**5th Sunday After Pentecost Online & Independence Day Worship for Christ UMC, Selinsgrove, PA – July 5, 2020**

Introit & Scrolling Announcements (for 2 minutes before start time)

Welcome

Opening Hymn                                             “God of the Ages”

*(music by Marrianne Hoyt; singing by The Celebration Choir)*

God of the ages, whose almighty hand  
leads forth in beauty all the starry band  
of shining worlds in splendor through the skies,  
our grateful songs before thy throne arise.  
  
Thy love divine hath led us in the past;  
in this free land with thee our lot is cast;  
be thou our ruler, guardian, guide, and stay,  
thy Word our law, thy paths our chosen way.  
  
From war's alarms, from deadly pestilence,  
be thy strong arm our ever sure defense;  
thy true religion in our hearts increase;  
thy bounteous goodness nourish us in peace.  
  
Refresh thy people on their toilsome way;  
lead us from night to never-ending day;  
fill all our lives with love and grace divine,  
and glory, laud, and praise be ever thine.

Pastoral Prayer

Children’s Message by Amanda Rousu  Where is God When You’re Stuck?

Hymn of Preparation    “The Battle Hymn of the Republic” *(verses 1, 4, & 5)*

*(music by Marrianne Hoyt; singing by The Celebration Choir)*

Mine eyes have seen the glory of the coming of the Lord  
He is trampling out the vintage where the grapes of wrath are stored  
He hath loosed the fateful lightning of His terrible swift sword  
His truth is marching on, His truth is marching

Glory, glory, Hallelujah! Glory, glory, Hallelujah!  
Glory, glory, Hallelujah! His truth is marching on

In the beauty of the lilies, Christ was born across the sea  
With a glory in His bosom that transfigures you and me  
As He died to make men holy, let us live to make men free  
While God is marching on

Glory, glory, Hallelujah! Glory, glory, Hallelujah!  
Glory, glory, Hallelujah! His truth is marching on!

He is coming like the glory of the morning on the wave,  
He is Wisdom to the mighty, He is Honor to the brave,  
So the world shall be His footstool, and the soul of wrong His slave,  
Our God is marching on.

Glory, glory, Hallelujah! Glory, glory, Hallelujah!  
Glory, glory, Hallelujah! His truth is marching on!

Gospel Lesson       Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

Message by Pastor Ryan Gephart             Independence Rest

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord’s Prayer *(spoken using sins/sin)*

Holy Communion

Confession of Faith ***(said together)***

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth;**

**And in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord;  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, dead, and buried;  
the third day he rose from the dead;  
he ascended into heaven,  
and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;  
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Closing Praise Song                        “10,000 Reasons (Bless The Lord)”

Benediction