

My Country, 'Tis of Thee

My country, 'tis of thee,
Sweet land of liberty,
Of thee I sing;
Land where my fathers died,
Land of the pilgrims' pride,
From ev'ry mountainside
Let freedom ring!

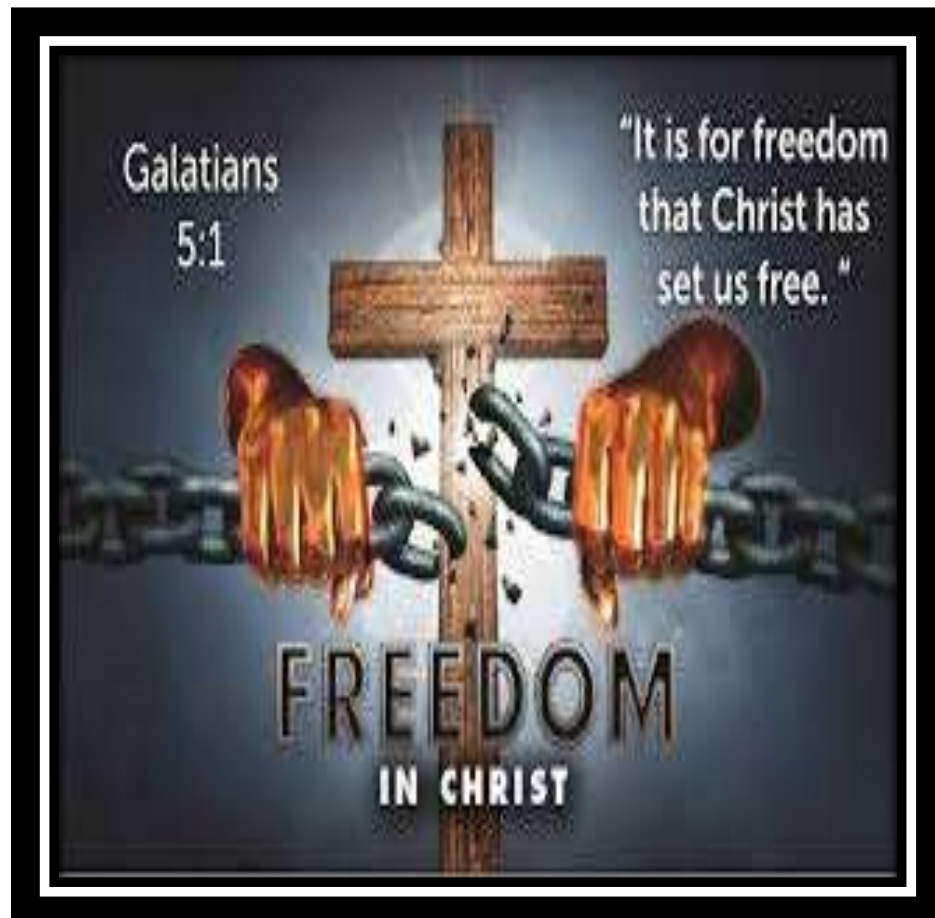
My native country, thee,
Land of the noble free,
Thy name I love;
I love thy rocks and rills,
Thy woods and templed hills;
My heart with rapture thrills,
Like that above.

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.

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Greeters: Jean & Elwood Hipkins



GATHERING MUSIC

Elwood Hipkins

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INSTRUMENTAL MEDITATION America the Beautiful
Linda Spohn

*INVOCATION

Unison

Blessed is the one who does not walk in step with the wicked or stand in the way that sinners take or sit in the company of mockers, ²but whose delight is in the law of the LORD, and who meditates on his law - day and night. ³That person is like a tree planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in season and whose leaf does not wither— whatever they do prospers. ⁴Not so the wicked! They are like chaff that the wind blows away. ⁵Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the assembly of the righteous. ⁶For the LORD watches over the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked leads to destruction. (Psalm 1)

SPECIAL MUSIC I Pledge Allegiance to the Lamb Jack Green

Children are now dismissed for Children's Church Worship in the fellowship hall with Jan Stitley.

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Responsive

Leader: Come, let us walk in the light of the LORD. (Isaiah 2:5b)

People: ⁶ For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness,"^[a] made his light shine in our hearts to give us the light of the knowledge of God's glory displayed in the face of Christ. (2 Cor. 4:6)

Leader: ¹³ For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves, ¹⁴ in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. (Colossians 1:13-14)

*HYMN Take My Life vs. 1, 5 & 6 #389

OFFERING

Call to Give: ²⁸ "Suppose one of you wants to build a tower. Won't you first sit down and estimate the cost to see if you have enough money to complete it? ²⁹ For if you lay the foundation and are not able to finish it, everyone who sees it will ridicule you, ³⁰ saying, 'This person began to build and wasn't able to finish. (Luke 14:28-30) The ushers will serve you now.

Offertory

Linda Spohn

*Doxology

Offertory Prayer: God of Grace and Mercy, you call us to be servants in your Son's holy name. While popular culture often diminishes self-sacrifice, we know that being a servant leader is a worthwhile calling. Help us to focus on the Christian practice of hospitality by freely giving to others in your name. Accept this offering as a profound gesture of our desire to serve you today and always. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen

*HYMN Open My Eyes, That I May See #517

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS PASTORAL PRAYER

SPECIAL MUSIC Bible in the Bedroom Gary Weller

SCRIPTURE Galatians 5:1

MESSAGE Free to Live Pastor Linda Lambert

COMMITMENT: Faithful God, we commit ourselves to live according to your Will, your Word and your Way. We confess when we live to please ourselves or other people, we are not living to please you. Give us strength to commit to live a life worthy of the title you have given us, disciples of Jesus Christ.

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*PASTORAL BLESSING Pastor Linda Lambert

*POSTLUDE Elwood Hipkins

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