



MEMORIAL DAY

**PRECIOUS IN THE SIGHT OF THE LORD
IS THE DEATH OF HIS FAITHFUL ONES.**

PSALM 116:15, NRSV



WELCOME

We welcome you to Mt. Hermon Lutheran Church!

If you are worshipping with us for the first time, WELCOME,

If you are worshipping again, WELCOME BACK.

Worship is much more joyful when we add our voices to offer praise and thanksgiving. If you need anything, just ask one of the ushers or greeters.

Please take a moment to silence your cell phones.

*Please note that all the congregation responses are printed in **Bold and Italics**.*

We stand and face the doors of the sanctuary.

PRELUDE

My Country Tis of Thee
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In honor of those who gave their life for our freedom, we stand for a minute of silence.

THE GATHERING

Welcome in the name of Jesus, the Savior of the world. We are gathered to worship, to proclaim Christ crucified and risen, to remember before you our brothers and sisters who gave their lives to defend the freedoms which we have this day. We give thanks for their lives, to commend them to our merciful redeemer, and we comfort one another in grief.

Eternal God, maker of heaven and earth, who formed us from the dust of the earth, who by your breath gave us life, we glorify you.

We glorify you.

Jesus Christ, the resurrection, and the life, who suffered death for all humanity, who rose from the grave to open the way to eternal life, we praise you. ***We praise you.***

Holy Spirit, author and giver of life, the comforter of all who sorrow, our sure confidence and everlasting hope, we worship you. ***We worship you.***

To you, O blessed † Trinity, be glory and honor, forever and ever.
Amen.

As the procession passes your pew, please turn and face the altar.

HYMN

God of Our Fathers

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*God of our fathers, whose almighty hand
leads forth in beauty all the starry band
of shining worlds in splendor through the skies:
our grateful songs before your throne arise.*

*Your love divine has led us in the past;
in this free land by you our lot is cast;
oh, be our ruler, guardian, guide, and stay;
your word our law, your paths our chosen way.*

*From war's alarms, from deadly pestilence,
make your strong arm our ever sure defense.
Your true religion in our hearts increase;
your bounteous goodness nourish us in peace.*

*Refresh your people on their toilsome way;
lead us from night to never-ending day;
fill all our lives with heav'n-born love and grace
until at last we meet before your face.*

GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the
communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
And also with you.

PRAYER FOR THIS DAY

We pray together.

Gracious God, on this Memorial Day, we pray for those who courageously laid down their lives for the cause of freedom. May the example of their sacrifice inspire in us the selfless love of your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. Bless the families of our fallen troops and fill their homes and their lives with your strength and peace. In union with people of goodwill of every nation, embolden us to answer the call to work for peace and justice, and thus, seek an end to violence and conflict around the globe. We pray through Christ our Lord. Amen.

PLEDGES TO THE FLAGS

PROCESSION OF THE FLAGS

Herb Bucknam, U.S. Marine Corps

Danny Scott, U.S. Army

Jim Whitaker, U.S. Air Force

Earl Sease, Jr., U.S. Army

Jennifer Miller, U.S. Army

Curtis Plummer, U.S. Army

Joel Price, Sr., U.S. Navy

Larry Amick, U.S. Air Force

Teddy Koon, U.S. Coast Guard

Wynne Price, U.S. Navy

Dennis Thurman, U.S. Army

Marion Leaphart, U.S. Army National Guard

CHRISTIAN FLAG

We join to pledge our allegiance to God.

I pledge allegiance to the Christian Flag and to the Savior for whose kingdom it stands, one fellowship uniting all Christians in service and love.

SOUTH CAROLINA STATE FLAG

We join to pledge our allegiance to the state of South Carolina.

I salute the flag of South Carolina and pledge to the Palmetto State love, loyalty and faith.

UNITED STATES FLAG

We join to pledge our allegiance to the flag of 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.

POW/MIA FLAG

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SERVICE FLAG

see page 11

We sit.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

RECOGNITION OF OLDEST VETERAN

THE WORD

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

Joel Price, Sr., U.S. Navy

A reading from 1st Thessalonians.

¹³ Brothers and sisters, we do not want you to be uninformed about those who sleep in death, so that you do not grieve like the rest of mankind, who have no hope. ¹⁴ For we believe that Jesus died and rose again, and so we believe that God will bring with Jesus those who have fallen asleep in him. ¹⁵ According to the Lord's word, we tell you that we who are still alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will certainly not precede those who have fallen asleep. ¹⁶ For the Lord himself will come down from heaven, with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel and with the

trumpet call of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. ¹⁷ After that, we who are still alive and are left will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And so we will be with the Lord forever. ¹⁸ Therefore encourage one another with these words.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

2 Timothy 2: 1-5

Joel Price, Sr., U.S. Navy

A reading from 2nd Timothy.

