

**THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
OF GREENLAWN**



**Sunday Celebration of Worship
July 4, 2021 – The Sixth Sunday after Pentecost
Independence Day
10:00 a.m.**

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WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE RINGING OF THE BELL

Deacon Barbara Small

GATHERING MUSIC

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 245th 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 # 262

God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand

NATIONAL HYMN

*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/*

PRAYER CONCERNS

Elder Betty Chatfield

BIDDING PRAYER

“ ... We ask God's forgiveness and call upon God's unconditional love and boundless mercy to grant that we may be given the strength and courage to live more fully into our faith and beliefs.

Let us pray: O God, bless the leaders of our land, that we may be a people at peace among ourselves and a blessing to other nations of the earth.

God, keep this nation under Your care.

To the President and members of the Cabinet, to Governors and Mayors, and to all in authority, grant wisdom and grace in the exercise of their duties.

Give grace to Your servants, O God.

To Senators and Representatives, to those who make the laws in states, cities, and towns, give courage, wisdom, and foresight to provide for the needs of all our people, and to fulfill our obligations in the community of nations.

Give grace to Your servants, O God.

To judges and officers of our courts, give understanding and integrity that human rights may be safeguarded and justice served.

Give grace to Your servants, O God.

And finally, teach our people to rely on Your strength and to accept their responsibilities to their fellow citizens, that they may elect trustworthy leaders and make wise decisions for the well-being of our society, that we may serve You faithfully in our generation and honor Your holy name All this we ask saying, "Our Father.."

HYMN # 561

My Country 'Tis of Thee
(Verses 1 and 2)

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 ev'ry 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.*

THE FIRST READING

Deacon Larry Foray

from *The Mayflower Compact*, 1620

HYMN # 559

We Gather Together

KREMSER

*We gather together to ask the Lord's blessing.
He chastens and hastens His will to make known.
The wicked oppressing now cease from distressing.
Sing praises to His name, He forgets not His own.*

THE SECOND READING

Elder Debbie Eitel

from *A Letter from Abigail Adams to John Adams*, March 31, 1776

HYMN # 386

O for a World

AZMON

*O for a world where everyone respects each other's ways,
Where love is lived and all is done with justice and with praise.*

*O for a world where goods are shared and misery relieved,
Where truth is spoken, children spared, equality achieved.*

*We welcome one world family and struggle with each choice
That opens us to unity and gives our vision voice.*

THE THIRD READING
from *The Preamble to the Constitution*

Elder Kathie Gerlach

HYMN # 561

My Country 'Tis of Thee
(Verses 3 and 4)

AMERICA

*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.*

THE FOURTH READING
from *Tecumseh, Addressing William Henry Harrison,
Governor of the Indiana Territory, Protesting Land Sales, 1810*

Claire Proctor

HYMN # 320

The Lone, Wild Bird

PROSPECT

*The lone wild bird in lofty flight is still with Thee, nor leaves Thy sight.
And I am Thine! I rest in Thee. Great Spirit, come and rest in me.*

*The ends of Earth are in Thy hand. The sea's dark deep and far-off land.
And I am Thine! I rest in Thee. Great Spirit, come and rest in me.*

INVITATION TO OFFERING

The First Presbyterian Church of Greenlawn
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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 FIFTH READING
from *Lincoln's Second Inaugural Address, 1865*

Larry Reinhardt

HYMN # 563

Lift Every Voice and Sing

LIFT EVERY VOICE

*Lift every voice and ding till Earth and Heaven ring,
Ring with the harmonies of liberty.
Let our rejoicing rise high as the listening skies.
Let it resound loud as the rolling sea.*

*Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us. *
Sing a song full of the hope that the present has brought us.
Facing the rising sun of our new day begun.
Let us march on, till victory is won.

THE SIXTH READING

Elder Betty Chatfield

from *Theodore Roosevelt's "A Square Deal" Speech, September 7, 1903*

HYMN

Called as Partners in Christ's Service

BEECHER

*Called as partners in Christ's service, called to ministries of grace,
We respond with deep commitment, fresh new lines of faith to trace.
May we learn the art of sharing side by side and friend with friend,
Equal partners in our caring to fulfill God's chosen end.*

THE SEVENTH READING

Craig Satterlee

from *The First Inaugural Address of Franklin Delano Roosevelt, March 4, 1993*

HYMN # 564

O Beautiful for Spacious Skies
(Verses 1 and 2)

MATERNA

*O beautiful for spacious skies, for amber waves of grain,
For purple mountain majesties above the fruited plain.
America! America! God shed His grace on thee,
And crown thy good with brotherhood from sea to shining sea.*

*O beautiful for pilgrim feet, whose stern, impassioned stress
A thoroughfare for freedom beat across the wilderness.
America! America! God mend thine every flaw.
Confirm thy soul in self-control, thy liberty in law.*

THE EIGHTH READING

Elder Meg Lawrence

from *The Inaugural Address of John F. Kennedy, January 20, 1961*

HYMN # 564

O Beautiful for Spacious Skies
(Verses 3 and 4)

MATERNA

*O beautiful for heroes proved in liberating strife,
Who more than self their country loved, and mercy more than life!
America! America! May God thy gold refine
Till all success be nobleness and every gain divine.*

*O beautiful for patriot dream that sees beyond the years
Thine alabaster cities gleam, undimmed by human tears.
America! America! God shed His grace on thee,
And crown thy good with brotherhood from sea to shining sea.*

THE NINTH READING

Rev. Dr. Ann Van Cleef

Matthew's Gospel 11:25-30 (The Message)

SERMON

“Reflections on Independence Day”

Rev. Dr. Van Cleef

COMMUNION HYMN

This Is My Song
(Verses 1 and 2)

FINLANDIA

*This is my song, O God of All the Nations,
A song of peace for lands afar and mine.
This is my home, the country where my heart is.
Here are my hopes, my dreams, my holy shrine.
But other hearts in other lands are beating
With hopes and dreams as true and high as mine.*

*My countries skies are bluer than the ocean,
And sunlight beams on clover leaf and pine.
But other lands have sunlight too, and clover,
And skies are everywhere as blue as mint.
O hear my song, thou God of All the Nations,
A song of peace for their land and for mine.*

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

This Is My Song
(Verse 3)

FINLANDIA

*This is my prayer, O Ruler of All Nations.
Let Thy reign come. On Earth, Thy will be done.
In peace may all Earth's people draw together,
And hearts united learn to live as one.
O hear my prayer, thou God of All the Nations.
Myself I give Thee. Let Thy will be done.*

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

Summer Get-Together at the "Greenport Parsonage"

Last call to RSVP! If you haven't told Pastor Ann that you will be attending the Summer Get Together at the "Greenport Parsonage" this coming Saturday, rain or shine, please do so today.

Church Fair Planning Meeting

Deacon Larry Foray would like to have a short meeting after coffee hour on Sunday, July 11, to discuss the Church Fair. Please stay for the meeting, especially if you are planning on being one of the volunteers.

Church Craft Fair Date Has Been Set

Saturday, September 25, is our Church Fair. Larry Foray is chairing this all-day event. It will look a bit different than Craft Fairs of the past – for one thing, it will be an all-outdoor affair. (Pandemic, you know.)

Please spread the word among craftspeople you know. Larry has applications for 10 x 10 foot spaces on the lawn. Our church will have about 5 tables to sell things. If you are interested in staffing a church table, please see Larry.

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