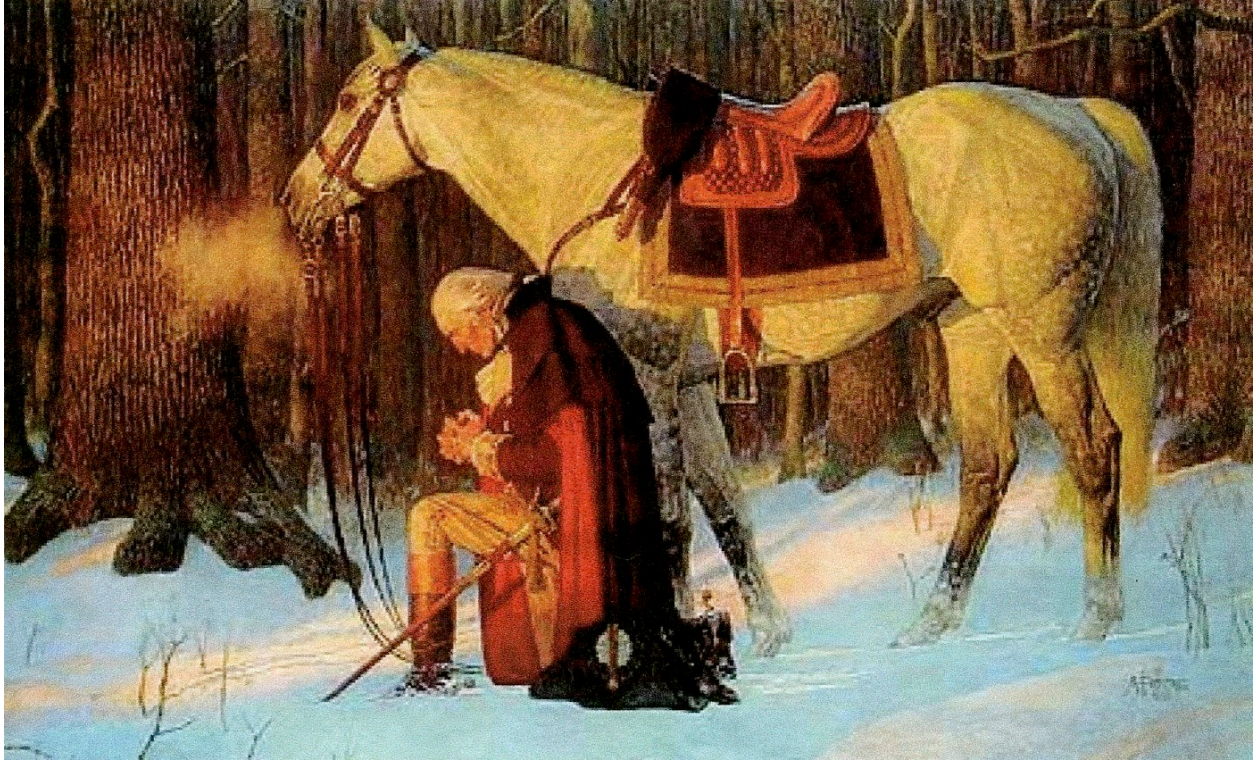


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GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME

THE RINGING OF THE BELL

Dan Charnews /Tyler Hago/ Glenn Jahier

CALL TO WORSHIP

(Based on various Psalms)

The Earth is the Lord's,

And all who dwell in it.

God rules over the nations,

And sits on a holy throne.

God rules by might forever,

With eyes keeping watch on the nations.

Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,

For God judges the people with equity and guides the nations upon Earth.

May God be gracious to us and bless us.

And may God's ways be known upon the Earth.

HYMN # 561

My Country, Tis of Thee

AMERICA

My country, 'tis of thee, sweet land of liberty, of thee I sing.

Land where my fathers died. Land of the pilgrims' pride.

From every mountainside let freedom ring.

My native country, thee, land of the noble free, thy name I love.

I love thy rocks and rills, thy woods and templed hills.

My heart with rapture thrills like that above.

Let music swell the breeze, and ring from all the trees sweet freedom's song.

Let mortal tongues awake. Let all that breathe partake.

Let rocks their silence break, the sound prolong.

Our fathers' God, to Thee, Author of Liberty, to Thee we sing.

Long may our land be bright with freedom's holy light.

Protect us by Thy might, Great God, our King.

*Those who are willing and able are invited to stand.
Congregation reads aloud the words in ***bold italics***.

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, we confess that we have failed to love You most of all. We have failed to fully be Your church in this time and place. We have sinned against You and against one another by things we have done and things we have left undone. We have not loved our neighbors because we have failed to see Christ in others. Forgive us, we pray. Free us to walk in the light of Your grace, and in full obedience to Your will, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

GLORIA PATRI

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, Amen.

