

Heavenly Father, be with us this day as we have gathered to worship you. Help us to remember our great obligation to live as Your children. Help us to live in such a way that Your name is honored and that our nation is blessed as we look toward our July 4<sup>th</sup> celebration. Help us and teach us to comprehend and understand the words of Psalm 33:6-12

**By the word of the Lord the heavens were made, and by the breath of his mouth all their host. He gathers the waters of the sea as a heap; he puts the deeps in storehouses.**

Lord help us always to be mindful of the great power that You have. You are the Creator God and able to right all wrongs in an instant. Help us to trust Your ways over the fickle ways of man.

**Let all the earth fear the Lord; let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of him! For he spoke, and it came to be; he commanded, and it stood firm.**

Remind us Lord to fear You with a reverential awe living our lives in Your righteousness to prove our obedience to You. Help us to firmly stand as we trust in You.

**The Lord brings the counsel of the nations to nothing; he frustrates the plans of the peoples. The counsel of the Lord stands forever, the plans of his heart to all generations.**

Lord teach us to understand that all unrighteous works of man cannot oppose Your counsel. In Your time, You will frustrate plans that are against Your will and bring us to a point where only Your plans prevail.

**Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord, the people whom he has chosen as his heritage!**

Almighty God, forgive us as a nation for our great sin of neglecting Your ways. Bless those You have chosen to lead our nation to repentance as we live out our Godly heritage.

In Jesus name we pray, Amen.



(Pastor Gary Barkley / Sunday, July 2, 2023)