

Sunday, November 9, 2025 – 9:30 a.m.
HAVE A BLESSED VETERAN’S DAY TOMORROW!

TODAY’S FOCUS: We start our Stewardship Campaign by focusing on service — not only Christian service, but also, in honor of Veteran’s Day, military service. Two of our members have been invited to the Honor Flight and are here to tell us about their service of God and country and what the Honor Flight meant to them.

PRELUDE — Scott Anderson “My Country ‘Tis of Thee”

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS — Lin

***PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST** — Lin

***OPENING HYMN** TFWS #2191 “Eternal Father Strong to Save”

1. Eternal Father, strong to save, whose arm has bound the restless wave,
who bid the mighty ocean deep its own appointed limits keep:
O hear us when we cry to thee for those in peril on the sea.

2. O Savior, whose almighty word the wind and waves submissive heard,
Who walked upon the foaming deep, and calm amid its rage did sleep;
O hear us when we cry to thee for those in peril on the sea.

3. O Holy Spirit, who did brood upon the chaos wild and rude,
And bid its angry tumult cease, and gave, for fierce confusion, peace:
O hear us when we cry to thee for those in peril on the sea.

4. O Trinity of love and power, all travelers guard in danger’s hour;
From rock and tempest, fire and foe, protect them where-so-e’er they go;
Thus ever-more shall rise to thee glad praise from air and land and sea.

***CALL TO WORSHIP** — Aleta Purcell

One: For those who have given of themselves,

Many: we give thanks, and pray that we too may be so giving.

One: For those who have risked,

Many: we give thanks, and pray that we too may be so courageous.

One: For those who have sacrificed,

Many: we give thanks, and pray that we too may live not for ourselves, but for others,.

One: May we live not just for our own families, or kind, or country,

Many: but for all others, in gratitude for all who have given so much for me.

One: May we remember that we are all woven in one web of love,

ALL: one body, one life. Amen!

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OPENING PRAYER — Lin

SPECIAL MUSIC — Bill Smith and Betsy Foushee “My America”

HYMN TFWS #2233 “Where Children Belong”

CHILDREN'S STORY — Sharon Goldade

SCRIPTURE: Joshua 1:7-9 — Aleta Purcell

⁷ Only be strong and very courageous, being careful to act in accordance with all the law that my servant Moses commanded you; do not turn from it to the right hand or to the left, so that you may be successful wherever you go. ⁸ This book of the law shall not depart out of your mouth; you shall meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to act in accordance with all that is written in it. For then you shall make your way prosperous, and then you shall be successful. ⁹ I hereby command you: Be strong and courageous; do not be frightened or dismayed, for the LORD your God is with you wherever you go.”

MESSAGE “Honor Flight” Mike Carr and Bill Smith

***RESPONSIVE HYMN** TFWS #696 “America the Beautiful”

Katherine Lee Bates penned these words after a wagon ride to the top of Pikes Peak in 1893.

1. 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 nobleness, 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.

OFFERTORY — Rhonda Ritter

***DOXOLOGY** UMH #94

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION** — Aleta Purcell

All: God of all people, we humbly ask that you use these gifts to build up your realm of love in this world. Let our offering be of service to those who feel forgotten or overlooked. Let us be of service to any who have need, most especially those with the need to know your love. We pray in the name of servant to all. Amen.

PASTORAL PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER — Lin

All: 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 trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

***CLOSING HYMN** UMH #575 "Onward Christian Soldiers" (vs. 1, 3, 4, 5)

1 Onward, Christian soldiers, marching as to war, with the cross of Jesus going on before.
Christ, the royal Master, leads against the foe; forward into battle see his banners go!

REFRAIN: Onward, Christian soldiers, marching as to war, with the cross of Jess going on before.

3. Like a mighty army moves the church of God,
brothers, we are treading where the saints have trod.
We are not divided, all one body we, one in hope and doctrine, one in charity. **REFRAIN**

4. Crowns and thrones may perish, kingdoms rise and wane,
but the church of Jesus constant will remain.
Gates of hell can never 'gainst that church prevail;
we have Christ's own promise, and that cannot fail. **REFRAIN**

5. Onward then, ye people, join our happy throng,
blend with ours your voices in the triumph song.

Glory, laud, and honor unto Christ the King,
this through countless ages men and angels sing. **REFRAIN**

***BENEDICTION** — Lin

POSTLUDE — Rhonda Ritter

Prelude/Postlude—Scott/Rhonda

Offertory— Rhonda Ritter

Organ — Betsy Foushee

Special Music — Bill Smith & Betsy Foushee, “My America”

Liturgist — Aleta Purcell

Accomp.—Rhonda Ritter

Song Leader— Shelly Anderson

Violin — Rae Ann Norell

Children’s Message— Sharon Goldade