¹You then, my child, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus; ²and what you have heard from me through many witnesses entrust to faithful people who will be able to teach others as well. ³Share in suffering like a good soldier of Christ Jesus. ⁴No one serving in the army gets entangled in everyday affairs; the soldier's aim is to please the enlisting officer. ⁵And in the case of an athlete, no one is crowned without competing according to the rules. ⁶It is the farmer who does the work who ought to have the first share of the crops. ⁷Think over what I say, for the Lord will give you understanding in all things. ⁸Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, a descendant of David — that is my gospel, ⁹for which I suffer hardship, even to the point of being chained like a criminal. But the word of God is not chained.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

HOMILY

We don't say "Thank you" enough!

We stand.

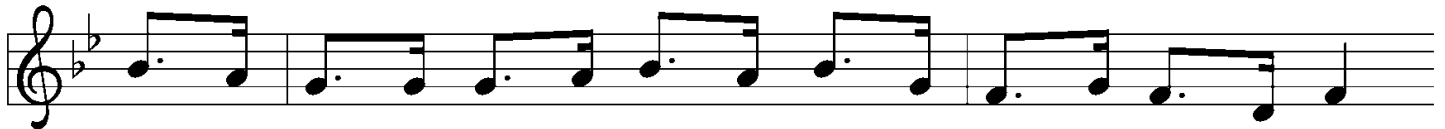
HYMN

Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory

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- 1 Mine eyes have seen the glo - ry of the com - ing of the Lord;
- 2 He has sound - ed forth the trum - pet that shall nev - er call re - treat;
- 3 In the beau - ty of the lil - ies Christ was born a - cross the sea,



he is tram - pling out the vin - tage where the grapes of wrath are stored;
he is sift - ing out the hearts of men be - fore his judg - ment seat.
with a glo - ry in his bos - om that trans - fig - ures you and me.



he has loosed the fate - ful light - ning of his ter - ri - ble swift sword:
Oh, be swift, my soul, to an - swer him; be ju - bi - lant, my feet!
As he died to make men ho - ly, let us live to make men free,

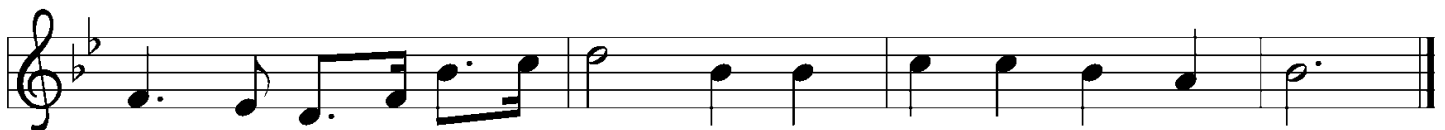


his	truth	is	march	-	ing	on.
Our	God	is	march	-	ing	on.
while	God	is	march	-	ing	on.

Refrain



Glo - ry, glo - ry! Hal - le - lu - jah! Glo - ry, glo - ry! Hal - le - lu - jah!



Glo - ry, glo - ry! Hal - le - lu - jah! His truth is march - ing on.

We sit.

MEMORIAL PRAYER FROM THE ARMED FORCES HYMNAL

We pray.

Heavenly Father, today we remember and pay tribute to the men and women of the Armed Services who have died in the defense of our nation; from the days of the Revolution to these days in Iraq and Afghanistan. They paid the ultimate sacrifice for the freedoms we hold so dear.

In Holy Scripture we hear, "There is no greater love than this, than to lay down one's life for a friend." It is only by your grace and the love they have for you and this nation that gave them the strength to lay down their lives.

We beseech you, O Lord, to receive these servants of peace into your loving embrace and grant them the eternal peace that surpasses all understanding.

We also remember the family members of those who paid the price for freedom. They too suffer a great and painful sacrifice. Bestow upon them the blessings of your consolation and peace. May you ease their sadness as they continue the road to serenity and hope.

