

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

9:00 WORSHIP SERVICE



**Happy is the nation whose God is the Lord,  
the people whom he has chosen as his heritage.**

**Psalm 33:12, NRSV**

*Welcome to Court Street United Methodist Church*



We are a people called United Methodists.  
*Open Hearts    Open Minds    Open Doors*

The mission of Court Street United Methodist Church  
is to be a welcoming, nurturing, and serving community of Christ.

*Sixth Sunday after Pentecost*  
July 4, 2021

Please keep your personal belongings with you at all times.  
You may wear a mask and social distance at your discretion outside. Thank you.

§ Denotes when to stand as you are able

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## WE GATHER TO BE NURTURED

Prelude                      “I’m Proud To Be An American”                      Performed by Todd Bonzi

### § Call to Worship

*One:* With glad and grateful hearts,  
**All: With thanksgiving**  
*One:* Flowing from sea to shining sea,  
**All: We gather this day**  
*One:* To sing a song of praise  
**All: To God**  
*One:* For our country,  
**All: For our world,**  
*One:* For peace.

Opening Hymn UMH #697                      “America (My Country ’Tis of Thee)”

## WE ARE NURTURED BY GOD’S WORD

Old Testament Reading                      Psalm 48

*Leader:* This is the Word of God for The People of God.  
**People: Thanks be to God.**

Children’s Message                      “Pledges of Allegiance”                      *James L. Crow*

§ Gospel Reading                      John 8:31-36

*Leader:* This is the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.  
**People: Glory to you, O Lord.**

“Forever Free”  
*Rev. Calvin Culpepper*

## WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

Musical Witness                      “The Voice of Truth”                      Performed by Todd & Samantha Bonzi

Offering Our Gifts and Ourselves

§ Doxology UMH #94                      “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

## THE SERVICE OF WORD AND TABLE

Please partake of your wafer and grape juice when instructed.  
Gluten-free wafers are available.

## WE ARE SCATTERED TO SERVE

Hymn of Sending Forth UMH #696

“America the Beautiful”

Benediction

O God, the king of righteousness, lead us, we pray you, in the ways of justice and of peace; inspire us to break down all oppression and wrong, to gain for everyone their due reward, and from everyone their due service; that each may live for all and all may care for each, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

–William Temple (1881-1944), Archbishop of Canterbury and  
President of Worker’s Educational Association

Postlude

“God Bless America”

Performed by Samantha Bonzi

**Please take your bulletins with you when you leave.**

Flag for the United States  
of America



*I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America and to the Republic for which it stands, one Nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.*

Christian  
Flag



*I pledge allegiance to the Christian flag, and to the Savior for whose kingdom it stands. One Savior, crucified, risen, and coming again with life and liberty for all who believe.*

*We thank the following people for enhancing our worship:*

Samantha Bonzi | Todd Bonzi | Jack Armstrong

*We also thank the members of the Dixieland band for enhancing our luncheon:*

Cary Sheley, Trombone | Ken Stein, Clarinet | John Meyers, Trumpet | Bruce Warden, Piano

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## TODAY'S WORSHIP

**Ushers:** Sue Cram Team | **Van Driver:** Tim Gorman  
**Video Ministries Technicians:** Krysta Tilges & Andrew Mertzenich

## Announcements

- Next Sunday we are collecting a special offering for our Apportionment.
- Box lunches will be served immediately after today's service to those who ordered them. There will also be fun children's activities, complimentary treats from the Nurture and Outreach Committee, and a Dixieland band. The service will not be live-streamed but recorded and then uploaded by noon.
- The church will be closed on Thursday, July 15<sup>th</sup> for a staff planning day.
- On July 24th, Court Street UMC will host a food distribution with Jeremiah Development at 10 a.m. If you are interested in volunteering, please call or text Jeanine Wang at (815) 218-1700.
- Don't forget to take Pastor Cal with you on vacation this summer. Krysta, Jim, and Pastor Cal worked hard to produce the images, and Dan Boon did the finishing cuts so those images would be perfect to integrate into your photos.

