



# ORDER OF WORSHIP

July 3rd, 2022 11:00 am 4th Sunday of Pentecost  
Independence Day Weekend

~ "I was glad when they said unto me, 'Let us go to the house of the Lord.'" ~  
- Psalm 122:1

† please stand - in body or in spirit †

## GATHERING

GATHERING MUSIC .....(audio selection; music prerecorded)

WESTMINSTER CHIMES - OUTSIDE BELL

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS .....Brian Lee, Worship Leader

## AS WE APPROACH GOD

§ INVOCATION & THE LORD'S PRAYER .....Brian Lee

Lord God of Heaven, who hath so lavishly blessed this land, make us, Thy people, to be humble. Keep us ever aware that the good things we enjoy have come from Thee, that Thou did lend them to us.

Impress upon our smugness the knowledge that we are not owners – but stewards; remind us, lest we become filled with conceit, that one day a reckoning will be required of us.

Sanctify our love of country, that our boasting may be turned into humility and our pride into a ministry to men everywhere.

Help us to make this God's own country by living like God's own people.

Amen.

In the wonderful name of Jesus Christ let us pray the prayer Christ taught us . . .

(in unison) **Our Father who . . .**

CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 33:1-5) .....Brian Lee

Leader: Sing joyfully to the Lord, you righteous;

**People: it is fitting for the upright to praise him.**

Leader: Praise the Lord with the harp;

**People: make music to him on the ten-stringed lyre.**

Leader: Sing to him a new song;

**People: play skillfully, and shout for joy.**

Leader: For the word of the Lord is right and true,

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**People:** *he is faithful in all he does.*  
**Leader:** The Lord loves righteousness and justice;  
**People:** *the earth is full of his unfailing love. Amen.*

*(please stand)*

† **OPENING HYMN** ..... "God of Our Fathers" *(prerecorded)*  
*(see page 4 for music & words)*

† **CALL TO CONFESSION** ..... Brian Lee  
Confident in God's grace, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

† ∞ **PRAYER OF CONFESSION** *(in unison)* ..... All

*We have abundant sin in our hearts.*

*We have sin on our lips.*

*We have thoughts that shame us and actions in our daily lives we are fearful of you seeing, Lord.*

*We are not proud of what we sometimes allow ourselves to be, but we always know that you, in your loving and forgiving way, will give us another chance that we so often don't give one another.*

*We ask with this prayer that you make us a little better with each passing day.*

*Forgive us, O God, and teach us to show kindness as we struggle through this world together. In the name of your loving Son.*

Hear us now, O God, as we each offer our silent prayer of confession.

† **MOMENT OF SILENT CONFESSION**

† \* **ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS** ..... Brian Lee

The good news is that Christ calls us to new life and enables us to begin again and again and again and again.

**Leader:** Friends, believe the good news of the gospel.

**People:** *In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!*

And all God's people joyfully said "Amen".

### HEARING GOD'S WORD

*(please be seated)*

**CHILDREN'S SERMON** ..... "Old Glory"  
Derek Almarode

**PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION** ..... Derek Almarode,  
Bethel Ruling Elder

**SCRIPTURE READING** ..... Psalm 33

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Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

SERMON ..... "Recalculating, U-Turn America"  
Derek Almarode

**WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD**

*(please stand)*

† HYMN OF REFLECTION ..... "God Bless America" *(prerecorded)*  
*(see page 5 for words)*

† STATEMENT OF FAITH - APOSTLES' CREED *(in unison)* ..... All

*(please be seated)*

JOYS & CONCERNS ..... Brian Lee; Derek Almarode

-- PRAYER LIST --

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

OFFERING ..... Derek Almarode

**SENDING**

*(please stand)*

† CLOSING HYMN ..... "America the Beautiful" *(O Beautiful for Spacious Skies)* *(prerecorded)*  
*(see page 6 for music & words)*

† CHARGE & BENEDICTION ..... Derek Almarode

CLOSING MUSIC ..... *(audio selection; music prerecorded)*

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THANK YOU FOR JOINING US FOR WORSHIP THIS MORNING!  
HAVE A FABULOUS & BLESSED WEEK! HAPPY INDEPENDENCE DAY!  
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*announcements on page 7*

