

IMMANUEL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

July 5, 2020

Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

□ - indicates standing for those who are able to rise in body or spirit)

PRELUDE

“I’ve Got Peace Like a River in My Soul”

Joyce Harris

WELCOME

LET US PREPARE OUR HEARTS AND MINDS FOR WORSHIP

CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 89)

LEADER: Beloved of God, *Song 2:11–12*
the winter is past, the flowers appear on the earth,

PEOPLE: The time of singing has come.

LEADER: Let us lift our voices in praise to our Creator.

GATHERING PRAYER

**Author of life,
you cast your glory all around us;
you invade our sleep;
you reveal yourself in ancient stories and the
give-and-take of common life.**

**By the power of your Spirit, come to us now,
for you have called us to this place.**

**We pray in the name of Jesus—our hope, our confidence—
and your beloved Son. Amen**

OPENING HYMN#594 “How Beautiful, Our Spacious Skies”

*How beautiful, our spacious skies, our amber waves of grain;
Our purple mountains as they rise above the fruitful plain.*

*America! America! God’s gracious gifts abound,
And more and more we grateful for life’s bounty all around.*

*Indigenous and immigrants, our daughters and our sons:
O May we never rest content till all are truly one.*

*America! America! God’s gracious gifts abound,
And more and more we grateful for life’s bounty all around.*

PASTORAL PRAYER

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

HYMN #592 “God of the Ages, Who with Sure Command”

*God of the ages, who with sure command
Brought forth in beauty all the starry band
Of shining worlds in splendor through the skies,
Our grateful songs before your throne arise.*

*Your purpose just, envisions mortals free;
God, set our path toward human liberty.
Still be our ruler, guardian, guide and stay-
Your word our law, your paths our chosen way.*

SCRIPTURE Psalm 145: 8-14 and Galatians 3:26-29

SERMON “Longings for Liberty and Justice for All” Rev. Merlyn Lawrence

HYMN#591 “This is My Song”

*This is my song, O God of all the nations,
A song for peace for lands afar and mine.
This is my home, the country where my heart is;
Here are my hopes, my dreams my holy shrine;
But other hearts in other lands are beating
with hopes and dreams as true and high as mine.*

*My countries skies are bluer than the ocean,
And Sunlight beams on clover leaf and pin;
But other lands have sunlight too and clover,
And skies are everywhere as blue as mine.*

*O hear my song, O God of all the nations,
A song of peace for their land and for mine.*

OFFERING OURSELVES AND OUR GIFTS TO GOD

Invitation to Generosity

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Gracious Creator,

you have laced our lives with blessing.

As we present these offerings,

we also tender our lives.

Make us your bold and faithful people,

willing to go forward in faith wherever

you would lead us,

that we might be a comfort in the world.

We pray in the name of Jesus,

by the gift of your empowering Spirit. Amen.

HYMN#721 CH

“My Country, ‘Tis of Thee”

*My country, ‘tis of thee,
sweet land of liberty,
of thee I sing;
Land where my parents died,
land of the pilgrims’ pride,
from every mountainside,
let freedom ring.*

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

“Let There Be Peace on Earth”
By Jill Jackson- Miller and Sy Miller

Joyce Harris

Special Thanks to All the Participants in Today’s Online Service

*Joyce Harris :Organist,
Pastor Merlyn Lawrence : Senior Pastor
Dr. Oliver Lawrence (Videographer)*