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Our Mission: Shining God's light by... Knowing Christ, Growing in His love, Going where He leads.

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**Fourth Sunday after Pentecost
Sacrament of the Lord's Supper**

REFLECTION

Spiritual Growth: We study the Bible as God's word revealed to us by the Holy Spirit for growing in our relationship with God and each other. We share insights, questions, and perspectives as we deepen our understanding. "Do not conform to the pattern of this world but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is-God's good, pleasing, and perfect will." ~ Romans 12:2

PRELUDE

Reflections on "America"

arr. Hugh S. Livingston

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

O sing to the Lord a new song, for God has done marvelous things.

Let the heavens rejoice, let the earth be glad;

let the sea resound, and all that is in it.

Let the fields be jubilant, let the rivers clap their hands,

let the forests and the mountains sing for joy.

Make music to the Lord with the harp, with the harp and the sound of singing.

With trumpets and the blast of the ram's horn, shout for joy before the Lord who reigns.

O sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the earth.

****HYMN No. 319**

Men of Faith, Rise Up and Sing

SMITH

Men of faith, rise up and sing

Of the great and glorious King.

You are strong when you feel weak;

In your brokenness complete.

Shout to the north and the south;

Sing to the east and the west.

Jesus is Savior to all,

Lord of heaven and earth.

Rise up, women of the truth.

Stand and sing to broken hearts

Who can know the healing power

Of our awesome King of love.

Shout to the north and the south;

Sing to the east and the west.

Jesus is Savior to all,

Lord of heaven and earth.

We've been through fire; we've been through rain;
We've been refined by the power of his name.
We've fallen deeper in love with you.
You've burned the truth on our lips.

Rise up church, with broken wings;
Fill this place with songs again
Of our God who reigns on high;
By God's grace again we'll fly.
Shout to the north and the south;
Sing to the east and the west.
Jesus is Savior to all,
Lord of heaven and earth.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(In Unison - Psalms 96 & 98, composite)*

Merciful God, in all our celebration, fireworks, parades, and gatherings we have proclaimed liberty and freedom. Yet our hearts are chained by anger, doubt, terror, and fear. We live in those chains, often not knowing that there is really any other way. We have become accustomed to our imprisonment. Forgive us when we turn away from your freeing love. Help us to place our trust in you and serve you by working with others for peace and hope for all. These things we ask in Jesus' Name. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Friends, listen to the good news! Christ came to give us new life; to redeem and heal our brokenness.

We are made whole through his boundless love. In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Amen.

****HYMN No. 591 (Refrain)**

Halle, Halle, Hallelujah!
Halle, halle, hallelujah!
Halle, halle, hallelujah!
Halle, halle, hallelujah!
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

HALLE, HALLE

FIRST LESSON

Romans 12:1-3

SPECIAL MUSIC

If My People Will Pray

Jimmy Owens

SECOND LESSON

Acts 2:42-47

SERMON

The Church in Acts: Devoted and Articulate

Rev. William Schram

****HYMN No. 525**

Let Us Break Bread Together

LET US BREAK BREAD

Let us break bread together on our knees;
Let us break bread together on our knees.
When I fall on my knees, with my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy on me.

Let us drink wine together on our knees;
Let us drink wine together on our knees.
When I fall on my knees, with my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy on me.

Let us praise God together on our knees;
Let us praise God together on our knees.
When I fall on my knees, with my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy on me.

JOYS AND CONCERNS

SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

COMMUNION PRAYER

May the God of wonder be with you.

And also with you.

Lift your hearts to the One who invites you to this Table, calling, "Come, come!"

Thirsty for life and hope, we bring our hearts to this feast.

Rejoice in the Lord, all you people!

We sing glad songs of thanks to God's holy name.

Holy are you, God of compassion...;

All that we have been called to do in his name. Great is the mystery of faith:

Christ died, bearing our burdens

Christ arose, mocking death's power.

Christ will return, for the good of all.

Flow through us, Healing Spirit. Amen.

CONSECRATION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen

SHARING IN COMMUNION

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION *(In Unison)*

Wonderful God, we have encountered our risen Lord: he spoke to us his word of life and broke his bread for us. May we speak to one another his word that sets hearts afire with hope. May we be his bread that nourishes everyone around us. May we seek to discern and share in what Jesus would have us do now. In his name we pray. Amen.

****HYMN No. 337**

My Country, 'Tis of Thee

AMERICA

My country, 'tis of thee, sweet land of liberty,

Of thee I sing:

Land where my fathers died, land of the pilgrims' pride,

From every mountainside let freedom ring.

My native country, thee, land of the noble free,

Thy name I love;

I love thy rocks and rills, thy woods and templed hills;

My heart with rapture thrills like that above.

Let music swell the breeze, and ring from all the trees

Sweet freedom's song.

Let mortal tongues awake; let all that breathe partake;

Let rocks their silence break, the sound prolong.

Our fathers' God, to thee, author of liberty

To thee we sing.

Long may our land be bright with freedom's holy light;

Protect us by thy might, great God, our King.

****BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

America the Beautiful

arr. Cindy Berry

****Those who are able may stand.**

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

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Jessica Goodson, Piano & Alan Smulen, Soloist & Cantor

Ray Liptak & Rob Thiemann, AV Engineers, Michael Sperazza & Samuel Gyan, AV Team