

Offering	
Call for the Offering	
Offertory	They, the Builders of the Nation Alfred M. Durham

Communion
Invitation to the Table
Great Prayer of Thanksgiving
One: The Lord be with you.
All: And, also with you.
One: Lift up your hearts.
All: We lift them to the Lord.
One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
All: It is right to give our thanks and praise . . .
The Lord's Prayer
Words of Institution
Communion of the People

*Benediction

**Please rise, in body or in spirit.*

Serving in Worship Today

The flowers are provided by Teresa Lyon to the glory of God
and in gratitude for the freedoms we enjoy.



Prelude	<i>Shenandoah</i>	Alex Gudmundsen
	American Folk Song Arr. Brian Mathias	
Welcome		Rev. Ann Marie Quigley-Swanson
Introit	<i>I Sing This Song of Praise</i>	Chancel Choir
	Cindy Berry	
*Call to Worship		Woody Paul

One: The love of God is more splendid than purple mountain majesties.
All: God's word of grace fills the spacious skies.
 One: The amber waves of grain remind us of God's abundant care.
All: Above the fruited plain is God's eternal joy in anyone who turns from sin and follows the path of truth.
 One: In every nation, in every heart, God is working for good.
All: Let our songs rise, and let God's praise be heard from sea to shining sea.

*Hymn

God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand

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Litany for Our Nation

One: Almighty God, giver of all good things: We thank you for the natural majesty and beauty of this land. They restore us, though we often destroy them.

All: Heal us.

One: We thank you for the men and women who have made this country strong. They are models for us, though we often fall short of them.

All: Inspire us.

One: We thank you for the torch of liberty. It has drawn people from every nation, though we have often hidden from its light.

All: Enlighten us.

One: We thank you for the faith we have inherited in all its rich variety. It sustains our life, though we have been faithless again and again.

All: Renew us.

One: O Lord our Governor, bless the people of our land, that we may be at peace among ourselves and a blessing to other nations of the earth.

All: Lord, keep this nation under your care.

One: To the President and members of the Cabinet, to Governors of States, Mayors of Cities, and to all in administrative authority, grant wisdom and grace in the exercise of their duties.

All: Give grace to your servants, O Lord.

One: To Senators and Representatives, and those who make our laws in States, Cities, and Towns, give courage, wisdom, and foresight to provide for the needs of all our people, and to fulfill our obligations in the community of nations.

All: Give grace to your servants, O Lord.

One: To the Judges and officers of our Courts give understanding and integrity, that human rights may be safeguarded, and justice served.

All: Give grace to your servants, O Lord.

One: Teach our people to rely on your strength and to accept their responsibilities to their fellow citizens, that they may elect trustworthy people and make wise decisions for the well-being of our society; that we may serve you faithfully in our generation and honor your holy Name. For yours is the kingdom, O Lord.

All: And you are exalted as head above all.

One: Help us, O Lord, to finish the good work here begun. Strengthen our efforts to blot out prejudice, and to abolish poverty and crime.

All: And hasten the day when all people, with many voices in one united chorus, will glorify your holy Name. Amen.

(This litany was used at the National Cathedral in Washington, D.C., at the celebration of Independence Day.)

*Response

Gloria Patri

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*Sharing the Peace of Christ

Anthem

The Prayer with Lead Us Lord

Carol Bayer Sager | David Foster | Tom Fettke

Video Introduction

Song of Preparation

Patience

Frank Hernandez | Sherry Saunders

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading

Colossians 1:9-14

One: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Rev. Ann Marie Quigley-Swanson

The Fruit of the Spirit: Patience

*Song

O Beautiful for Spacious Skies

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*Affirmation of Faith

Adapted from the Confession of Belhar

We believe that the church must together come to know the height and the breadth and the depth of the love of Christ.

We believe that together we are built up to the stature of Christ, the new humanity.

We believe that we must together know and bear one another's burdens, thereby fulfilling the law of Christ.

We believe that we are called to admonish and comfort one another; to suffer with one another for the sake of righteousness; to pray together; and together serve God in this world.