

Welcome & Announcements

Prelude *You Are My All in All*

Mark Hayes

Call to Worship (Psalm 139)

Leader: God, you created us and knit us together while we were still in our mother's womb.

All: **We give thanks to you that we are marvelously set apart.**

Leader: Lord, your works are wonderful;

All: **We know that very well.**

Leader: You know the number of hairs on our heads, you know all our thoughts. You call us to childlike faith, and invite us to run to you.

All: **Let us worship our God!**

Opening Hymn *My Country, 'Tis of Thee*

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Verse 1 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 mountain side, Let freedom ring!

Verse 2 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.

Verse 3 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.

Verse 4 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.

Prayer of Confession (unison)

Lord, you call us to welcome all to God's vast family, but yet we continue to put up human made barriers. You call us to love our enemies and make space for those we don't agree with; but yet, too often we turn to hate, disinterest, or apathy. You call us to serve; when often times we'd rather be served. You call us to welcome God's kingdom like a child, but yet we are too keen to be independent adults, turning away, and making our faith overcomplicated. Forgive us when we turn away and gather us in your arms and grant us childlike faith. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon (Leader)

Friends, hear the good news! The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance that Christ came into the world to save sinners. He, himself, bore our sins in his body on the cross that we might be dead to sin and alive to all that is good. Friends, in Christ we are forgiven. Amen!

Pass the Peace (Leader)

The Peace of Christ be with you!

Friends, the peace of Christ be with you! Please stay in your seat but pass peace to neighbors by waves and/or air hugs. If you are worshipping with us online, we encourage you to text a friend and pass the peace.

Song *Who You Say I Am*

Who am I that the highest King, Would welcome me, I was lost but He brought me in, Oh His love for me, Oh His love for me

Who the Son sets free, Oh is free indeed, I'm a child of God, Yes I am

Free at last, He has ransomed me, His grace runs deep

While I was a slave to sin, Jesus died for me, Yes He died for me

Chorus Who the Son sets free, Oh is free indeed, I'm a child of God

Yes I am, In my Father's house, There's a place for me

I'm a child of God, Yes I am

Bridge I am chosen not forsaken, I am who You say I am

You are for me not against me, I am who You say I am

Repeat Chorus

Repeat Bridge

Repeat Chorus

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Children's Moment

Scripture *Luke 18:15-17*

¹⁵ People were bringing babies to Jesus so that he would bless them. When the disciples saw this, they scolded them. ¹⁶ Then Jesus called them to him and said, "Allow the children to come to me. Don't forbid them, because God's kingdom belongs to people like these children. ¹⁷ I assure you that whoever doesn't welcome God's kingdom like a child will never enter it."

Prayers of the People and The Lord’s Prayer

And now as Christ taught us, we are bold to pray... 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; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Call for Offering

Friends, our giving is one way of saying thank you to God for what God has given us. It’s an act of gratitude. It is also an act of worship. Just as we present our words in liturgy and song and prayers to God, we present a portion of the fruit of our work to God, our money. May we reflect on what we have been given and respond by giving generously to the work of God through this community.

Today’s Offertory Song *God Who Listens*

Benediction

Knowing Jesus blessed even vulnerable, trusting, excited and expectant children, we now extend that blessing in God’s name. Friends, know that you are a child of God. You are a child of God whether you are 5 or 95. You are a beloved child of God. May you accept God’s loving and comforting embrace, may you receive Jesus’ hands upon your head, and take your place at the welcoming table of God, and in childlike faith, grow into God’s kingdom. And with God’s infinite help, may you pull up a chair for other children of God when they come to join the party. Amen.

Postlude *Who You Say I Am* (reprise)

Soloist Lisa Pluska

Offertory Music Phil Griffin, William Aikens, Lisa Pluska

Congregational Music Praise Band

Pianist and Leader of New Stone Gathering Amy Bowman

Director of Children’s Ministry Todd Bowman

Worship Leader The Rev. Amanda Maguire Thomas

Liturgist The Rev. Dr. Dan McCoig Jr.



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MAY 23 9 AM Fellowship Hall 11 AM Sanctuary	MAY 30 10 AM Parking Lot 11 AM Sanctuary
JUNE 6 10 AM Parking Lot 11 AM Sanctuary	JUNE 13 9 AM Fellowship Hall 11 AM Sanctuary
JUNE 20 9 AM Fellowship Hall 11 AM Sanctuary	JUNE 27 10 AM Parking Lot 11 AM Sanctuary
JULY 4 9 AM Fellowship Hall 11 AM Sanctuary	JULY 11 9 AM Fellowship Hall 11 AM Sanctuary
JULY 18 9 AM Fellowship Hall 11 AM Sanctuary	JULY 25 10 AM Parking Lot 11 AM Sanctuary
AUGUST 1 9 AM Fellowship Hall 11 AM Sanctuary	AUGUST 8 9 AM Fellowship Hall 11 AM Sanctuary
AUGUST 15 9 AM Fellowship Hall 11 AM Sanctuary	AUGUST 22 9 AM Fellowship Hall 11 AM Sanctuary
AUGUST 29 10 AM Parking Lot 11 AM Sanctuary	

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