



# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF NORTH EAST

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Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

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*Note: If you are able, prior to the start of service, please gather any kind of bread and juice or wine to use for communion. If you do not have these items, any commonly used food or drink will do.*

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**GATHERING MUSIC:** “America the Beautiful”

**GREETING:** Pastor Gregg Townsend

## CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Sing a new song to the Lord, who has worked wonders, whose right hand and holy arm have brought salvation.

**Together: The Lord has made known salvation; has shown justice to the nations; has remembered truth and love for the house of Israel.**

Leader: All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

**Together: Shout to the Lord, all the earth, sing out your joy.**

Leader: Sing psalms to the Lord with the harp, with the sound of music.

**Together: With trumpets and the sound of the horn acclaim the King, the Lord.**

—based on Psalm 98:1-6

**OPENING PRAISE:** “America the Beautiful”

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.

O beautiful for pilgrim feet whose stern impassioned stress.  
A thoroughfare for freedom beat, across the wilderness.  
America! America! God mend thine every flaw.  
Confirm thy soul in self-control, Thy liberty in law.

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.

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.

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### **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Leader: When we have afflicted others, whether by our own power or by our silent support of systems that oppress, enslave, and crush,

**Together: break us, Lord.**

Leader: When we have perplexed others and purposely confused them for our own gain or driven them to despair,

**Together: break us, Lord.**

Leader: When we have persecuted others, casting them out of our community, leaving them forsaken and alone,

**Together: break us, Lord.**

Leader: When we have struck down others, casting stones on their dreams and hopes until they are destroyed,

**Together: break us, Lord.**

Leader: Then broken, we carry in our bodies the death of Jesus so that the life of Jesus may be made visible in our bodies;

**Together: make us, Lord.**

Leader: With the power that belongs only to you, make us into your treasure;

**Together: make us, Lord.**

Leader: We are the clay, and you are the potter. We are the work of your hands;

**Together: make us, Lord.**

Leader: Do not be exceedingly angry and do not remember our iniquity forever. Now consider, we are all your people.

**Together: Make us, Lord, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

### **LAMENT: "The Potter's Hand"**

Beautiful Lord, wonderful Savior, I know for sure all of my days are held in Your hand,  
Crafted into Your perfect plan.

You gently call me into Your presence, guiding me by Your Holy Spirit;

Teach me, dear Lord, to live all of my life through Your eyes.

I'm captured by Your Holy calling. Set me apart. I know You're drawing me to Yourself.

Lead me, Lord, I pray.

Take me, mold me, use me, fill me. I give my life to the Potter's hand.

Call me, guide me, lead me, walk beside me. I give my life to the Potter's hand.

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### **ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Leader: God the Creator brings you new life, forgives and redeems you. Take hold of this forgiveness, and live your life in the Spirit of Jesus.

**Together: Amen.**

**SCRIPTURE LESSON:** Luke 8:19-21

## **MESSAGE**

**RESPONDING IN SONG:** “Take My Life”

Holiness, holiness is what I long for. Holiness is what I need.  
Holiness, holiness is what You want from me.

Faithfulness, faithfulness is what I long for. Faithfulness is what I need.  
Faithfulness, faithfulness is what You want from me.

Righteousness, righteousness is what I long for. Righteousness is what I need.  
Righteousness, righteousness is what You want from me.

**So take my heart and form it. Take my mind, transform it.  
Take my will, conform it to Yours, to Yours, oh, Lord.**

Purity, purity is what I long for. Purity is what I need. Purity, purity is what You want from me.

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## **HOLY COMMUNION**

*Invitation*

*Prayer of Thanksgiving*

**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.**

*Words of Institution*

*Sharing the Bread and Cup*

*Prayer*

## **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: THE APOSTLES' CREED**

**All: 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 Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell\*; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on 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 Ghost; the holy catholic\*\* Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

\* Christ's 'descent into hell' occurred in His death and burial, the Father's wrath toward sin being poured out on him in our place, so we would never have to taste His wrath.

\*\* By 'catholic,' we mean the universal church made up of all Christians who are saved by grace alone, through faith alone, in Christ alone.

**CLOSING SONG: “Arise, My Soul, Arise”**

Arise, my soul, arise, shake off your guilty fears; the bleeding sacrifice, in my behalf appears;  
Before the throne my Surety stands, before the throne my Surety stands,  
My name is written on His hands.

**Arise, arise, arise, arise, my soul, arise. Arise, arise, arise, arise, my soul, arise.  
Shake off your guilty fears and rise.**

He ever lives above, for me to intercede. His all redeeming love, His precious blood, to plead.  
His blood atoned for every race, His blood atoned for every race,  
And sprinkles now the throne of grace. **(Chorus)**

Five bleeding wounds He bears; received on Calvary.  
They pour effectual prayers. They strongly plead for me:  
“Forgive him, O forgive,” they cry, “Forgive him, O forgive,” they cry,  
“Nor let that ransomed sinner die!” **(Chorus)**

My God is reconciled. His pardoning voice I hear. He owns me for His child. I can no longer fear.  
With confidence I now draw nigh, with confidence I now draw nigh,  
And “Father, Abba, Father,” cry. **(Chorus)**

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**BENEDICTION AND POSTLUDE**

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**WEDNESDAY EVENING PRAYER AND DEVOTION**

Join Pastor Gregg on Facebook LIVE every Wednesday evening at 7:00 P.M. for a time of prayer and devotion. Use the “Send Message” button on Facebook to submit a prayer request, or message Pastor Gregg.