



The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it, the world, and those who live upon it. Let all people everywhere know that the supreme God has power over the human kingdom and that he can give it to anyone he chooses— even to the least important. The counsel of the Lord stands forever, the thoughts of his heart to all generations. Happy is the nation whose God is the Lord.

**Praise the Lord!**

Not to us, Lord, not to us, but to your name give glory.

**For the sake of your steadfast love and faithfulness.**

*Oh, 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.*

(Sitting.)

Almighty God, ruler of nations, to whose grace we owe the manifold blessings of this land,

**We worship you with grateful hearts.**

We confess that in many ways we have turned aside from your commandments, and it is because of your steadfast love that we are not consumed. You offer us mercy and forgiveness, though we have rebelled against you, and have not obeyed your command to walk in your laws, which you have set before us.

**Lord, have mercy on us, and blot out our transgressions.**

We pray, Lord, that you will guide and bless all who are in places of authority. Protect them from violence, and fill the hearts of the people with respect and love for the them, because you have established their authority. Raise up for us leaders who will carry out all your purpose, and, in patience and courage, and will depend on you.

**Save your people, and bless your heritage.**

Make of this nation an instrument for the promotion of peace, freedom, and righteousness. May it be a haven for the oppressed of other lands, a home of happiness for all who dwell within its borders; and may our commitment to liberty and justice for all be preserved for the generations to come.

**Hear us, gracious Lord and God.**

Guide us and our leaders through the Spirit of Christ's love as we struggle with matters of teaching and learning, home and family, health and security, work and justice. Turn the hearts of all people to you, that they may seek eternal life through Jesus Christ, who redeems us and our world.

**Hear us, gracious Lord and God.**

Grant wisdom to those who are in the family of faith. Enable us to accept the authority of government for your sake, ready for every good work, abstaining from every form of evil, and paying to all whatever is due them. As citizens of this nation may we bring credit to our Savior in all we do.

**Hear us, gracious Lord and God.**

Grant to the people of this and all other lands a love of peace and order, that the nations shall learn war no more. Hasten the day when the kingdom of the world shall become the Kingdom of our Lord and his Christ, and he will reign forever and ever.

**Hear us, gracious Lord and God.**

(Standing.)

*Oh, 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.*

**Prayers of Intercession**

Dana Myers

As we gather as the people of God at Unity Moravian, we remember those members of our church family and our friends who need our prayers: Jere Dailey, Beth Basta, Jayne Parks, Teresa Perry, Don Matney, Lou Utt, Jeff Chrysson, and Bob Smith.

Almighty God, Redeemer and Sustainer, we offer you thanks and praise for the holy lives of all your servants— the prophets, apostles, and martyrs— who have shone forth as lights in the world and sacrificed their lives in testimony of their faith.

We thank you for calling your servant John Hus to be an instrument of reformation and renewal in your church, and for keeping him faithful, even unto a martyr's death.

**Hear us, gracious Lord and God.**

Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?

**No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. If God is for us, who can be against us!**

Hear the words of the Amen, the Faithful and True Witness, who was beaded and is alive again: Be faithful unto death, and I will give you the crown of life.

**To him who loves us and washed us from our sins by his blood, and made us to be a kingdom, priests to God, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.**

## **Responding to God's Love and Mercy**

### **Children's Time**

### **Worship by Learning and Serving**

### **Worship by Giving**

*(Jesus said) "Do not be afraid, little flock, for your Father has been pleased to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions and give to the poor. Provide purses for yourselves that will not wear out, a treasure in heaven that will never fail, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.*

Luke 12: 32-34

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## **Sharing God's Word**

**Scripture** I Corinthians 1:18-24 Rev. Joe Moore  
Mark 8:34-38

**Special Music** *Sweet Beulah Land* B. Wolaver  
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### **Meditation**

## **Sharing in the Sacrament of Holy Communion in Celebration of the Martyrdom of John Hus**

Grace, mercy, and peace, from God our Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ, be with you all.

**Amen. Thanks be to God.**

### **Hymn**

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*We covenant with hand and heart to follow Christ our Lord;  
with world and sin and self to part, and to obey his word;  
to love each other heartily, in truth and with sincerity,  
and under cross, reproach, and shame, to glorify his name.*

### **Prayer of Thanksgiving**

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it, gave it to his disciples, and said: Take, eat, this my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.

(All shall partake of the bread.)

### **Silent Prayer**

By your divine presence,  
By the holy sacraments,  
By all the merits of your life, sufferings, death, and resurrection,

**Bless and comfort us, gracious Lord and God. Amen.**

In the same way, after supper our Lord Jesus Christ took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sin. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me.

(All shall partake of the cup.)

### **Silent Prayer**

Christ, the Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;

**Grant to us your peace. Amen.**

Whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death,

**Until he comes.**

**Hymn**

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*We who here together are assembled, joining hearts and hands in one,  
bind ourselves with love that's undissembled, Christ to love and serve alone.  
O may our imperfect songs and praises be well pleasing unto you, Lord Jesus.  
Say: "My peace I leave with you." Amen, amen, be it so.*

**Benediction**

**Postlude**

*A Festal Fanfare*  
Donna Shore

J. S. Bach

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