

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

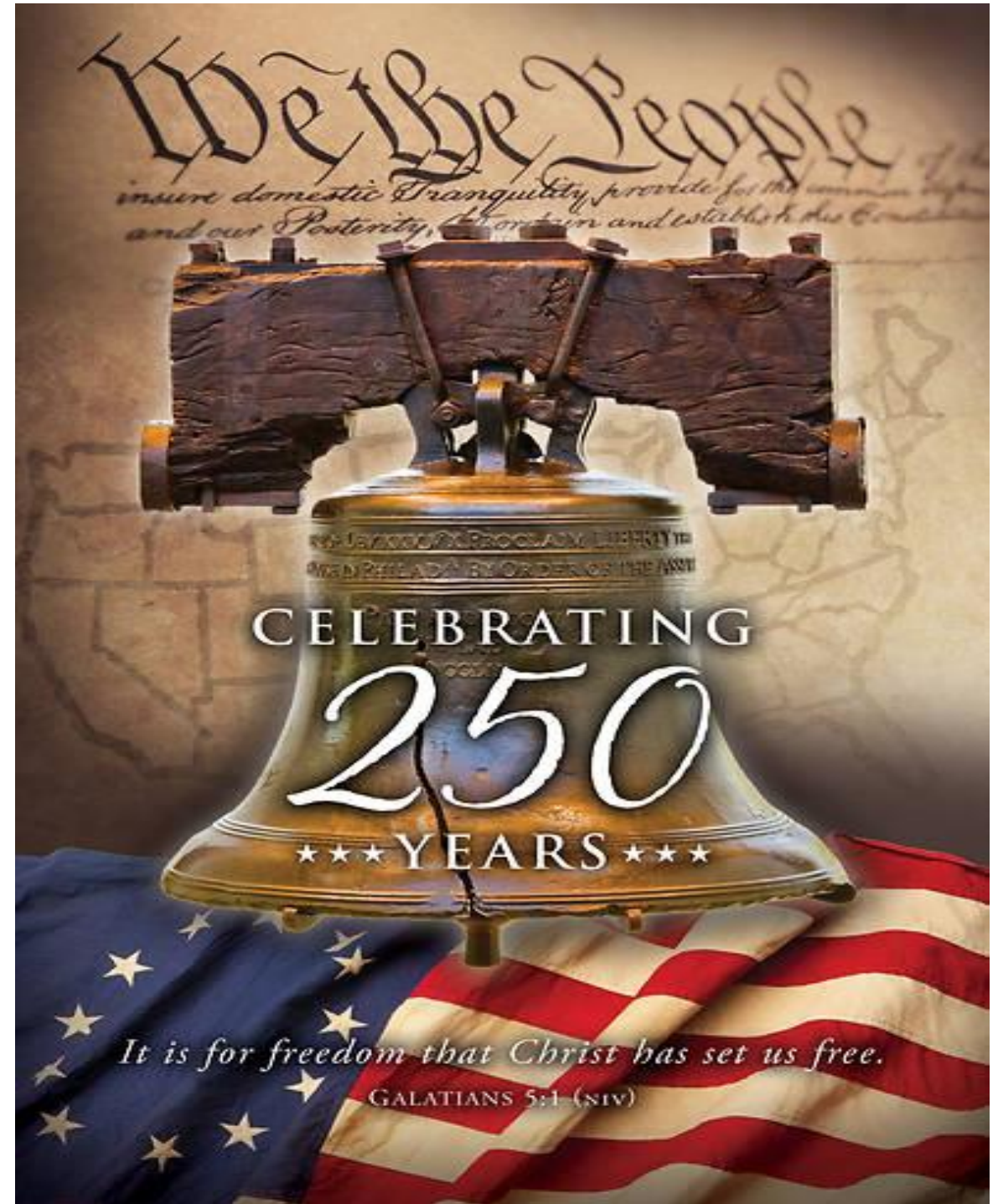
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy Name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

Our Tithes and Offerings	<i>“This Land Is Your Land”</i>	Woodie Guthrie
	Frank Steiner	

*This land is your land, and this land is my land
From California to the New York island
From the redwood forests to the Gulf Stream waters
This land was made for you and me.*

***The Doxology**
***Prayer of Dedication**

***Benediction**



SERVICE FOR THE LORD’S DAY

Sunday, July 5, 202610:30 a.m. Worship

*Congregation May Stand

Prelude

“America, the Beautiful”

Jason Krug

Welcome and Announcements

Tammy James

Call to Worship

Psalm 33:10-12

Invocation

*Hymn

“O God, Our Help In Ages Past”

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*Responsive Reading

Psalm 145:14-21

Leader:

The Lord upholds all who are falling,
and raises up all who are bowed down.

