

Firelands Presbyterian Church

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Welcome to Firelands Church, a community of believers gathered by the Holy Spirit, growing together in Christ, and committed to serving God. Everyone is encouraged to stay for fellowship following the worship service.

The Order Of The Liturgy

↑ Please stand in body or in spirit ↑

Prelude

This Land is Your Land

Guthrie

Firelands Folk

Amazing Grace/My Chains Are Gone Tomlin/Giglio/Newton

Sometimes Serendipity Singers

↑ Call to Worship *(responsively)*

Lord, open our eyes

And we shall behold Your glory.

Lord, open our ears

And we shall hear Your call.

Lord, open our hearts

And we shall know Your love.

Lord, open our hands,

And we shall show Your generosity.

Lord, open our lives,

And we shall reveal Your glory.

Give us Your peace in Jesus,

And we will live together in peace.

↑ Hymn 337

My Country, 'Tis of Thee

↓ **Call to Confession:** May the God of all mercy, bring us back to himself, forgive us our sins, and assure us of his eternal love, in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.
Together, let us confess our sins.

Prayer of Confession *(together)*

Almighty God, You have given us this good land as our heritage. Forgive, we pray, our shortcomings as a nation. Make us always remember Your generosity and constantly do Your will. Purify our hearts to see and love truth. Bless our land with honest industry, sound learning and an honorable way of life. Give wisdom to our leaders, and those who advise them. Save us from violence, discord and confusion; from pride and arrogance and from every evil way. Make us a united people, we who come from many nations with many different languages. Defend our liberties, and may those whom we entrust to lead us be steadfast in their pursuit of justice and peace in our land. When times are prosperous, let our hearts be thankful. When times are troubled, do not let our trust in You fail. Bring us in Your good time to that fair city of mercy, justice and goodwill whose builder and maker You are. Through Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

God who made heaven and earth - God the Father of our Lord Jesus - is a God of mercy beyond measure. God is quick to forgive. God promises restoration and new life to all people! Friends, I declare to you, in the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

Thanks be to God! Amen!

Glory to God - Hymn 585 verse 1 *(together)*

*Glory to God, glory to God, glory in the Highest. Glory to God,
glory to God, glory in the Highest To God be glory forever.
Alleluia, Amen. Alleluia, Amen. Alleluia, Amen.*

Prayer of Illumination *(together)*

O Lord our God, your Word is a lamp to our feet and a light to our path. Give us grace to receive your truth in faith and love, that we may be obedient to your will and live always for your glory; through Jesus Christ our Savior.

First Lesson: Psalm 50: 7-15 *(responsively)*

⁷ “Hear, O my people, and I will speak;

O Israel, I will testify against you. I am God, your God.

⁸ Not for your sacrifices do I rebuke you;

your burnt offerings are continually before me.

⁹ **I will not accept a bull from your house or goats from your folds.**

¹⁰ For every beast of the forest is mine, the cattle on a thousand hills.

¹¹ **I know all the birds of the hills, and all that moves in the field is mine.**

¹² “If I were hungry, I would not tell you, for the world and its fullness are mine.

¹³ **Do I eat the flesh of bulls or drink the blood of goats?**

¹⁴ Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving, and perform your vows to the Most High,

¹⁵ **and call upon me in the day of trouble;**

I will deliver you, and you shall glorify me.”

The Gospel: Matthew 10: 16 - 25

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God!

Sermon: Mr. Attorney: Did you use the Rites and Ceremonies enjoined by; and prescribed in the Book of Common-Prayer, by the Church of England ?

Francis Makemie: No, I never did, nor ever will, until I am better satisfied in my Conscience, -

↑ **Affirmation of Faith: Apostles' Creed**

We believe in God above us, maker and sustainer of all life, of sun and moon, of water and earth, of male and female. We believe in God beside us, Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh, born of woman, servant of the poor, tortured and nailed to a tree.

A man of sorrows, he died forsaken. He descended into the earth to the place of death. On the third day he rose from the tomb. He ascended into heaven, to be everywhere present, and his kingdom will come on earth.

