



South Aiken Presbyterian Church

1711 Whiskey Rd.

Aiken, SC 29803

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

Independence Day

July 4, 2021

8:45 am and 11:00 am

(Please stand, if able when indicated by an *) (PA=Pulpit Assistant)

Prelude

Scott Chappell

Welcome & Announcements

Sandy Haines

The Chiming (*Handbell rung three times, one for God the Father, for the Son, and for the Holy Spirit*)

Introit

Glorify Thy Name
Lyn VanDervort, Director

Donna Adkins

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

***Call to Worship** (*Psalm 146: 1-7*) (*Responsively*):

One: Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord, O my soul!

Many: We will praise the Lord as long as we live; we will sing praises to our God all our life long.

One: Do not put your trust in princes, in mortals, in whom there is no help.

Many: When their breath departs they return to the earth; on that very day their plans perish.

One: Happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the Lord our God,

***Hymn #8**

Eternal Father, Strong to Save

**Eternal Father, strong to save, whose arm has bound the restless wave,
who bade the mighty ocean deep its own appointed limits keep:**

O hear us when we cry to thee for those in peril on the sea.

**O Savior, whose almighty word the winds 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.

**O Holy Spirit, who did brood upon the chaos wild and rude,
and bade 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.

**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 evermore shall rise to thee glad praise from air and land and sea.**

Prayer of Confession (*Unison*):

Gracious God, we confess that we are free of sin through Jesus Christ's sacrifice on the cross. We also confess that sometimes our church and our lives do not reflect the freedom from sin you have promised. O God, please forgive us for not doing our part as we seek repentance and a life lived in the freedom of Christ.

(in silence confess personal sins).

PA: Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

PA: As the water is poured into the font, let us remember we do not live by the law, but by grace and the freedom of the Holy Spirit. Let us remember our freedom in Christ.

The Font (*pouring of the water*)

The Peace (*Responsively*) (*8:45 am and 11:00 am*)

One: Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another.
The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

Many: **And also with you.**

Children's Moment (*8:45am and 11:00 am*)

Michelle Lorio

(At 11:00 am children are asked to remain in the pews until led by Michelle to Children's Church)

PROCLAIMING THE WORD OF GOD

Anthem

The Majesty and Glory of Your Name
Lyn VanDervort, Director

Tom Fettke

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture:

Old Testament Lesson: Exodus 34: 29-35

Epistle Lesson: 2 Corinthians 3: 1-3, 12-18

Gospel Lesson: Mark 6: 1-6

One: Hear what the Spirit says to the Church.

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

"Freedom to live by the Spirit"

Rev. Jason Hammersley

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

*Hymn # 337

My Country, 'Tis of Thee

**My country, 'tis of thee, sweet land of liberty, of thee I sing:
land where my fathers died, land of the pilgrim's 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.**

***Affirmation of Faith (*Unison*): A Brief Statement of Faith (*excerpt*)**

In life and in death we belong to God. We trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve.

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel. Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal.

We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life. The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the church. In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace. Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Prayer of Intercession (*Church, world, our nation, communities, individuals, the future*)

Offering of Gifts (*online or place your gifts in the plates in the Narthex*)

Prayer of Thanksgiving with 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**

SENDING INTO THE WORLD

***Hymn #744**

Arise, Your Light is Come!

**Arise, your light is come! The Spirit's call obey;
show forth the glory of your God, which shines on you today.**

**Arise, your light is come! Fling wide the prison door;
proclaim the captives' liberty, good tidings to the poor.**

**Arise, your light is come! All you in sorrow born,
bind up the broken-hearted ones and comfort those who mourn.**

**Arise, your light is come! The mountains burst in song!
Rise up like eagles on the wing; God's power will make us strong.**

***Charge and Benediction**

***Postlude**

Will You Let Me Be Your Servant

**Will you let me be your servant, let me be as Christ to you?
Pray that I may have the grace to let you be my servant too.**

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