

**THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
OF GREENLAWN**

**GOD BLESS
AMERICA**
LAND THAT *I love*
STAND BESIDE **HER**
AND GUIDE **HER**
through the night
WITH A **LIGHT**
FROM *above*
FROM THE MOUNTAINS
TO THE PRAIRIES
to the oceans white WITH FOAM
GOD BLESS AMERICA
MY HOME *Sweet Home*

**Sunday Service of Worship
July 2, 2023 10:00 a.m.**

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**THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF GREENLAWN
June 25, 2023 – 10:30 a.m.**

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GATHERING MUSIC

Leonora Knight

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE RINGING OF THE BELL

Dan Charnews

OUR NATIONAL ANTHEM

Olivia Evola

CALL TO WORSHIP

On July 4, 1776, our forebears bravely advanced the cause of freedom and liberty by declaring this nation's independence and sovereignty, and that all of her citizens possessed the unalienable rights of life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness given by our Creator. It is appropriate, therefore, as we celebrate our nation's 247th birthday, that we give thanks to God, and pray for continued blessings upon our country, our government, and our fellow citizens.

Our ancestors came from all places and all peoples
So that we can gather here today.

Some traveled across the ice. Others came later in boats.

Still others walked or forged rivers. Some arrived in planes.

They found a land blessed.

Blessed with mountains and valleys, rivers and oceans,

Fertile earth, deep woods, and promising cities.

It was here that dreams were born.

Dreams of freedom from all oppression.

Dreams of hope for their children.

Dreams of people in community under God.

And so the dream continues.

We pray for continued blessings;

One nation, under God, indivisible,

With liberty and justice for all.

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 pilgrim's 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 Father's 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.*

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, we know we have let You down in many ways. We haven't lived up to Your high intentions for us. You send us out as ambassadors of peace; instead we pick fights with our sisters and brothers. You commission us to travel light, and we become bogged down with our possessions. You ask us to help ease the burdens of others, but we add to them. Patient God, please forgive us. 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

A PRAYER FOR PEACE & THE LORD'S PRAYER

Lord. Make me an instrument of Your peace!

Where there is hatred ... let me sow love.

Where there is injury ... pardon.

Where there is doubt ... faith.

Where there is despair ... hope.

Where there is darkness ... light.

Where there is sadness ... joy.

*O Divine Master, grant that we may not so much
seek to be consoled ... as to console.*

To be understood ... as to understand.

To be loved ... as to love.

For it is in giving that we receive.

It is in pardoning that we are pardoned.
And it is in dying that we are born to Eternal Life.

Amen.

All this we pray in Jesus' name, saying, "***Our Father ...***"

Congregational Response:

*Breathe on me, breath of God. Fill me with life anew.
That I may love what Thou dost love, and do what Thou wouldst do.*

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

From our present abundance, we offer our gifts to you, Generous God, so that the hungry might be fed, so that the broken might find healing, and so the grieving might be comforted. Amen.

THE READING OF SCRIPTURE

Deut 10:17-21, Psalm 145
Hebrews 11:8-16, Matthew 5:43-48

HOLY SPIRIT PRAYER

SERMON

Rev. Dr. Ann M. Van Cleef
"Liberty and Justice for All"

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

O God, You made us in Your own image and redeemed us through Jesus, Your Son. Look with compassion on the whole human family; take away the arrogance and hatred which infect our hearts. Break down the walls that separate us. Unite us in bonds of love, and work with us to accomplish Your purposes on earth, that in Your good time, all nations and peoples may serve You in harmony around Your heavenly throne. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

HYMN # 262

NATIONAL HYMN

God of the Ages, whose Almighty Hand

*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.*

JOYS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS, FOLLOWED BY POSTLUDE

Mark Your Calendar

Our annual summer gathering at the “Greenport Parsonage” will take place on Saturday, August 5, starting at 3 p.m. Information to follow!

The Little Food Pantry

We are in need of canned tuna and chicken, cereal, pasta and spaghetti, Chef Boy-R-Dee ravioli, canned fruit: peaches, pears, plums, mandarin oranges, mixed, (no applesauce), rice, and peanut butter and jelly. Thank you for your generosity.

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