



Sixth Sunday after Pentecost
Good Shepherd United Methodist Church
July 4, 2021 10:30 am Order of Worship

Prelude: *My Country 'tis Thee*, arr. B. Hill

Dr. Larisa Soboleva, Music Director

Greeting

Call to Worship

Worship Leader

Leader: Let God's praise be heard in the midst of the congregation.

People: Shout praise to the Lord of hosts!

Leader: Let God's praise be whispered in the spirits of the people!

People: We give you thanks for the many ways you have loved and guided us.

Leader: Let God's praise be proclaimed wherever we are.

People: May we praise God in all that we do and say Amen.

Opening Prayer

Worship Leader

We lift up our hearts to you, O God, on this day of celebration, in gratitude for the gift of being here today. We rejoice with all those who share in the great dream of freedom and dignity for all, because we are all made in your image. We honor those who have sacrificed, that we might have the chance to live in freedom to worship you and serve humanity with our God-given gifts. As we deny all prejudice a place in our hearts, may we also clearly declare our intention to work for the time when all people are granted equal dignity and worth. Come, O gracious God, who led your children Israel from slavery-set us free from all that might hold us in bondage. We praise you, our eternal security, the One in whom we place our trust. Amen

Hymn *This is My Song* #437 Listen as Carol Ghenic, Linda Gottron, Kathy Lewis, Bruce Temperley and Jan Woods sing

Scripture: Mark 6:1-13

Worship Leader

Leader: This is the word of God for the people of God

People: Thanks be to God

Sermon: *The Paradox of Preaching on July 4th*

Rev. Stephen K. Perrine

Offertory: *Adagio*, L. Beethoven

Doxology Hymnal #95

Listen as Carol, Linda, Kathy, Bruce & Jan sing

The Great Thanksgiving

Leader: The Lord be with you. **People: And also with you.**

Leader: Lift up your hearts. **People: We lift them up to the Lord.**

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Leader: And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

People: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Leader: And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

People: Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again

Leader: All honor and glory is yours, almighty Father (*God*), now and forever.

All: Amen.

Lord's Prayer

Communion

Hymn: *America the Beautiful* #696 Listen as Carol, Linda, Kathy, Bruce & Jan sing

Announcements

Benediction/Blessing

Postlude: *Battle Hymn of the Republic*, arr. S. Richardson

Announcement

July Food Pantry shopping list:

flour

sugar

peanut butter & jelly

We would appreciate your help in restocking our shelves with any of these items, plus your paper shopping bags.