**Seventh Sunday of Easter**

**Ascension Sunday**

**May 24, 2020, 10:00 AM**

 **Watchword of the Week:**

 ***Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you.* 1 Peter 5:7**

**Prelude** *Battle Hymn of the Republic* Arr. Smith and Hustad

**Welcome and Announcements** Marshall Mathers

**Call to Worship** Lewis Phillips

In a world filled with violence and war,

**we gather together to celebrate the promise of peace.**

In a world filled with tyranny and oppression,

**we gather together to celebrate the promise of justice for all.**

In a world filled with hunger and greed,

**we gather together to celebrate the promise of plenty for all.**

Our hope is in the name of the Almighty God,

**the Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer of heaven and earth.**

**Prayers of the People/Pastoral Prayer** Lewis Phillips

**Litany for Memorial Day** Nancy Morgan

Let us give thanks to God for the land of our birth with all its chartered liberties. For all the wonder of our country's story:

**We give you thanks, O God.**

For leaders in nation and state, and for those who in days past and in these present times have labored for the commonwealth:

**We give you thanks, O God.**

For those who in all times and places have been true and brave, and in the worlds common ways have lived upright lives and ministered to their fellows:

**We give you thanks, O God.**

For those who served their country in its hour of need, and especially for those who gave even their lives in that service:

**We give you thanks, O God.**

O almighty God and most merciful Father, as we remember these servants, remembering with gratitude their courage and strength, we hold before you those who mourn them. Look upon your bereaved servants with your mercy. As this day brings them memories of those they have lost, may it also bring your consolation and the assurance that their loved ones are alive now and forever in your living presence.

**AMEN.**

**Hymn** *America the Beautiful*

1 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 shining sea!

2 O beautiful for pilgrim feet,
Whose stern, impassioned stress
A thoroughfare for freedom beat
Across the wilderness!
America! America!
God mend thine ev'ry flaw,
Confirm thy soul in self-control,
Thy liberty in law!

3 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 ev'ry gain divine!

4 O beautiful for patriot dream
That sees beyond the years
Thine alabaster cities gleam,
Undimmed by human tears!
America! America!
God shed his grace on thee,
And crown thy good with brotherhood
From sea to shining sea!

**Giving of Tithes and Offerings to the Lord**

 **(**Mail or online)

**Prayer of Dedication** Marshall Mathers

**Anthem** *In Christ Alone*Arr. Angerman

**Reading of God’s Word** Linda Mathers

 Acts 1:6 – 14

 Psalm 68:1 – 10, 32 – 35

 1 Peter 4:12 – 14, 5:6 – 11

**Hymn 371** *Hail the Day that Sees Him Rise*

**Sermon Jesus and the Beloved Disciple** Jerry Hailey

John 17:1 – 11

**Hymn 405** *Crown Him with Many Crowns*

**Benediction** Jerry Hailey

**Postlude** *Crown Him Lord of All* Arr. McDonald