

## SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 28, 2017

10:00 a.m.

### SENDING

#### \*HYMN #807

*My Country, 'Tis of Thee*

AMERICA

This service is being broadcast over radio station WATN 1240

#### \*THE CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

#### THE POSTLUDE

*God of Our Fathers, Whose Almighty Hand*

Carl Bingle, organ

Warren/arr. Broughton



### MEMORIAL DAY

*On this Memorial Day let us all express our gratitude and pride  
For those who have gone to war, fought for us and died.*

*Mothers and fathers, who have left their children behind,  
To go to unfamiliar places to protect the rights of mankind.*

*Bravely going into combat, putting their lives in harms way,  
Fighting so that each of us can enjoy another day.*

*Men and women fighting for the security for you and me,  
Marching to war to keep our land the home of the free.*

*For each soldier that has served their country with dedication,  
Sacrificing their lives for our freedom without hesitation.*

- author unknown

### GATHERING

#### GATHERING MUSIC

*More Love to Thee* (Hymn 634)

*The Mighty Power of God* (Hymn 128)

*My Faith Looks Up to Thee* (Hymn 539)

Carl Bingle, FPC Organist

Janet Linker

Michael Burkhardt

David Hegarty

#### GREETING

Peace be with you.

**And also with you.**

#### PRELUDE

*Eternal Father, Strong to Save*

arr. Callahan

Long known as the Navy hymn (Melita), the Whiting/Spencer text, Hymn 808,  
prays for protection of all our armed forces on "air and land and sea."

Carl Bingle, organ

#### CALL TO WORSHIP ~ adapted from Psalm 68

Leader: Let the truth be seen above the din of evil;  
let light overcome darkness; flee like the night at dawn.

**People: Like a good wind drives the smoke from the fire,  
like tinder that ignites, let evil become nothing.**

May joy find the right and let song leap from us -  
a joyful song rising.

**Be the melody of God;**

**become the tune that rises from the heart  
and rides on the wind ever saying, "Holy One,"  
a song rising within.**

Protector of the least, guardian of the forgotten:  
the Holy One, the soul in splendor.

**The Holy One builds with the weary soul  
a sanctuary of beauty.**

**The evil and darkness, the sadness and disdain  
no longer weary the soul.**

**\*HYMN #132**

*Join All the Glorious Names*

DARWALL

**INVITATION TO REPENTANT PRAYERS**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Sustainer of the weary, we know how we sang for joy when Christ came into our lives and how we have not followed him when he leads us in our journey. We have hidden our faces from the pain and suffering in our world. We have turned a deaf ear to the cries of the poor, the hungry, the oppressed. Forgive us, Steadfast God, and shine your face upon us. Empty us of all that hinders us from following Christ to where pain and suffering, exploitation and injustice exist. Empower us with the Holy Spirit so that our lives continually glorify you and our tongues forever confess Jesus as Lord. This we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.**

A MOMENT OF SILENCE FOR PERSONAL PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

**WORDS OF COMFORT AND FORGIVENESS**

You are God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of the One who called you out of darkness into light. Receive the good news of the gospel: in Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

**In Jesus Christ, you also are forgiven. Thanks be to God.**

**\*TURN YOUR EYES UPON JESUS - Hymnal #340**

*Turn your eyes upon Jesus, Look full in His wonderful face; And the things of earth will grow strangely dim In the light of His glory and grace.*

**LITURGIST WELCOME**

**THE WORD**

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

**FIRST LESSON**

Luke 23:1-5 (New Testament, page 88 in pew Bibles)

**SOLO**

*Be Still, My Soul*

John Willaman, soloist

Sibelius/arr. Sally De Forest

**CHILDREN'S TIME**

"Holding Space for Someone"

Rev. Dr. Marti Montovani

(At this time we invite all K-7th graders to join us for Sunday School. Please have children follow the teacher thru the door on the left. Children will meet parents in Fellowship Hall after the service.)

**Hymn #209**

*This is the day, this is the day that the Lord has made, that the Lord has made; We will rejoice, we will rejoice and be glad in it, and be glad in it. This is the day that the Lord has made; We will rejoice and be glad in it. This is the day, this is the day that the Lord has made.*

**SECOND LESSON**

Luke 23:6-12 (New Testament, page 88 in pew Bibles)

**SERMON**

"The Emperor's Advice"

Rev. Dr. Fred Garry

**\*HYMN #539**

*My Faith Looks Up to Thee*

OLIVET

**ELDERS' PRAYER AND 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.*

**OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS AND TITHES**

**OFFERTORY**

"The Mansions of the Lord"

Glennie-Smith, arr. Bingle

*To fallen soldiers let us sing, where no rockets fly nor bullets wing,  
Our broken brothers let us bring to the Mansions of the Lord.*

*No more bleeding, no more fight, no prayers pleading through the night—  
Just divine embrace, eternal light in the Mansions of the Lord.*

*Where no mothers cry and no children weep,  
we will stand and guard though the angels sleep.*

*All through the ages safely keep The Mansions of the Lord.*

- Randall Wallace

**\*BLESS THE LORD, O MY SOUL - Hymnal #58**

BLESS THE LORD

*Bless the Lord, O my soul; Bless the Lord, O my soul; And all that is within me bless His holy name. Bless the Lord, O my soul; Bless the Lord, O my soul; And all that is within me bless His holy name.*

**\*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**