People:

The eyes of all look to Thee,
and Thou givest them their food in due season.

Leader:

Thou openest Thy hand,
Thou satisfiest the desire of every living thing.

People:

The Lord is just in all His ways,
and kind in all His doings.

Leader:

The Lord is near to all who call upon Him,
to all who call upon Him in truth.

People:

He fulfils the desire of all who fear Him,
He also hears their cry, and saves them.

Leader:

The Lord preserves all who love Him;
but all the wicked He will destroy.

All:

My mouth will speak the praise of the Lord,
and let all flesh bless His holy name for ever and ever.

Prayer of Confession

(unison)

Almighty and most merciful God; We acknowledge and confess that we have sinned against Thee in thought, word, and deed; That we have not loved Thee with all our heart and soul, with all our mind and strength; And that we have not loved our neighbor as ourselves. We beseech Thee, O God, to forgive what we have been, to help us to amend what we are, and of Thy mercy to direct what we shall be; So that we may henceforth walk in the way of Thy commandments, and do those things which are pleasing in Thy sight; Through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Silent Confession

(continue in silent prayer)

....Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

*The Gloria Patri

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Children’s Sermon

Pastor Scott Cress

First Scripture Lesson

Galatians 5:1-16

Pew Bible Page #1015

Interlude

Prelude on “New England”

Colin Curtis

Second Scripture Lesson

Psalm 76

Pew Bible Page #506

Sermon

The Dominion of Providence:
Adapted from John Witherspoon (1723-1794)

Pastor Scott Cress

*Hymn

“My County ‘Tis of Thee”

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*Affirmation of Faith: Brief Statement of the Reformed Faith, Article 16

We believe that it is our duty, as servants and friends of Christ, to do good unto all men, to maintain the public and private worship of God, to hallow the Lord's Day, to preserve the sanctity of the family, to uphold the just authority of the State, and so to live in all honesty, purity, and charity, that our lives shall testify of Christ. We joyfully receive the word of Christ, bidding His people go into all the world and make disciples of all nations, and declare unto them that God was in Christ reconciling the world unto Himself, and that He will have all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. We confidently trust that by His power and grace, all His enemies and ours shall be finally overcome, and the kingdoms of this world shall be made the kingdom of our God and of His Christ. In this faith we abide; in this service we labor; and in this hope we pray, Even so, come, Lord Jesus.

CHURCH CALENDAR

Today, July 5

- 9:40 a.m. Sunday School, Classrooms
- 10:20 a.m. Pre-Service Prayer, Chapel
- 10:30 a.m. Worship Service, Sanctuary
- 11:30 a.m. Coffee Fellowship, Fellowship Hall

Monday, July 6

Church office closed

Tuesday, July 7

Church office closed

Wednesday, July 8

Church office closed

Thursday, July 9

- 9:00 a.m. Men’s Bible Study, Anniversary Room

Friday, July 10

Saturday, July 11

Next Sunday, July 12

- 9:40 a.m. Sunday School, Classrooms
- 10:20 a.m. Pre-Service Prayer, Chapel
- 10:30 a.m. Worship & Communion Service, Sanctuary
- 11:30 a.m. Coffee Fellowship, Fellowship Hall

Blessed is the nation
whose **GOD** is the **LORD**
— Psalm 33:12

WELCOME

Welcome to worship on this historic milestone for our Nation. Two hundred and fifty years ago, a new journey of freedom began. We gather today with hearts full of gratitude to thank God for the enduring blessings of liberty and peace. Let us reflect on our history and remember that the greatest freedom we possess is found in our Savior, Jesus Christ.

A SPECIAL WELCOME TO ALL VISITORS worshiping with us this morning. We ask that you please include your name and address when filling out the Friendship Pads and pass the pad along the pew so others may do the same. After everyone has registered, send the pad back along the pew so you can learn the names of those sitting with you. Attendance Last Sunday: 78

The FLOWERS on the Communion table are given today by Ruth Brown in loving memory of her adopted grandmother, Dorothy Kemp, who passed away 36 years ago on June 24, 1990.

