms of the Father  
The night is finally over, Take a step into the light*

*Refrain: This is the day when the lost are found  
This is the for a new beginning. Amazing grace how sweet the sound  
Oh can you hear all the angels are singing  
This is the day, the day when life begins*

*Can you see it, a light shines into the darkness  
Bringing hope to the hopeless, its leading you to life  
This is the day, When all your sins are washed away  
In the waves of His unending grace, Forever you're alive (Refrain)*

*\*Prayers of the People*

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 debts as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

Receiving Our Offering

*\*Doxology    Praise God from whom all blessings flow  
                  Praise God all creatures here below  
                  Praise God above ye heavenly host  
                  Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

*\*Prayer of Dedication*

*Song:                                    O Beautiful for Spacious Skies                                    338*

*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 love And mercy more than life!*

*America! America! May God mend thine every flaw;  
confirm thy soul in self control, thy liberty in law!*

*O beautiful for patriot dream that sees beyond the years  
thine alabaster cities gleam, un-dimmed by human tears!  
America! America! May God thy gold refine  
till all success be nobleness and every gain divine!*

\*Blessing

Postlude