

**CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF MASSILLON**  
**ORDER OF WORSHIP**  
**Sunday, July 5, 2020**

*On this Independence Day weekend, we welcome you all in the name of Jesus Christ, through whom we find freedom from fear and despair, and in whom we receive liberation for our souls. As we celebrate the Holy Sacrament this morning, may You be blessed with a profound sense of Jesus' presence, and the assurance of God's unconditional grace. Now, enjoy worship!*

Welcome and Gathering

L. The Lord be with you!

**P. And also with you!**

The Prelude

The Call to Worship

L. Uprightness befits a nation whose Lord is God!

**P. We gather this morning as citizens of this nation, founded upon divine principals.**

L. May our pursuit be righteousness and justice; our aim, liberation of the oppressed and equality for all; our passion, ushering in the Kingdom of God.

**P. We worship this morning as citizens of the Kingdom of God, founded upon the way, truth and life of our Lord Jesus Christ.**

**All In Jesus' name, we come before Almighty God in thanksgiving and praise!**

Hymn No. 564 – "O Beautiful for Spacious Skies" (vss. 1-2)

**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 servanthood, 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!**

Prayer of Confession (unison)

**God our Redeemer, we come this morning praying for the health of our nation. In many ways, we have fallen short of the divine principles upon which we are founded. Founded to be a free people, we have allowed structures of oppression to thrive. Founded to promote justice, we have allowed injustice to reign. Founded to apply law equally, we have allowed systemic inequality to lift up some while keeping others down. We confess the sins of our nation, and our own sins of complicity in silence, in the name of Jesus.....**

Silent Prayer..... "Amen"

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Assurance of Pardon

L. While the sins of our soul are like scarlet, the mercy of the Lord scrubs us white as snow.

**P. By the power of Jesus' body broken and blood outpoured, we are forgiven and made clean!  
Praise be to the Lord!**

Response – "Spirit of the Living God"

**Spirit of the living God, Fall afresh on me; Spirit of the living God, Fall afresh on me.  
Melt me, mold me, Fill me, use me. Spirit of the living God, Fall afresh on me.**

The Pastoral 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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the Kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

Special Music

First Old Testament Lesson – Psalm 99:1-5

Hymn No. 332 – "Live Into Hope"

**Live into hope of captives freed, Of sight regained, the end of greed.  
Th 'oppressed shall be, the first to see, The year of God's own jubilee!**

**Live into hope, the blind shall see, With insight and with clarity,  
Removing shades, of pride and fear --- a vision of our God brought near.**

**Live into hope of liberty, The right to speak, the right to be,  
The right to have, one's daily bread, To hear God's word and thus be fed.**

**Live into hope of captives freed, From chains of fear or want or greed.  
God now proclaims our full release, To faith and hope and joy and peace.**

Second Old Testament Lesson – Amos 5:18-24; 9:13-15

Sermon: "Let Justice Roll Down"

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

The Invitation and Institution  
Partaking of the Sacred Meal

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Prayer of Thanksgiving (unison)

**Lord of light and life, God of Word and Sacrament, Father of our Savior Jesus Christ, we have been well-fed at Your table of remembrance, and for that, we are profoundly grateful. As we have now received the elements pointing to our forgiveness and redemption in Christ, let us forgive others, and spread the gospel through the witness of our lives. In the name of Jesus, who is the Bread of Life and the Vine which connects us, we recommit ourselves to our discipleship journey. Amen.**

Call to Giving and Prayer of Dedication

The Doxology

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God all creatures here below.  
Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

Hymn No. 564 – “O Beautiful for Spacious Skies” (vss. 3-4)

**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 Benediction

The Postlude

***Our thanks to this morning’s worship team:*** Leigh Conti  
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***We so appreciate being invited into your homes each Sunday morning! May the Lord grant you joy, peace, strength, wellness, and good cheer in the week ahead. See you next Sunday***