

**MOUNT VERNON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

**Fourth Sunday After Pentecost**

**June 28, 2020**

**Opening (Stock footage of trumpet player)**

**Greetings and Welcome**

**Prayer of Invocation**

**Call to Worship**

Freedom is coming!

**We can hear it in the voices of the oppressed.**

Hope is coming!

**We can see it in the eyes of all those who despair.**

God is here!

**We count on God's presence with us, to guide, heal and uplift our spirits.**

**Hymn #563**

**"Lift Every Voice and Sing"**

Lift every voice and sing till earth and heaven ring,  
Ring with the harmonies of liberty.

Let our rejoicing rise high as the listening skies;  
Let it resound loud as the rolling sea.

Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us;  
Sing a song full of the hope that the present has brought us;  
Facing the rising sun of our new day begun,  
Let us march on, till victory is won.

Stony the road we trod, bitter the chastening rod,  
Felt in the days when hope unborn had died;  
Yet, with a steady beat, have not our weary feet  
Come to the place for which our \*fathers sighed?  
We have come over a way that with tears has been watered;  
We have come, treading our path through the blood of the slaughtered,  
Out from the gloomy past, till now we stand at last  
Where the white gleam of our bright star is cast.

God of our weary years, God of our silent tears,  
Thou who hast brought us thus far on the way;  
Thou who hast by Thy might led us into the light;  
Keep us forever in the path, we pray.  
Lest our feet stray from the places, our God, where we met Thee;  
Lest, our hearts drunk with the wine of the world, we forget Thee;  
Shadowed beneath Thy hand may we forever stand,  
True to our God, true to our native land.

**Prayer of Confession**

**As citizens of the United States, let us repent both the individual and corporate evil that has afflicted this nation:**

Loving God, Friend and Savior, we confess the sins which have infected and blighted our lifestyle, and alienated us from each other and from you.

**We repent the racism, sometimes open, sometimes furtive, which has increased the misery of minority groups.**

We confess our reluctance to understand or alleviate the pain of our Native American brothers and sisters; we repent of the destruction of livelihoods and the loss of civilization.

**We repent our ignorant, and at times willful, abuse of the land and its creatures, and our despoiling of the soil, air and water.**

We confess the destruction of forests, depletion of the ozone layer, extinction of unique animals, and pollution of river systems.

**We repent our apathy, and sometimes scorn, towards the unemployed and the unemployable.**

We confess the politics of expediency, the lack of prophetic courage, the use of the media for sowing division.

**We repent our neglect of prayer, scripture, social justice, evangelism, and our reluctance to make friends among the disreputable, for Christ's sake.**

Lord have mercy.

Christ have mercy.

Lord have mercy... (Silent Confession)

### **Assurance of Pardon**

One: ...Friends, believe the Good News of the Gospel.

All: **In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.**

### **Prayer for Illumination**

#### **Scripture**

Matthew 10:40-42

"Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet's reward; and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous; and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple—truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward."

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: ***Thanks be to God!***

#### **Sermon**

*We Are Not Finished*

#### **Hymn #564**

**"O Beautiful for Spacious Skies"  
(v. 1, 3-4)**

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 every gain divine.

O beautiful for patriot dream  
That sees beyond the years  
Thine alabaster cities gleam,  
Undimmed by human tears!  
America! America!  
God shed His grace on thee  
And crown thy good with \*brotherhood  
From sea to shining sea!

#### **Prayers of the People**

*After each petition, Pastor will say "Lord, In Your Mercy."  
Congregation will respond with "Hear Our Prayer."*

#### **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.***

#### **"First Cup Song" TBD**

Lyrics...

#### **Benediction**