We believe in God within us, the Holy Spirit of Pentecostal fire, life-giving breath of the Church, Spirit of healing and forgiveness, source of resurrection and of eternal life. Amen.

Hymn 338 *O Beautiful for Spacious Skies*

↓ **Presentation of Our Gifts, Offerings, and Thanksgiving**

↑ **Doxology** - *Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God all creatures here below; Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.....*

↓ **Convocation Prayer of the First Continental Congress & the Lord's Prayer**

O Lord our Heavenly Father, high and mighty King of kings, and Lord of lords, who dost from thy throne behold all the dwellers on earth and reignest with power supreme and uncontrolled over all the Kingdoms, Empires and Governments; look down in mercy, we beseech Thee, on these our American States, who have fled to Thee from the rod of the oppressor and thrown themselves on Thy gracious protection, desiring to be henceforth dependent only on Thee. To Thee have they appealed for the righteousness of their cause; to Thee do they now look up for that

countenance and support, which Thou alone canst give. Take them, therefore, Heavenly Father, under Thy nurturing care; give them wisdom in Council and valor in the field; defeat the malicious designs of our cruel adversaries; convince them of the unrighteousness of their Cause and if they persist in their sanguinary purposes, of own unerring justice, sounding in their hearts, constrain them to drop the weapons of war from their unnerved hands in the day of battle!

Be Thou present, O God of wisdom, and direct the councils of this honorable assembly; enable them to settle things on the best and surest foundation. That the scene of blood may be speedily closed; that order, harmony and peace may be effectually restored, and truth and justice, religion and piety, prevail and flourish amongst the people. Preserve the health of their bodies and vigor of their minds; shower down on them and the millions they here represent, such temporal blessings as Thou seest expedient for them in this world and crown them with everlasting glory in the world to come. All this we ask in the name and through the merits of Jesus Christ, Thy Son and our Savior. Amen.

Reverend Jacob Duché September 7, 1774, 9 o'clock a.m.
Rector of Christ Church of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

Invitation to the Lord's Table

The Institution of the Holy Supper of our Lord Jesus Christ

The Prayer of Thanksgiving

With thanksgiving, let us offer God our grateful praise.

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The Lord's Supper *(approach the table using the center aisle - return using the side aisles)*

The bread which we break is the communion of the body of Christ.

The cup of blessing which we bless is the communion of the blood of Christ.

Communion Meditation *Patriotic Medley*

Prayer after Communion.

↑ **Hymn 354** *Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory*

Charge and Benediction

Go out into the world in peace; have courage; hold on to what is good; return no one evil for evil; strengthen the fainthearted; support the weak; help the suffering; honor all people; love and serve the Lord, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all. Amen.

Benediction Response - Hymn 302 verse 5 *(together)*

Your Spirit gives us differing ways to serve you well and offer praise.

When all are joined --as one, we'll be --your able, strong community.

Postlude

God Bless America

Berlin

Betty Roberts, soprano

Prayer Concerns

Garrett Holcomb; Bill & Pat Sharp; Gene Bailey; Karla Hoffman; Mason Fenton; Flona & Eric Pott; Karen Dietz; Anne Trombatore; Linda Holcomb's sisters, Lois & Carol; Linda Holcomb's neighbor Matt Wammes; Betty Layton's friend, Sue; Gerry, Sue Holman; All who travel this weekend.

This Week at Firelands: Office Hours 10am - 2pm, T - Th

Today 7/5	10:30am Worship and Fellowship. Assisting in Worship are Mary Caracci (reader), and Ed and Shirley Carlson (Communion servers)
Monday 7/6	10:00am Sewing Group
Tuesday 7/7	1:00pm to 2:00pm Nominating Committee 2:00pm to 4:00pm Dulcimer Group
Thursday	8:00am Cleaning service
Next Sunday 7/12	10:30am Worship and Fellowship. Assisting in Worship are Susan Rogers (Reader), and Sally and Dave Wahlers (Communion Servers).