PASTOR:	Rev. Scott Cress
CHOIR/ORGANIST:	Dean James
WORSHIP LEADER:	Tammy James
BUILDING CLOSER:	James Brandon
DEACON:	Nancy Veenstra
USHERS:	Linda Fogarty, Vicky Hayes, and Nancy Veenstra

PRAYER REQUESTS: Our Nation, our leaders, our community, and our future

CONTINUING PRAYER REQUESTS: Beverly Fall, Susan French, Kathy Keil, Anne Root, Michael Brown (*Irma’s Nephew*), Charles Cress (*Pastor’s Father*), Sandy Kneen (*Daughter-in-law B.Kneen*), Linda & Tom Monnich (*Friends C.Ringenberg*), Sarah Price (*Daughter B.Barron*), Nancy Leutheuser, Andre Portteus (*Kevin’s Father*), Tom Osborn (*Brother-in-law B.Kneen*), Norma Baldwin, Melinda Foulke-Beckwith, Carissa Benavides, Jack Bowles (*Cousin Vida*), Keith Brown (*Friend H.Wood*), Elizabeth Burke (*Friend B.Kneen*), Kimberly Burlew, Rosie Dryer (*Friend S.Kinney*), Kevin & Bridget Fowler (*Parents B.Portteus*), Maxine & George Gaffney & Snookie Ham (*Friends B.Kneen*), Sheila Hall (*Friend C.Erholtz*), Ashley Hightower, Shirley McIntyre, JoAnne Rollins (*Sister-in-law M.Rollins*), Lois Shrock, Theresa Tomas (*Friend C.Erholtz*), Laura VanWormer (*Friend L.Fogarty*), Amy Wright, and Elijah Wright (*Son Karen Lagasee-Wright*); **PRAY FOR MILITARY:** SGT Ricardo Arellano (*US Arm—Grandson Janice & Steve Simons*), LT. Andrea Cornett (*USN*); LT. Col. Garron Garn (*US Marines*), Commander Zachary Laden (*US Navy—Grandson B.Taylor*), Major Ben Larson (*Nattional Guard--Grandson C.Dear*), and LT. Sydney Rouble (*USN RN—Granddaughter Bishers*); **PRAY FOR MISSIONS:** Lingap Children’s Foundation, Love, Inc, and Samaritan’s Purse; **PRAY FOR OUR SHUT-INS:** Diane Eames, Denny Garn, and Warren Schneider

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Today, we take this time to celebrate our God-given liberties. We invite everyone to pray for revival, wisdom, and God's continued guidance over our great country.

As you leave today, go in peace, stand firm in your faith, and share His love with a world in need. May God continue to bless you, your family, and this land we call home.

COMMUNION SUNDAY (July 12): Next Sunday, we'll share in the Lord's Supper together. Come prepared to reflect on Christ's sacrifice, rejoice in His grace and be renewed in Spirit. The *loose offering* in that Sunday's collection will go to the Deacons for their good work among us.

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY: Our Men's Bible Study with Pastor Scott resumes on Thursday mornings at 9:00 AM in the Anniversary Room. Come ready for a great time together studying the Bible and building a community of men who are committed to growing in their relationship with Jesus Christ through the study of God's Word, prayer, and fellowship. We hope you will join in!

SUNDAY SCHOOL IS ON HIATUS! Sunday School is taking a summer break and will return in August! After all, everyone needs a break now and then—students and teachers included. We invite you to enjoy this season of rest, renewal, and time with loved ones. Stay tuned for updates on our fall kickoff. We look forward to seeing you during worship on Sunday!

THE CHURCH OFFICE THIS WEEK: Irma will be taking vacation days July 6-8th to be with her daughter's family from North Carolina. So, if your calls don't get answered or if the Church isn't open, please remember the Church office is not as usual! However, if you experience an emergency during this time, please contact Pastor Scott.

WE'RE GRATEFUL TO FRANK STEINER for providing the special music in this morning's service. We thank you, Lord, for the amazing gift of a singing voice that you have bestowed upon him. We acknowledge that every good and perfect gift comes from You, and we are grateful for this talent that allows Frank to worship and praise You.



**Two hundred fifty years ago, our fathers took a stand,
And signed a bold and daring pledge to free this chosen land.
They looked to heaven for their rights, to God they made their plea,
And built a nation on the grace that sets the captive free.**

**Yet greater freedom we possess through Christ, the living King,
Whose love outshines the brightest flags that any summer brings.
For while we thank the Lord today for peace and liberty,
We pray our greatest boast will be the cross that sets us free.**

**Lord, guide this land in wisdom's ways, keep hearts and altars pure,
And let Your kingdom, built on truth, eternally endure.**

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