

Welcome to
PALMA CEIA
Presbyterian Church



Traditional Service

Sunday, July 6, 2025 | 8:30 & 11:00 AM

GATHERING

Prelude: “Eternal Father, Strong to Save”

Melita

Chiming of the Hour

Welcome

Call to Worship:

L: Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord. (Psalm 33:12)

P: Righteousness exalts a nation, but sin is a reproach to any people. (Proverbs 13:4)

L: You were called to freedom, brothers and sisters; only don't let this freedom be an opportunity for selfish indulgence, but serve each other through love. (Galatians 5:13)

P: Proclaim liberty throughout all the land; unto all the inhabitants thereof. (Leviticus 25:10)

Invocation

Hymn #561: “My Country, 'Tis of Thee”

America

These lyrics were written by The Rev. Samuel Smith to be sung at an event on July 4th in 1831 at the Park Street Congregation Church in Boston. The next year it was published in hymnbooks. Smith always had a passionate evangelical interest for foreign missions, and his son and granddaughter went on to become missionaries to South East, Asia, in what is now Myanmar, founding a Christian seminary there that continues to this day.

Prayer of Confession:

Almighty God, ruler of all nations: we pray for this nation and its people, and for our leaders. May we be mindful of your favor and obedient to your will. Forgive our shortcomings as a nation, and purify our hearts to know the truth that alone can make us free.

Save us from injustice and oppression, from arrogance and greed. Increase our concern for the afflicted and poor in our own land, and for people beyond our own boundaries, that we may be a blessing and an example to all nations. Bring us at last to that day when the whole world shall know peace and blessedness, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *(Private confession)* Amen.

Hymn #298: “There's A Wideness In God's Mercy” (vs. 1, seated)

There's a wideness in God's mercy, like the wideness of the sea.

There's a kindness in God's justice, which is more than liberty.

There is no place where earth's sorrows are more felt than up in heaven.

There is no place where earth's failings have such kindly judgement given.

Assurance of Pardon

Peace of Christ:

L: May the peace of Christ be with you.

P: And also with you.

L: In the pattern of the Risen Christ, let us share the peace of Christ with one another.

(The congregation is invited to share the peace of Christ with one another.)

Act of Praise: Doxology

THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading: Galatians 6:1-10

¹ My brothers and sisters, if anyone is detected in a transgression, you who have received the Spirit should restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness. Take care that you yourselves are not tempted. ² Bear one another's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ. ³ For if those who are nothing think they are something, they deceive themselves. ⁴ All must test their own work; then that work, rather than their neighbor's work, will become a cause for pride. ⁵ For all must carry their own loads. ⁶ Those who are taught the word must share in all good things with their teacher. ⁷ Do not be deceived; God is not mocked, for you reap whatever you sow. ⁸ If you sow to your own flesh, you will reap corruption from the flesh, but if you sow to the Spirit, you will reap eternal life from the Spirit. ⁹ So let us not grow weary in doing what is right, for we will reap at harvest time, if we do not give up. ¹⁰ So then, whenever we have an opportunity, let us work for the good of all and especially for those of the family of faith.

Children's Message:

The congregation welcomes the children to come forward by singing. Following the Children's Message, children Pre-K3-1st grade may be accompanied by a parent/guardian to the Godly Play room (CH 101). Children 2nd grade and older are invited to remain in the sanctuary. There is also a staffed nursery on the first floor of Eastminster. As the children come forward and as they leave, the congregation may join in singing: *What does the Lord require of you? What does the Lord require of you? To seek justice, and love kindness, and walk humbly, with your God.*

Offering: Prayer of Dedication

Offertory: *Improvisation on "The Battle Hymn of the Republic"*

Steffe

Scripture Reading: Luke 10:1-11, 16-20

^{10:1} After this the Lord appointed seventy-two others and sent them on ahead of him in pairs to every town and place where he himself intended to go. ² He said to them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest. ³ Go on your way; I am sending you out like lambs into the midst of wolves. ⁴ Carry no purse, no bag, no sandals, and greet no one on the road. ⁵ Whatever house you enter, first say, 'Peace to this house!' ⁶ And if a person of peace is there, your peace will rest on that person, but if not, it will return to you. ⁷ Remain in the same house, eating and drinking whatever they provide, for the laborer deserves to be paid. Do not move about from house to house. ⁸ Whenever you enter a town and its people welcome you, eat what is set before you; ⁹ cure the sick who are there, and say to them, 'The kingdom of God has come near to you.' ¹⁰ But whenever you enter a town and they do not welcome you, go out into its streets and say, ¹¹ 'Even the dust of your town that clings to our feet, we wipe off in protest against you. Yet know this: the kingdom of God has come near.'

¹⁶ "Whoever listens to you listens to me, and whoever rejects you rejects me, and whoever rejects me rejects the one who sent me." ¹⁷ The seventy-two returned with joy, saying, "Lord, in your name even the demons submit to us!" ¹⁸ He said to them, "I watched Satan fall from heaven like a flash of lightning. ¹⁹ Indeed, I have given you authority to tread on snakes and scorpions and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing will hurt you. ²⁰ Nevertheless, do not rejoice at this, that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven."

Sermon

Rev. Dr. John T. DeBevoise

Preparation of Prayer: “This is My Song” (Finlandia)

Sibelius

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

My country's skies are bluer than the ocean, And sunlight beams on clover leaf and pine
But other lands have sunlight, too, and clover, And skies are everywhere as blue as mine.
O hear my song, thou God of all the nations, A song of peace for their land and for mine.*

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.

SENDING

Hymn #564: “O Beautiful for Spacious Skies”

These lyrics are a poem by Katherine Bates, first published in a church periodical, “The Congregationalist” in 1895, and set to music as a hymn by church musician Samuel Ward, and printed in “Hymns For Schools and Colleges” in 1913. Bates was herself an early female college graduate, B.A. 1880, and after studying at Oxford became a professor of Literature at Wellesley College. Bates was also a social activist interested in the struggles of women, workers, people of color, tenement residents, immigrants, and poor people. She wrote and spoke extensively about the need for social reform and was an avid advocate for the global peace movement that emerged after World War I, leading to The League of Nations.

Charge and Benediction

Postlude: “Hornpipe” from Water Music

Handel

*The Flowers in the Chancel are dedicated to the glory
of God and are given in loving memory of our grandson,
Maverick, by Fausto & Angie Montes.*

Leading in Worship Today: Reverends John DeBevoise & John Reiter; Nancy Callahan, Music Director; Ken Brown, Trumpet; Anna Shuford, Children's Ministry; Susan Peacock, Chief Usher; Bert Chamorro, Beadle; Jackson Fowler & Beth DeBevoise, Livestreamers

