

**SERVICE OF WORSHIP  
SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST  
INDEPENDENCE DAY  
JULY 4, 2021**

**ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME**

**PRELUDE**

**A PRAYER UPON ENTERING GOD'S HOUSE**

*Gather us together in this place today, Dear Friend. Hear our prayers, receive our praise, equip us with your word, and then, as you sent out the Twelve, send us out to share your message of hope, healing, and redemption. Amen.*

**WORDS OF WELCOME**

**SENTENCES OF ADORATION**

**\* OPENING HYMN: *ETERNAL FATHER, STRONG TO SAVE***

273 (red)

*1 Eternal Father, strong to save, Whose arm has bound the restless wave,  
Who bids the mighty ocean deep Its own appointed limits keep;  
O hear us when we cry to Thee For those in peril on the sea.*

*2 O Christ, whose voice the waters heard And hushed their raging at thy word,  
Who walked upon the foaming deep, And calm amid the rage did sleep;  
O hear us when we cry to Thee For those in peril on the sea.*

*3 O Holy Spirit, who does brood Upon the chaos dark and rude,  
And bids the angry tumult cease, And give for wild confusion peace;  
O hear us when we cry to Thee For those in peril on the sea.*

*4 O Trinity of love and pow'r, Our brothers shield in danger's hour;  
From rock and tempest, fire, and foe, Protect them where-so-e'er they go;  
Thus, evermore shall rise to Thee Glad hymns of praise from land and sea.*

**\* CALL TO WORSHIP:**

**Pastor:** In our sanctuaries, in our hometowns, in the city, we say:

**People:** **God is great and so worthy of our praise!**

**Pastor:** God's praise and reputation extend to the far corners  
of Earth.

**People:** **Let the towns rejoice!**

**Pastor:** Let our own community rejoice, saying:

**People:** **This is God, our God, forever and always! God is the one who will  
lead us even to the very end.**

**Pastor:** Come, let us worship.

**REJOICING IN GOD'S GRACE**

**\* CALL TO AND CONFESSION OF SIN:**

**God of relationship, you have given us communities filled with friends, family, colleagues and neighbors, all created in your image. Yet, too often, we find ourselves taking this gift of companionship for granted. We criticize those closest to us, and even those we have not met. We are envious of others' success. We find ourselves stuck in an attitude of judgment rather than a posture of praise. We excel at finding fault and are reluctant to seek common ground. Amen.**

**\* THE KYRIE (sung) 750**

Leader: Lord, have mercy upon us.

*Congregation: Lord, have mercy upon us.*

Leader: Christ, have mercy upon us.

*Congregation: Christ, have mercy upon us.*

Leader: Lord, have mercy upon us.

*Congregation: Lord, have mercy upon us.*

**\* WORDS OF AFFIRMATION**

Pastor: Our need to be right has been met by the one who was willing to be misunderstood, dishonored, criticized, and unfairly condemned.

**Unison: Christ emptied himself for our sake, opening to us the fullness of life with God – reconciled and redeemed. Thanks be to God. Amen.**

Pastor: O Lord, open our lips.

**People: And our mouths shall show forth your praise.**

**\* THE GLORIA PATRI (sung) 759**

*Glory to the Creator, the Christ, the Holy Spirit, Three-in-One; as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.*

**\* RESPONDING TO GOD'S GRACE**

*As a sign of our reconciliation with God and each other, let us share the peace of St. Patrick.*

**Unison: Christ's peace be with you,  
Christ's peace within you,  
Christ's peace behind you,  
Christ's peace before you,  
Christ's peace beside you,  
Christ's peace to win you,  
Christ's peace to comfort you and restore you.  
Christ's peace be with you.**

**LEARNING ABOUT GOD**

**THE PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION**

**THE SCRIPTURE LESSON:**

*Cindy Talaber*

Old Testament: II Samuel 5:1 – 5, 9 – 10

Epistle: II Corinthians 12:2 – 10

New Testament: Mark 6:1 – 13

## THE CHILDREN'S SERMON

### HYMN: *GOD BLESS OUR NATIVE LAND*

66 (red)

*1 God bless our native land; Firm may she ever stand  
Through storm and night: When the wild tempests rave,  
Ruler of wind and wave, Do thou our country save  
By thy great might.*

*2 For her our prayer shall rise To God above the skies;  
On him we wait; Thou who art ever nigh,  
Guarding with watchful eye. To you aloud we cry,  
God save the state!*

*3 Not for this land alone, But be God's mercies shown  
From shore to shore; And may the nations see  
That men should brothers be, And form one family  
The wide world o'er.*

### SERMON: *Tell Me Where It Hurts*

#### DEDICATING OURSELVES TO GOD'S WILL

#### \*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH:

Pastor: Jesus taught us to speak of hope as the coming of God's kingdom.

**Unison: We believe that God is at work in our world turning hopeless and evil situations into good. We believe that goodness and justice will triumph in the end and that tyranny and oppression cannot last forever. One day all tears will be wiped away; the lamb will lie down with the lion, and justice will roll down like a mighty stream.**

Pastor: True peace and true reconciliation are not only desired, they are assured and guaranteed in Christ.

