Church is not a place; it is who we are.
Once we realize this, we can be the church anywhere.

Worship Service ~ May 24, 2020 9:00

VISION: Be the body of Christ: welcoming all, inspired by God, and sent out to live our Faith. MISSION: Led by the Spirit to share God's grace.

Today's Worship Broadcast sponsored by Mary Sargeant Buck in honor of God's glory.

PRELUDE Variations on Sine Nomine (ELW #423) by Denis Bedard

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING HYMN **ELW #888 O BEAUTIFUL FOR SPACIOUS SKIES**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.

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 ev'ry gain divine.

O beautiful for patriot dream that sees beyond the years Thine alabaster cities gleam, undimmed by human tears: America! America! God mend thine ev'ry flaw, Confirm thy soul in self control, thy liberty in law.

INVOCATION

L: In the name of the Father, and of the \pm Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

MEMORIAL DAY LITANY

L: O God of the nations, while we enjoy our freedom here in this land, we are well aware that it has come at a price.

C: Let us remember those men and women who fought and died for our freedom.

L: O God of the nations, while we live and work in this land, we are well aware of the hard work and dedication of our ancestors.

C: Let us remember those men and women who served our country well.

L: O God of the nations, while we enjoy the life we have in this place, we are well aware of the commitments and sacrifices people made to fulfill their visions and their dreams.

C: Let us remember those men and women who worked to bring us a better life.

L: O God of the nations, while we enjoy freedom to worship you, we are well aware of what believers of the past endured to practice their religion.

C: Let us remember those men and women who faithfully followed God's call for their lives.

L: O God of the nations, while we enjoy the strength we have as a people, we are well aware of all that people have done to make so many rights and privileges available to us.

C: Let us remember all the people who have dedicated their lives to service. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: Let us pray. Lord of the resurrection,

C: you died and were raised so that ultimately death would not prevail. Remind us daily that sin, and even death, have no power over us. Amen.

PRAYER LAB MINUTE WITH DEACON NINA

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

R: A reading from the 15^{th} chapter of 1^{st} Corinthians.

1st Corinthians 15:51-57

⁵¹Listen, I will tell you a mystery! We will not all die, but we will all be changed, ⁵²in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed. ⁵³For this perishable body must put on imperishability, and this mortal body must put on immortality. ⁵⁴When this perishable body puts on imperishability, and this mortal body puts on immortality, then the saying that is written will be fulfilled:

"Death has been swallowed up in victory."

55"Where, O death, is your victory?

Where, O death, is your sting?"

⁵⁶The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. ⁵⁷But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

SPECIAL MUSIC "Shelter Me" by Michael Joncas; Faith Online Choir

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION ELW page 151 Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.

R: A Gospel reading from the 12th chapter of Mark.

Mark 12:26-27a

²⁶ And as for the dead being raised, have you not read in the book of Moses, in the story about the bush, how God said to him, 'I am the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob'? ²⁷ He is God not of the dead, but of the living; you are quite wrong."

HYMN OF THE DAY **ELW #422 FOR ALL THE SAINTS** stz 1, 2, 4 For all the saints who from their labors rest, who thee by faith before the world confessed, thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest. Alleluia!

Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their might; thou, Lord, their captain in the well-fought fight; thou, in the darkness drear, their one true light. Alleluia! Alleluia!

And when the strife is fierce, the warfare long, steals on the ear the distant triumph song, and hearts are brave again and arms are strong. Alleluia! Alleluia!

MESSAGE Pastor John Klawiter

TITHES AND OFFERINGS

MUSICAL OFFERING Medley of Patriotic Songs -Jeanette Hahn, piano and Sacred Settlement Team

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OFFERTORY PRAYER

L: We pray,

C: In loving response to your many blessings, O God, we come with this offering of our time and treasure. May these gifts bring hope and healing to a world in need. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH L: Lord, in your mercy. C: Hear our prayer.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

BLESSING

P: May the LORD bless us and keep us; May the LORD's face shine upon us and be gracious unto us, May the LORD look upon us with favor, + and give us peace.

C: Amen.

SENDING SONG *ELW #548 RISE, O CHURCH, LIKE CHRIST ARISEN* Rise, O church, like Christ arisen, from this meal of love and grace; may we through such love envision whose we are, and whose, our praise. Alleluia, alleluia; God, the wonder of our days.

Rise, transformed, and choose to follow after Christ, though wounded, whole; Broken, shared, our lives are hallowed to release and to console. Alleluia, alleluia; Christ, our present, past, and goal.

DISMISSAL

L: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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