

*Order of Worship*  
**SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**  
10:00 am – July 4, 2021

***Watching Live?***

*Text your prayer requests to 805-309-6867 before the end of the first hymn.*

**PRELUDE**

*I Vow to Thee, My Country*  
Tyler Carlisle, organ

by Gustav Holst

**WELCOME**

**CALL TO WORSHIP** (responsive)

O God, we are thirsty for your freedom in our lives.  
**Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom!**  
We come and worship you, knowing that you will meet us here.  
**Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom!**  
Thank you, Lord, for freeing us from slavery to sin and death.  
**Your freedom enables us to live by the Spirit.**  
Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom!  
**We are set free! Thanks be to God!**

**HYMN**

*Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)*  
CCLI / Streaming: 345977 / 20105371 CCLI Song # 4768151

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Amazing grace! how sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me!  
I once was lost but now am found; was blind, but now I see.  
'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear; and grace my fears relieved.  
How precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed.

My chains are gone, I've been set free. My God, my Savior, has ransomed me.  
And like a flood His mercy rains, unending love, amazing grace.

The Lord has promised good to me; His word my hope secures.  
He will my shield and portion be as long as life endures.

My chains are gone, I've been set free. My God, my Savior, has ransomed me.  
And like a flood His mercy rains, unending love, amazing grace.

The earth shall soon dissolve like snow, the sun forbear to shine.  
But God who called me here below, will be forever mine, will be forever mine, You are forever mine.

**LITANY FOR INDEPENDENCE DAY** (responsive)

O God, our creator, we thank you this day for the blessings of our ancestors,  
of whatever race or nation, who planted the seeds of freedom for humankind.  
**We thank you for the lives of all who have nourished the idea of freedom  
and who have struggled to make it a reality.**

We thank you for all those who today still stand for freedom, wherever they may be,  
and who seek to make certain that freedom is for all persons.

**We ask that we may be bearers of freedom in every life we touch,  
and that we may be free to grow, to hope, and to seek fulfillment in our own lives.**

Lord God Almighty, you have made all the peoples of the earth for your glory, to serve you  
in freedom and in peace. Inspire the minds of all women and men to whom you have committed  
the responsibility of government and leadership in the nations of the world.

**Give them the vision of truth and justice, that by their counsel  
all nations and peoples may work together.**

Give to the people of our country a zeal for justice and the strength of forbearance,  
that we may use our liberty in accordance with your gracious will.

**Grant that we and all the people of this land may have 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.**  
(adapted from *The United Methodist Book of Worship*, ©1992)

**HYMN**

*This is My Song*

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This is my song, O God of all the nations, a song of peace for lands afar and mine.  
This is my home, the country where my heart is; here are my hopes, my dreams, my holy shrine;  
but other hearts in other lands are beating with hopes and dreams as true and high as mine.

My country's skies are bluer than the ocean, and sunlight beams on cloverleaf and pine;  
but other lands have sunlight too and clover and skies are everywhere as blue as mine.  
O hear my song, Thou God of all the nations, a song of peace for their land and for mine.

This is my prayer, O Lord of all earth's kingdoms: Thy kingdom come; on earth Thy will be done.  
Let Christ be lifted up till all shall serve Him, and hearts united learn to live as one.  
O hear my prayer, Thou God of all the nations; myself I give Thee; let Thy will be done.

**PASTORAL PRAYER**

**SPECIAL MUSIC**

*God Bless America*

by Irving Berlin

Dianna Burdick, vocalist; Tyler Carlisle, piano

**SCRIPTURE**

*Galatians 5: 1, 13-25*

Anneli Labins

The Word of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

**MESSAGE**

**OFFERTORY PRAYER** (unison)

**Almighty God, giver of every good and perfect gift, teach us to render to you all that we have and all that we are, that we may praise you, not with our lips only, but with our whole lives, turning the duties, the sorrows, and the joys of all our days into a living sacrifice to you; through our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.**  
(adapted from *The Book of Worship*, ©1965)

**THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

*Christ our Lord invites to His table all who love him, who earnestly repent of their sin and seek to live in peace with one another. Therefore, let us confess our sin before God and one another.*

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (unison)

**Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart. We have failed to be an obedient church. We have not done your will, we have broken your law, we have rebelled against your love, we have not loved our neighbors, and we have not heard the cry of the needy. Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**WORDS OF ASSURANCE** (responsive)

Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that proves God's love toward us.  
**In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Glory to God. Amen.**

**COMMUNION**

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Let us lift up our hearts. **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

... as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.**

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and the cup.

**Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ,  
that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by His blood.**

... all honor and glory is yours, almighty God, now and forever. **Amen.**

**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 trespasses, 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.**

**HYMN**

*For Freedom, Christ Has Set Us Free*

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“For freedom, Christ has set us free!” What joy is ours to claim!  
No more enslaved, humanity finds life in Jesus' name.  
We try, Lord, to be justified through all the works we do.  
Yet you adopt us, saying, “Child, it's Christ who makes you new.”  
We're clothed in Christ and we belong; now no one waits outside.  
In him we find our common song; old ways no more divide.  
“It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me.”  
He died for us, new life to give — and new identity.  
Now, Spirit-filled, may we be led from ways that would destroy.  
May we your people turn instead to lives of love and joy.  
May we find peace that makes us whole and patience everywhere.  
God, give us kindness, self-control, and hearts and hands that share.

**BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**

*They, the Builders of the Nation*  
Tyler Carlisle, organ

by Alfred Durham

***Prayer Requests***

Santa Barbara: St. Marks UMC — Pastor Cindy Huskey

Camarillo Korean UMC — Pastor Sang Yung Lee

