

Sunday, June 29, 2025 – 9:30 a.m.
Have a Safe and Sane 4th of July!

TODAY'S FOCUS: HOLY SPIRIT — If Elijah offered us anything we wanted, what would we ask for? If we DID get a double portion of the Holy Spirit, what would that be like?

PRELUDE — Scott Anderson

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS — Lin

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

***OPENING HYMN** UMH #717 “Battle Hymn of the Republic” (verses 1-4)

1. Mine eyes have seen the glory of the coming of the Lord;
he is trampling out the vintage where the grapes of wrath are stored;
he hath loosed the fateful lightning of his terrible swift sword;
his truth is marching on.

REFRAIN: Glory, glory, hallelujah! Glory, glory, hallelujah! Glory glory hallelujah!
His truth is marching on.

2. I have seen him in the watchfires of a hundred circling camps,
They have builded him an altar in the evening dews and damps;
I can read his righteous sentence by the dim and flaring lamps;
His truth is marching on. REFRAIN

3. He has sounded forth the trumpet that shall never call retreat;
He is sifting out the hearts of men before his judgment seat;
O be swift, my soul, to answer him; be jubilant, my feet;
Our God is marching on. REFRAIN

4. In the beauty of the lilies Christ was born across the sea,
With a glory in his bosom that transfigures you and me;
As he died to make men holy, let us die to make men free,
while God is marching on. REFRAIN

***CALL TO WORSHIP** (*from Psalm 16*) — Bonnie Clark

One: The Lord is my chosen portion and my cup.

Many: I have a goodly heritage.

One: I bless the Lord who gives me counsel by day.

Many: The Lord is in my heart and teaches me by night.

One: I keep the Lord always before me.

Many: Because God is with me, I shall not be moved from the right path.

One: Therefore my heart is glad,

All: and my soul rejoices in the Lord!

OPENING PRAYER — Lin

HYMN

TFWS #2233 “Where Children Belong”

CHILDREN’S STORY — Sharon Goldade

SPECIAL MUSIC — Scott Anderson “Then Shall the Righteous Shine Forth” by Felix Mendelssohn
(from the oratorio *Elijah*)

SCRIPTURE: 2 Kings 2:1-12 — Bonnie Clark

¹ Now when the LORD was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. ² Elijah said to Elisha, “Stay here; for the LORD has sent me as far as Bethel.” But Elisha said, “As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.” So they went down to Bethel. ³ The company of prophets who were in Bethel came out to Elisha, and said to him, “Do you know that today the LORD will take your master away from you?” And he said, “Yes, I know; keep silent.” ⁴ Elijah said to him, “Elisha, stay here; for the LORD has sent me to Jericho.” But he said, “As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.” So they came to Jericho. ⁵ The company of prophets who were at Jericho drew near to Elisha, and said to him, “Do you know that today the LORD will take your master away from you?” And he answered, “Yes, I know; be silent.” ⁶ Then Elijah said to him, “Stay here; for the LORD has sent me to the Jordan.” But he said, “As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.” So the two of them went on. ⁷ Fifty men of the company of prophets also went, and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. ⁸ Then Elijah took his mantle and rolled it up, and struck the water; the water was parted to the one side and to the other, until the two of them crossed on dry ground. ⁹ When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, “Tell me what I may do for you, before I am taken from you.” Elisha said, “Please let me inherit a double share of your spirit.” ¹⁰ He responded, “You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it will be granted you; if not, it will not.” ¹¹ As they continued walking and talking, a chariot of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them,

and Elijah ascended in a whirlwind into heaven.¹² Elisha kept watching and crying out, “Father, father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!” But when he could no longer see him, he grasped his own clothes and tore them in two pieces.

MESSAGE

“Make Mine a Double”

Rev. Lin Cheek

RESPONSIVE HYMN

UMH #437 “This Is My Song”

1. This is my song, O God of all the nations, a song of peace for lands afar and mine.
This is my home, the country where my heart is, here are my hopes, my dreams, my holy shrine;
But other hearts in other lands are beating with hopes and dreams as true and high as mine.
2. My country’s skies are bluer than the ocean, and sunlight beams on cloverleaf and pine.
But other lands have sunlight too, and clover, and skies are everywhere as blue as mine.
O hear my song, thou God of all the nations, a song of peace for their land and for mine.
3. This is my prayer, O God of all earth’s kingdoms: Thy kingdom come; on earth thy will be done.
Let Christ be lifted up till all shall serve him, and hearts united learn to live as one.
O hear my prayer, thou God of all the nations; myself I give thee; let thy will be done.

OFFERTORY — Betsy Foushee

***DOXOLOGY**

UMH #94

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION** — Bonnie Clark

ALL: Gracious God, as we offer our gifts to you, remind us in our giving that that you have placed a mantle on each of our shoulders that is the right size for us. Help us take it up and respond to your call in faithfulness. We pray in the name of our Savior, Jesus the Christ. 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 #696 “American the Beautiful”

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.

***BENEDICTION** — Lin

POSTLUDE — Scott Anderson

Prelude/Postlude—Scott Anderson
Offertory— Betsy Foushee
Organ — Ginny? Betsy?
Special Music — Scott Anderson
Liturgist — Bonnie Clark

Accomp.—Betsy Foushee
Song Leader— Bonnie Clark
Violin — Rae Ann

Children's Message— Sharon Goldade