**Unison: This is our faith.  
This is our hope.**

#### THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Pastor: We thank you for journeying with us, Christ Jesus, and for setting an example of resilience in times of trial. Travelling this road is not easy. We admit we'd rather play it safe than risk rejection as your disciples. Grant us the strength to be resilient, unfaltering, and determined to become the people you have called us to be. We dream of being leaders with heart and humility, strength and tenacity, servants not tyrants, following you and emulating your leadership. Yet let us also be content

with whatever hardships we bear for your sake, Jesus; for, as Paul reminds us, when we admit our weakness, we discover your strength.

**People: Change our hearts and lives, O God, we pray.**

Pastor: When the world's leaders fail to act justly, give them wisdom and courage.

**People: Change our hearts and lives, O God, we pray.**

Pastor: When the church falters in its efforts on your behalf, renew our spirits and our determination.

**People: Change our hearts and lives, O God, we pray.**

Pastor: When we second-guess our ability to do your will, restore our sense of purpose.

**People: Change our hearts and lives, O God, we pray.**

Pastor: When our plans run aground, and our offers of help are refused,

**People: Send us back on the road, Lord Jesus, for your sake.**

Pastor: Help us, transform us, and hear us as we lift to you these prayers for encouragement, consolation, and thanks:

*(The names of specific people, places, and circumstances may be lifted up at this time)*

Pastor: We offer our prayers to the one rejected by his hometown, but welcomed by sinners like us, praying for mercy and grace as we pray the prayer Jesus taught;

**Unison: 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.**

## **GIVE THANKS TO GOD**

### **THE FELLOWSHIP OF SHARING**

#### **OFFERTORY**

- \* **OFFERTORY RESPONSE – THE DOXOLOGY** (sung) 780  
*Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below; Praise God above, you heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.*

- \* **PRAYER OF DEDICATION:**

**Loving Christ, thank you for teaching us your healing ways, and for entrusting us with your message. Thank you for your generosity of bread and clothing and money of which you spoke so long ago. These are items we cannot imagine travelling without, and basics that many people struggle to attain. Receive our offering today; may it be used to ease the suffering of those you love here in our hometown and beyond. May our praise extend to the far corners of Earth. Amen and amen.**

## GO IN GOD'S NAME

61(red)

### \* **CLOSING HYMN: MINE EYES HAVE SEEN THE GLORY**

*1 Mine eyes have seen the glory of the coming of the Lord;  
he is trampling out the vintage where the grapes of wrath are stored;  
he has loosed the fateful lightning of his terrible swift sword;  
his truth is marching on.*

*Refrain:*

*Glory, glory, hallelujah! Glory, glory, hallelujah!  
Glory, glory, hallelujah! His truth is marching on.*

*2 I have seen him in the watchfires of a hundred circling camps,  
they have builded him an altar in the evening dews and damps;  
I can read his righteous sentence by the dim and flaring lamps;  
his day is marching on. [Refrain]*

*3 He has sounded forth the trumpet that shall never call retreat;  
he is sifting out the hearts of men before his judgment seat.  
O be swift, my soul, to answer him; be jubilant, my feet!  
Our God is marching on. [Refrain]*

*4 In the beauty of the lilies Christ was born across the sea,  
with a glory in his bosom that transfigures you and me;  
as he died to make us holy, let us die to make men free,  
while God is marching on. [Refrain]*

### \* **BENEDICTION AND THREEFOLD AMEN**

### \* **MEDITATION**

*Almighty God, grant that the words we have heard this day with our ears may  
be grafted into our hearts through your grace, that they may produce in us the  
fruits of a good life, to the praise and honor of your name; through Jesus Christ  
our Lord. Amen.*

### \* **POSTLUDE**

*\*Would those who are able please stand.*

**Welcome to Faith Church this Sixth Sunday after Pentecost.** We are glad to have you worshipping with us. May our time together serve as an inspiration for the days and weeks ahead.

**Special thanks to Matthew Wehr** for sharing his musical gifts with us this morning!

**The church office will be closed tomorrow in observance of Independence Day.**

**Parish Administrator Sandy David is back in the office on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays.** Her office hours are 9 am to 4 pm. **She'll continue to work from home on Mondays** and will check messages but if you find yourself in immediate need on a Monday you can reach her at 610-967-6232.

**Music at Faith has always been a primary component of our community worship experience** and we are looking for you to take part! If you want to sing, choose a favorite hymn tune -solo, duet, etc.; play guitar, trumpet, piano or harp, just choose a Sunday to offer your gift. Check your life calendar, choose a Sunday and call me... Dennis Duda at 215.361.8641 or email me at [ddduda@verizon.net](mailto:ddduda@verizon.net). We can make this a wonderful moment for everyone at Faith Church. Thank you so much. -  
*Dennis*

## CALENDAR

TODAY -10:15 Worship  
MONDAY -4<sup>th</sup> of July  
-Office Closed  
FRIDAY -Pastor's Day Off/Office Closed  
SUNDAY -10:15 Worship



### *Those Who Will Serve:*

	<b>July 4</b>	<b>July 11</b>
Head Usher:	Tom Berghold	Tom Berghold
Ushers:	Brenda Hovis Elaine Trexler	Cindy Talaber Caroline Frantz
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