To you we offer this prayer knowing you fulfill the heart's desire of those who seek you with noble intentions. May our prayer for true and lasting peace be answered in accordance to your will and for the good of your sons and daughters. Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ, the King of Peace. **Amen.**

MUSIC

America the Beautiful

Arr. Kevin Pace/Composer Permission

Choir:

*Oh, 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!"*

*Oh, beautiful for pilgrim feet, whose stern impassioned stress
A thorough fare of freedom, across the wilderness!
America, America! God mend thine ev'ry flaw,
Confirm thy soul in self-control thy liberty in law.*

*Oh, 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 ev'ry gain divine.*

Congregation joins:

*“Oh, 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!”*

RECOGNITION OF MILITARY SERVICE VETERANS

When your Service Hymn is sung, please stand and then be seated again.

MUSIC

A Tribute to the Armed Services

Arr. Larson/One License #100666

Army: First to fight for the right, and to build the Nation's might, and the Army goes rolling along. Proud of all we have done, fighting till the battle's won, and the Army goes rolling along. Then it's hi! hi! Hey! The army's on its way. Count off the cadence loud and strong; two, three, four, hut, two, three! For where e'er we go, you will always know that the Army goes rolling along.

Marines: From the halls of Montezuma to the shores of Tripoli, we will fight our country's battles in the air, on land and sea. First, we fight for right and freedom, and to keep our honor, clean. We are proud to claim the title of United States Marines.

Coast Guard: We're always ready for the call, we place our trust in Thee! Through howling gale and shot and shell to win the victory! Semper paratus is

our guide, our pledge, our motto, too! We're always ready, do or die. Aye!
Coast Guard, we fight for you!

Navy: Anchors aweigh, my boys! Anchors aweigh! Farewell to college joys.
We sail at break of day, day, day, day! Through our last night on shore, hail to
the foam the foam! Until we meet once more, here's wishing you a happy
voyage home!

Air Force: Off we go into the wild blue yonder, climbing high into the sun.
Here they come to meet our thunder; at 'em boys, give her the gun! Down we
dive, spouting our flame from under, off with one terrible roar. We live in fame
or go down in flame, for nothing can stop the U. S. Air Force!

Choir: America! America! God shed His grace on thee! 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, thy gold refine till all
success be nobleness, and every gain divine! America! America!

We stand.

MUSIC

The Star-Spangled Banner
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O say can you see by the dawn's early light,
What so proudly we hailed at the twilight's last gleaming,
Whose broad stripes and bright stars through the perilous fight,
O'er the ramparts we watched, were so gallantly streaming?
And the rockets' red glare, the bombs bursting in air,
Gave proof through the night that our flag was still there;
O say does that star-spangled banner yet wave,
O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave?

THE SENDING

BLESSING

Almighty God † who calls us to serve him
bless, keep, and sustain you
now and to the end of the age. **Amen.**

MUSIC

Taps

Follow the choir to the fellowship hall for a reception.

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The POW/MIA Flag is black, bearing in the center, in black and white, the emblem of the National League of American Prisoners and Missing in Southeast Asia. The emblem is a white disk bearing in black silhouette the bust of a man, watch tower with a guard holding a rifle, and a strand of barbed wire; above the disk are the white letters POW and MIA framing a white 5-pointer star; below the disk is a black and white wreath above the white motto: YOU ARE NOT FORGOTTEN.

On March 9, 1989, a POW/MIA Flag, which flew over the White House on the 19th National POW/MIA Recognition Day, was installed in the United States Capitol Rotunda because of the legislation passed overwhelmingly during the 100th session of Congress. The leadership of both Houses hosted the installation ceremony in a demonstration of bipartisan congressional support. The POW/MIA Flag stands as a powerful symbol of or national commitment to our POW/MIAs until the fullest possible accounting for Americans still missing in Southeast Asia has been achieved.

The Service Flag was presented and dedicated December 13, 1942 honoring the young men from Mt. Hermon in the armed services. The flag carries a blue star for each man listed below and one gold star in memory of Thomas Dreher who gave his life for his country.