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# OPENING HYMN UMH #697

## “AMERICA (MY COUNTRY ‘TIS OF THEE)”

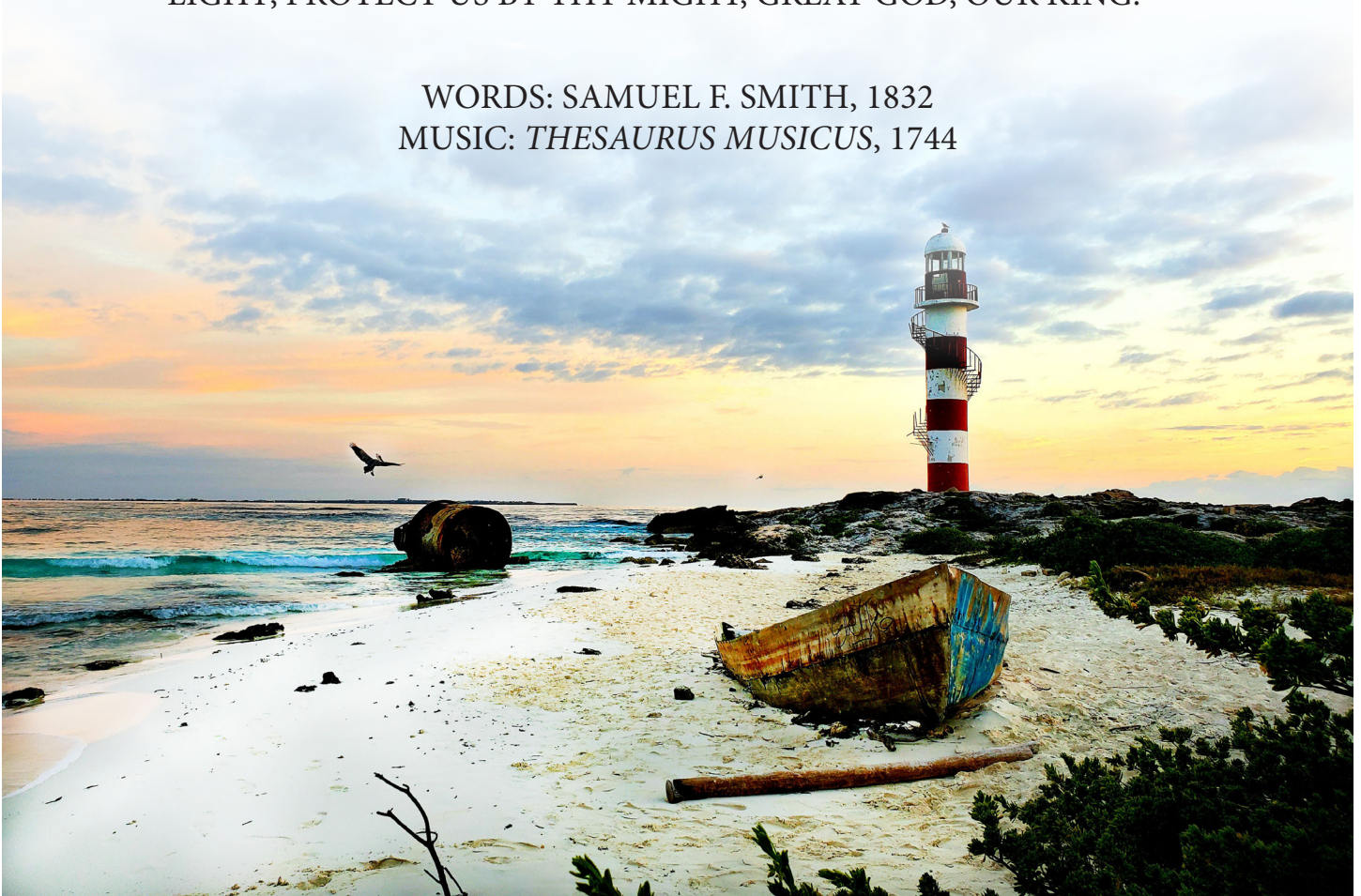
1 MY COUNTRY ‘TIS OF THEE, SWEET LAND OF LIBERTY, OF THEE I SING; LAND WHERE MY FATHERS DIED, LAND OF THE PILGRIM’S PRIDE, FROM EVERY MOUNTAINSIDE LET FREEDOM RING!

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.

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.

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.

WORDS: SAMUEL F. SMITH, 1832  
MUSIC: *THESAURUS MUSICUS*, 1744



# CLOSING HYMN UMH #696

## “AMERICA THE BEAUTIFUL”

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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.

2

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 NOBLENES, AND EVERY GAIN DIVINE.

3

O BEAUTIFUL FOR PATRIOT DREAM THAT SEES BEYOND THE YEARS THINE ALABASTER CITIES GLEAM, UNDIMMED BY HUMAN TEARS! AMERICA! AMERICA! GOD MEND THINE EVERY FLAW, CONFIRM THY SOUL IN SELF CONTROL, THY LIBERTY IN LAW.

WORDS: KATHARINE LEE BATES, 1904  
MUSIC: SAMUEL A. WARD, 1888

