

**CELEBRATING THE SABBATH**  
**Seventh Sunday after Easter**  
**Memorial Day Sunday**

May 24, 2020 at 10 o'clock



*Do not cast me away from your presence, and do not take your holy spirit from me.*

Psalm 51:11

PRELUDE

*Theme from the New World Symphony*

Antonin Dvorak

SHARING OUR WELCOME VIRTUALLY

WE COME TO WORSHIP

O God as we gather, we remember this Memorial Day weekend those who have made the ultimate sacrifice for our freedom.

**We think of how they emulated your son, our Savior Jesus Christ, who laid down his life for his friends.**

We also remember the families they have left behind, who remember them and who carry them in their hearts.

**We ask your blessings upon their homes and we pray your peace, provision, and strength will fill their days.**

May we continue to value and defend the freedoms we have,  
**made possible by their sacrifice of service.**

HYMN:

*This is My Song*

[Click here to see hymn](#)

Verses 1 & 2 - Join as you are able!

**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, my 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.**

## OPENING PRAYER

We give you thanks and praise, O God,  
for you have called us in hope  
and promise a glorious inheritance among the saints.

You fixed the world in place and  
you formed a people for yourself;  
through Moses and the prophets, you spoke to them  
of the Christ who came in fulfillment of prophesy.

As it was written, he suffered and was killed,  
but you raised him from the dead  
and he walked again with his disciples,  
speaking to them of your glorious kingdom.

You carried him into heaven on the clouds  
and made him head over all things,  
seating him at your right hand  
far above all rule and authority, power and dominion,  
and above every name that is named,  
not only in this age but also in the age to come. Amen.

## COMMISSIONING OF THE SEARCH COMMITTEE FOR SENIOR PASTOR, FIRST CHURCH WEST HARTFORD

SELECTION	<i>Pie Jesu</i> from the <i>Requiem</i> Liz Oman, soloist	Gabriel Fauré
SCRIPTURE LESSON	Acts 1: 6-14	Kelly Munro
SERMON	<i>Enough of a Messiah?</i>	Erica Avena

## A TIME OF 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. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

## RESPONDING WITH OUR GIFTS

Offertory	<i>The Navy Hymn</i> Charles Goodwin, Cornet	MELITA
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Doxology, Words: Hymnal, No. 47; Tune: Hymnal, No. 46

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below;  
Praise God above, ye heavenly hosts: Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

HYMN:

*O Beautiful for Spacious Skies*

[Click here to see hymn](#)

Join as you are able!

**Verse 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.

**Verse 2:** 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.

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

*The President's March*

Philip Phile, 1789

(written for President George Washington's inauguration)