Members who served with the U.S. Army

Areheart, James	Drafts, Thomas	Leaphart, Paul
Bennefield, W.J.	Dreher, H.C., Jr.	Lucas, Jessie
Bockus, Lyle L	Dreher, Thomas	Mathias, Johnny L.
Bachman, Jack	Harmon, Earl	Mathias, Quitman L.
Bouknight, Marion	Harmon, Samuel	Mathias, Simon A.
Bouknight, Raymond	Hook, Wade Franklin	Rogers, Raymond
C. Bouknight, Walter	Kleckley, Clayton	Roof, Voight
Bouknight, Wilbur	Leaphart, Clyde	Wilkins, Thomas
Buff, Martin L.	Leaphart, George	Williams, Berley

Members who served with the U.S. Air Corp

Bouknight, Robert	Dreher, Frank	Smith, Marion, J
Corley, Brady	Dreher, Walter	

Members who served with the U.S. Navy

Corley, Drafts	Hook, Bethea R.	Wilkins, Mark
Dennis, Philip E.	Hook, Norris	

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THOSE TO WHOM WE DEDICATE THIS MEMORIAL DAY SERVICE

**Denotes Deceased*

Army Confederate States of America

War Between the States

*Captain S.M. Roof	*Thomas J. Roof
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U.S. ARMY

World War I

*Furman D. Bryant	*Ray B. Bouknight	*Ryan Dreher
*David C. Butts, Sr.	*David James Hook	*Ellis Buff
*Willie R. (Bill) Hook	*Frank S. Mathias	*Lonnie Hook
*Quinton L. Roof	*Ernest M. Corley	*Joe Bouknight
*Ernest L. Areheart		

World War II

*James Areheart	*Johnnie L. Mathias	*Herman Sipes
*Jack Bachman	*Quitman L. Mathias	*Jessie Lucas
*Jack Bouknight	*Simon A. Mathias	*Paul E. Leaphart
*Marion Bouknight	*Raymond C. Rogers	*Vernon Berry
*Voight W. Roof	*Martin L. Buff	*Carl A. Wingard
*Raymond C. Bouknight	*Wilbur Bouknight	*Berley Williams
*Joe Shealy	*Julius Bouknight	*Ralph Pugh
*Thomas D. Drafts	*George F. Fulmer, Sr.	*H.C. Dreher, Jr.
*Thomas H. Dreher	*Michael Angelo Gioia	*Carroll Shealy
*Earl Harmon	*Norman Lambries	*Alvin Joyner
*Samuel Hoyt Harmon	*James E. Porter, Jr.	*Muller Shealy *Furman
D. Bryant	*Wade Franklin Hook	*Francis B. Roof
*Clayton B. Kleckley	*Roy F. Murphey	*George Maple
*Willie Howard Skipper, Jr.	*W. J. Bennefield	*Letroy Gantt
*Walter C. Dreher	*L.L. (Pat) Bockus	*Thomas Wilkins
*George A. Leaphart	*Thomas Clyde Leaphart	*Walter Bouknight
*Andrew Brice Jordan, Jr.	*Frank Bouknight, Sr.	*George Snelgrove

Korean War

*George F. Fulmer, Sr.	*Marion Bouknight	*James M. Eargle
*James A. McCaston	*Marvin W. (Don) Stowers	
*Morrison Owen Ellisor	*Ernest L Swygert	*Ralph Frazier
*George Eugene Shampy	*Robert Edward Nunamaker	*Alon Cutler

Vietnam War

Dan Cooper	Norman Hook	Doug Gibson
Danny Scott	*Gerald Pugh	Leo L. Pearson, III
*Hugh Gene Skipper	Roger Smith	Tony Truett
Norris K. Hook, Jr.	*Marvin (Don) Stowers	Gene Sexton
*David W. Frame	Jerry Neu	

Also served in the U.S. Army

Earl Sease	*G. Freddie Fulmer, Jr.	*Robert Bolding Bobby
L. Carver	Dennis Thurman	Cyndi Thurman
Jennifer Miller	William Curtis Plummer	Aurice L Powell

U.S. Army National Guard Reserves

*J. Clifton Addy	*Harry Bouknight	*Carl Baughman
*Johnny Bouknight	*Phillip E. Dennis, Sr.	*Karl Bouknight
*W. C. Bouknight	*Willie (Bill) Bouknight	*James Mathias
Wayne F. Frye	*Jerry R. Price, Sr.	Eldon Eargle
*Alvin Gennar Kiser, Sr.	Wade Thomas Roof	*Lynwood Crout
*Jimmy C. Bouknight	*Charles B. Shealy	*George F. Fulmer, Sr.
*Raymond C. Bouknight	James Hallman	Jeffrey Bucknam
Thomas A. Harmon	Marion Leaphart	Rawley "Gene" Schofield
Fred D Hardee		

U.S. MARINE CORPS

World War II

*James LeGrand Evans	*Floyd F. Steele	*James H. Harmon
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Vietnam War

Frank P. Wilbourne, III	John Ellis	*Thomas Heyward Bennett
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Desert Storm & Operation Iraqi Freedom

Jason Michael Thurman

Also served in the U. S. Marine Corp

Wayne Kleckley	Brian Granger	Herbert Bucknam
Jason Michael Thurman	Terry R. Metze, Jr.	Matthew Scott

U.S. NAVY

World War I

*Walter A. Kleckley

*Charles G. Areheart

*Ryan W. Dreher

World War II

*Elbert C. Amick

*Drafts Corley

*Bill Shealy

*Philip E. Dennis, Sr.

