

A nursery is available during the service. An usher will be happy to assist you.

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**Welcome and Announcements
Moments of Friendship**

PRELUDE My Country, 'Tis of Thee Traditional

(Please take this time to silently prepare yourself to worship God.)

CALL TO WORSHIP Ken Smith, Liturgist

Liturgist: I tell you this: It is a wonderful thing when members of the family live together in love and peace.

People: They shall be like trees planted beside flowing rivers.

Liturgist: May the church be one, just as Christ and God are one, that Christ may be glorified in us.

People: They shall yield good fruit in its season, and their leaf shall never wither.

Liturgist: The grace, mercy and peace, of the Lord Jesus, be with you.

People: And also with you.

Liturgist: Let us Pray.

PRAYER OF PRAISE

***HYMN No. 482** Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty

***CONFESSION OF SIN** (*In Unison*)

You sent your Son, O God, that we might have eternal life. You send us also, as Christ's followers, to make your name known in the world. We confess to you the weakness of our witness. We tolerate evil, accept injustice, avoid the needy, and ignore the lonely. Sometimes we look no different from the world, as if Christ means nothing to us. Lord, have mercy on us. Purify our lives, and cleanse us of our sin. Make our lives one with Jesus Christ, that the world may know your truth and find in us the good news of your love.

(Let each worshipper pray silently.)

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

***GLORIA PATRI** (*The Presbyterian Hymnal, No. 579*)

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

FIRST LESSON: Acts 1:15-17 (Pew Bible, NT Section, page 109)

Liturgist: This is the Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

SECOND LESSON: 1 John 5:9-13 (Pew Bible, NT Section, page 220)

Liturgist: This is the Word of the Lord

People: **Thanks be to God.**

***HYMN No. 301** Lord Jesus, Think on Me

SERMON LESSON: John 17:6-19 (Pew Bible, NT Section page 103)

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON "Praising Disciples" Jonathan Fettig

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** – (*In Unison*)

Apostles' Creed (traditional)
The Presbyterian Hymnal p. 14

GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory

***PRESENTATION**, The Doxology (*The Presbyterian Hymnal, No. 592*)

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below;

Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

***PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

***HYMN No. 417** Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE We've A Story to Tell to the Nations arr. Weiss

***Those who are able, please stand**

MUSICAL NOTES

The Anthem, My Country, 'Tis of Thee, (Hymn No. 541) also known as *America*, is an [American patriotic song](#). The melody comes from the British [national anthem, God Save the Queen](#) and the German [Kaiserhymne](#). The same melody is the national anthem of [Liechtenstein](#) and has served as an anthem for [Denmark](#), [Germany](#), [Russia](#), [Sweden](#) and [Switzerland](#).

The lyrics to *My Country, 'Tis of Thee* were written in [1831](#) by Reverend [Samuel Francis Smith](#) of [Boston's Park Street Church](#) while at the [Andover Theological Seminary](#) in [Andover, Massachusetts](#). The song served the United States as a de facto national anthem for much of the [19th century](#).

We sing this anthem today as a sign of gratitude to all who *have* served and *continue* to serve this Country with such dedication and selflessness. Thank you.

The Postlude, We've a Story to Tell to the Nations, written by H. Ernest Nichol, like many old favorites, first appeared in *The Sunday School Hymnary* (London: 1896). This hymn has been a favorite of mine since childhood and I have always enjoyed 'experimenting' with it for postludes. Please take time to reflect on this powerful text.

*We've a story to tell to the nations that shall turn their hearts to the right,
A story of truth and mercy, a story of peace and light, A story of peace and light.*

Refrain: *For the darkness shall turn to dawning, and the dawning to noonday bright, And Christ's great Kingdom shall come on earth, the Kingdom of love and light.*

We've a song to be sung to the nations that shall lift their hearts to the Lord, A song that shall conquer evil And shatter the spear and sword. And shatter the spear and sword. (Refrain)

We've a message to give to the nations that the Lord Who reigneth above hath sent us His Son to save us and show us that God is love, And show us that God is love. (Refrain)

We've a Savior to show to the nations, Who the path of sorrow hath trod, that all of the world's great peoples might come to the truth of God, Might come to the truth of God. (Refrain)