PRAYER CONCERNS

Elder Betty Chatfield

PASTORAL PRAYER & THE LORD'S PRAYER

Eternal God, before You, nations rise and fall. Help us to repent our country's wrong, and to choose Your way of reunion and renewal.

Great God, renew this nation.

Give us a glimpse of the Kingdom You are bringing to Earth, where death and violence and hunger will be no more, and where all nations gather in the light of Your presence.

Great God, renew this nation.

Teach us peace, that we may plow up battlefields and pound weapons into building tools, and learn to talk across old boundaries as brothers and sisters in Your love.

Great God, renew this nation.

Talk sense to us, so that we may wisely end all prejudices, and that we may put a stop to injustice and cruelty, which divides and wounds the human family.

Great God, renew this nation.

Draw us together as one people who do Your will, so that we may be a light to our nation, leading the way to Your promised kingdom, which is even now coming among us.

Great God, renew this nation.

We pray all this in Jesus' name, who taught us to pray by saying:

Our Father, who art in Heaven...

Congregational Response # 333: (Please remain seated)
LAFFERTY

Seek ye first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness.

And all these things shall be added unto you. Allelu, alleluia.

INVITATION TO OFFERING

DOXOLOGY *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 DEDICATION

*You have blessed our nation with immense wealth and opportunity, O Lord.
We pray that You will be honored greatly this day as we give to You what is
already Yours. Bless our cheerful giving, and bless our tithes and offerings.
Amen.*

THE READING OF SCRIPTURE

Psalm 30
Luke 10:1-11, 16-20

HOLY SPIRIT PRAYER

SERMON

Rev. Candace Whitman

COMMUNION HYMN # 517

WIE LIEBLICH IST DER MAIEN

We Come as Guests Invited

*We come as guests invited when Jesus bids us dine.
His friends on Earth united to share the bread and wine.
The bread of life is broken, the wine is freely poured
For us, in solemn token of Christ our dying Lord.*

*We eat and drink, receiving from Christ the grace we need.
And in our hearts believing on Him by faith we feed.
With wonder and thanksgiving for love that knows no end,
We find in Jesus living our ever-present Friend.*

*One bread is ours for sharing, one single fruitful vine.
Our fellowship declaring renewed in bread and wine.
Renewed, sustained, and given by token, sign, and word,
The pledge and seal of Heaven, the love of Christ our Lord.*

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Heavenly Creator, we give You thanks for this meal. Through the death and resurrection of Your Son, Jesus, we have been shown the way to peace. Give us grace and strength as Your people to be channels of peace in the world, speaking Your peace, living Your peace, and always longing for that moment of eternal peace. Unite us in bonds of love, and work with us to accomplish Your purposes on Earth, that all nations and peoples may serve You in harmony around Your Heavenly throne. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord, Amen.

HYMN # 262
HYMN

God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand

NATIONAL

*God of the Ages, whose almighty hand
Leads forth in beauty all the starry band
Of shining worlds in splendor through the skies,
Our grateful songs before Thy throne arise.*

*Thy love divine hath led us in the past.
In this free land by Thee our lot is cast.
Be Thou our ruler, guardian, guide, and stay.
Thy word our law, Thy paths our chosen way.*

*From war's alarms, from deadly pestilence,
Be Thy strong arm our ever-sure defense.
Thy true religion in our hearts increase
Thy bounteous goodness; nourish us in peace.*

*Refresh Thy people on their toilsome way.
Lead us from night to never-ending day.
Fill all our lives with love and grace divine,
And glory, laud, and praise be ever Thine.*

BENEDICTION

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE:

*God bless America, land that I love.
Stand beside her, and guide her
through the night with the light from above.
From the mountains to the prairies, to the oceans white with foam.
God bless America, my home sweet home.
God bless America, my home sweet home.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

POSTLUDE

Joys and Announcements

Welcome, Rev. Candace Whitman

This morning, we welcome Rev. Candace Whitman to the pulpit. Rev. Candace Whitman earned her Master of Divinity from Princeton Theological Seminary in 2011 and subsequently served as a chaplain at Yale-New Haven Hospital in Connecticut as well as pastor of two churches on the East End of Long Island. Her writing for a wider audience has recently appeared in *The East Hampton Star* and *The Christian Century*. Before heeding the call to ministry, Rev. Candy specialized in Art and Art Education, and became a noted author-illustrator of children's books. She is delighted to serve as Pastor-at-Large for the Presbytery of Long Island and preach the word at the First Presbyterian Church of Greenlawn today.

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