*Betha R. Hook

*Mark Wilkins

*Norris K. Hook, Sr.

*Ralph Vernon Sox

*Bob Shealy

*Gabriel A Weathersby

*Charlie G. Areheart

*L. P. (Leon) Shull

*John L. Player, Jr.

*Erby Joel Bouknight

*Max P. Gantt

*Albert Wesley Wilson

*Calvert Marsh, Sr.

*Harry B. Bowman

*Willie Howard Skipper, Jr.

Gregg Summers

Korean War

Francis L. Eargle

*Morris Owen Ellisor

*Fred A. Shealy

Cuban Crisis

*Patrick Ray Bockus

*James O. Mills, III

Vietnam War

Frances L. Eargle

Jack Clifton

Frank Bouknight, Jr.

Richard Cutler

Desert Storm

John Lewis

Dale Miller

Jack Clifton

Frank Bouknight, III

Also served in the U. S. Navy

*Lee Bouknight

*Edward Evans

*Tony Poole

Preston Bryant

*Max P. Gantt

Richard Thompson

Walter Wynne Price

*Patrick Ray Bockus

Lynn Card

Mervin W. Gillespy

Joel Zenan Price, Sr.

Walter H. Moore, Jr.

*James O. Mills, III

Timothy Poole

Donnie W. Hardee

Lacy L Hardee

U.S. COAST GUARD

Teddy Koon

Hamp Roof

U.S. AIR FORCE

*Lyle L. (Pat) Bockus

*Robert Bouknight

*Brady Corley

*Raymond C. Bouknight

*Marion J. Smith, Sr.

*Walter Dreher

*Franklin Smith

Thomas L. Smith, Jr.

Frank E. Dreher

*Holmes C. Dreher

Korean War

Clarence Bouknight
Philip O'Leary
Alton Cutler

*Voight K. Kleckley
*William Watson
*Gene Tinman

*Philip R. Lee
*Ruben Olawsky
Don E. Coker

Vietnam War

Clarence Bouknight
Don E. Coker
Richard Cutler

Patrick O'Leary
*Lanier Clifton
Charles R. Bouknight, Jr.

*Dan Tinman
Jim Whitaker
*Donald Tinman

Desert Storm

Patrick O'Leary
Elaine Carrol

Jay Corley

Michael Stowers

Also served in the U.S. Air Force

Ronnie Wilbourne
*Lyle Michael Bockus
James Victor Bouknight
*Harold Driver
Leonard Mikel Bouknight

Larry E. Amick
*Ervin O. Eargle
Craig Seay
Brandon Rutherford
Jeffrey Bucknam

Jeffrey S. Bucknam
Jim Whitaker
*Buddy Hydrick
Tolar W Hardee

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*George Harvey Frye
Jeffrey Bucknam

Patrick O'Leary

Harvey Mathias

ROYAL AIR FORCE

*Gerhard Paul Schuck-Kolben

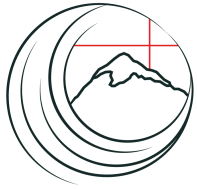
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COMMUNITY MEMORIAL DAY SERVICE

Monday, May 29, 2023 ~ 7:00 pm Worship

Mt. Hermon Lutheran Church

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***The Mt. Hermon family gives thanks to God
for those who made this
Memorial Day Celebration possible!***

FLOWERS on the altar are given to the glory of God and to those whom we dedicate this Memorial Day by the family at Mt. Hermon Lutheran Church.

We honor **VFW Post #3695** located at 1743 Middle Street · Cayce, SC 29033.

Thank you to **Temples-Halloran Funeral Home** for the donation of the military flags which are used during the worship service today.

Thanks to

Guest trumpeter: Belle Kneece, Mt Hermon Lutheran

Live Streaming Team: Mike & Leah Rawl

You are invited to attend and remember our Veterans. The 2024 Service will be Mt. Hermon's 25th Anniversary of the worship service. Make plans now to attend Monday, May 27, 2024

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