+All may stand as able. 9:00 and 11:00 a.m.

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

CALL TO WORSHIP BELL PEAL

WELCOME Dr. John Robbins

PRELUDE "Simple Gifts"

arr. Wilbur Held

American Organist and Composer (1914-2015)

+HYMN 696 "America the Beautiful"

MATERNA

Katherine Lee Bates, American Poet (1859-1929); Samuel A. Ward, American Composer (1848-1903)

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 shinina 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 mend thine every flaw, confirm thy soul in self-control, thy liberty in law.

+PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND WORDS OF PARDON

Dr. Jeffery Hampton

God of the Past, the Present and the Future, you fulfill your promise to always be with us. Forgive us for ignoring your presence and not loving you with our whole heart. We confess we have denied your love and have not shared your love with others. Free us for joyful obedience, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Christ died for us, the just for the unjust.

In his sacrifice is our peace.

There are mysteries in this beyond understanding.

God will heal our brokenness and set us in the

riaht direction.

I assure you that God, for Christ's sake,

has forgiven us.

+SUNG RESPONSE 695 vs. 3

LAND OF REST

American Folk Tune, arr. Annabel Morris Buchanan, American Composer, (1888-1983)

Shine, Light divine; reveal thy face where darkness else might be. Grant, Love divine, in every place glad fellowship with thee.

SOLO "Zion's Walls" American Revivalist Song

Aaron Copland, American Composer (1900-1990)

Kyle Forehand, Baritone

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE The Lord be with you. And also with you. Let us pray.

Dr. Hampton

+SCRIPTURE Genesis 1:1-27

The Word of God for the people of God. Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE

+GREETING

"God, Creator of All"

+HYMN 698 "God of the Ages"

Text, Daniel C. Roberts, American Episcopal Priest (1841-1907) Music, George W. Warren, American Organist, Composer (1828-1902)

God of the ages, whose almighty hand leads forth in beauty all the starry band of shining worlds in splendor through the skies, our grateful songs before thy throne arise.

Thy love divine hath led us in the past; in this free land with thee our lot is cast; be thou our ruler, quardian, quide, and stay, thy Word our law, thy paths our chosen way.

From war's alarms, from deadly pestilence, be thy strong arm our ever sure defense; thy true religion in our hearts increase; thy bounteous goodness nourish us in peace.

Refresh thy people on their toilsome way; lead us from night to neverending day; fill all our lives with love and grace divine, and glory, laud, and praise be ever thine.

OFFERTORY PRAYER Dr. Hampton

OFFERTORY "The Gettysburg Address"

Words by Abraham Lincoln; Music, William Stearns Walker, American Composer (1917-1994) Kyle Forehand, Baritone

+PRESENTATION OF OFFERINGS WITH DOXOLOGY 94

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!

Praise God, the source of all our gifts!

Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!

Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

+THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Dr. Hampton

Dr. Robbins

NATIONAL HYMN

The Lord be with you. And also with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give our thanks and praise.

... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

(all singing) Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

... as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

(all singing) Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again!

... all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and forever. (all singing) Amen, amen, amen.

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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

SHARING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

Dr. Robbins

+HYMN 697 "America"

AMERICA

Music, Thesaurus Musicas, 1744; Text, Samuel F. Smith, American Pastor (1808-1895)

My country, 'tis of thee, sweet land of liberty, of thee I sing; land where my fathers died, land of the pilgrims' 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.

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

Dr. Hampton

RESPONSE FOR NEW MEMBERS

We rejoice to recognize you as a member of Christ's holy church and we welcome you to Pulaski Heights United Methodist Church. With you we renew our vows to uphold it with our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service and our witness.

+BENEDICTION Dr. Robbins

+BENEDICTION RESPONSE 717, refrain

BATTLE HYMN OF THE REPUBLIC

Music, American Camp meeting Tune; Text, Julia Ward Howe, American Poet (1819-1910)

Glory, glory, hallelujah! Glory, glory, hallelujah! Glory, glory, hallelujah! His truth is marching on.

POSTLUDE Variation V on "America"

Charles Ives American Composer (1874-1954)

Assisting in Worship:

Dr. John Robbins, Senior Pastor Dr. Jeffery Hampton, Pastor, Caring Ministries James Maase, Minister of Music, Arts & Worship Stanley Cox, Associate Minister of Music & Arts/Organist

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