# 547 God of Our Fathers

*The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge. Psa. 46:7*

DANIEL C. ROBERTS

GEORGE W. WARREN

1. God of our fa - thers, whose al - might - y  
2. Thy love di - vine hath led us in the  
3. From war's a - larms, from dead - ly pes - ti -  
4. Re - fresh Thy peo - ple on their toil - some

hand  
past;  
lence,  
way;

Leads forth in beau - ty all the star - ry  
In this free land by Thee our lot is  
Be Thy strong arm our ev - er sure de -  
Lead us from night to nev - er - end - ing

band  
cast;  
fense;  
day;

Of shin - ing worlds in splen - dor through the  
Be Thou our Rul - er, Guard - ian, Guide and  
Thy true re - lig - ion in our hearts in -  
Fill all our lives with love and grace di -

skies,  
Stay,  
crease,  
vine;

Our grate - ful songs be - fore Thy throne a - rise.  
Thy Word our law, Thy paths our cho - sen way.  
Thy boun - teous good - ness nour - ish us in peace.  
And glo - ry, laud, and praise be ev - er Thine. A - men.

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God bless America land that I love  
Stand beside her and guide her  
Through the night with a light from above.  
From the mountains to the prairies  
To the oceans white with foam  
God bless America My home sweet home  
My home...

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God bless America

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## O Beautiful for Spacious Skies 338

1 O beau-ti-ful for spa-cious skies, for am-ber waves of grain,  
 2 O beau-ti-ful for he-roes proved in lib-er-at-ing strife,  
 3 O beau-ti-ful for pa-triot dream that sees be-yond the years

for pur-ple moun-tain maj-es-ties a-bove the fruit-ed plain!  
 who more than self their coun-try loved, and mer-cy more than life!  
 thine al-a-bas-ter cit-ies gleam, un-dimmed by hu-man tears!

A-mer-i-ca! A-mer-i-ca! God shed his grace on thee,  
 A-mer-i-ca! A-mer-i-ca! God mend thine ev-ery flaw;  
 A-mer-i-ca! A-mer-i-ca! May God thy gold re-fine

and crown thy good with \*broth-er-hood from sea to shin-ing sea!  
 con-firm thy soul in self-con-trol, thy lib-er-ty in law!  
 till all suc-cess be no-ble-ness and ev-ery gain di-vine!

\*Or "servanthood"

This text (inspired by the vista from Pike's Peak and by a visit to Chicago's Columbian World Exposition) and tune (named MATERNA because it was composed for "O Mother, Dear Jerusalem") were joined in 1912. The combination proved immensely popular during World War I and afterwards.

TEXT: Katharine Lee Bates, 1893, alt.  
 MUSIC: Samuel Augustus Ward, 1882

MATERNA  
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**WELCOME TO BETHEL!**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF JULY 3RD, 2022**

**HAPPY INDEPENDENCE DAY TOMORROW!**

**FLOWERS**

The flowers are given by Joe & Sally Williams in memory of loved ones.

**CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED**

The Church Office will be closed tomorrow and Tuesday for Independence Day.

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**

**THIS SATURDAY, JULY 9TH, 2022**

**4:00 PM - 8:00 PM**

*(turn over for VBS flier with more info)*

**CONGREGATIONAL MEETING SCHEDULED**

July 17th, 2022 following Worship

PURPOSE: Approval of Elder Derek Almarode's Terms of Call

**ELDER-ON-CALL**

If you have a pastoral need contact Derek Almarode.  
(540) 280-4940 (call or text) or almarodes@verizon.net

**PRAYER LIST**

NEW ADDITIONS:

Mark Buchanan *(friend of Derek Almarode)*

Scott Fairburn *(friend of Derek Almarode)*

Reed Miller *(son of Shelley Miller - friend of Bethel)*

Family & Friends of Jamie Pirkey *(friend of Jill Webb)*

Copies of updated Prayer List in the vestibule.

**ATTENDANCE**

JUNE 26TH 45

**WEEKLY FINANCIAL REPORT**

Estimated Weekly Budget: \$3,127.00

June 26th Offering: \$2,565.00

# VBS FOR EVERYONE!



Bethel Presbyterian Church  
563 BETHEL GREEN ROAD \* STAUNTON, VA  
Saturday, July 9th  
4pm-8pm

Parable escape room,  
scavenger hunt & games for the kids.  
Movie and game night for the adults.  
We will have a covered dish picnic for all.

RSVP appreciated, but not required.

RSVP: Call or text 540-490-2121  
or Facebook Message.

## ALL WELCOME!