

WORSHIP FOR THE FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST -- Independence Day Weekend, 7/5/2020:

Call to Worship # 810 LOVE THE LORD, YOUR GOD from 2 Chronicles 7:14; Mark 12:29-31; Matthew 7:12; Romans 13:1-2,7,10:1 Peter2:13-17

READER1: If My people who are called by My name

READER2: Will humble themselves, and pray and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land.

READER1: Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God, the Lord is one.

READER2: And you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength.

READER1: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. There is no other commandment greater than these.

BOTH: Love does no harm to a neighbor; therefore love is the fulfillment of the law.

READER2: Whatever you want men to do to you, do also to them, for this is the Law and the Prophets.

READER1: Let every soul be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and the authorities that exist are appointed by God.

READER2: Therefore whoever resists the authority resists the ordinance of God, and those who resist will bring judgment on themselves.

READER1: Render therefore to all their due; taxes to whom taxes are due, customs to whom customs, fear to whom fear, honor to whom honor.

READER2: Submit yourselves to every ordinance of man for the Lord's sake, whether to the king as supreme, or to governors, as to those who are sent by him for the punishment of evildoers and for the praise of those who do good.

READER1: For this is the will of God, that by doing good you may put to silence the ignorance of foolish men — as free, yet not using your liberty as a cloak for vice, but as servants of God. Honor all people. Love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honor the king.

READER2: Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength.

Hymn: "God of Our Fathers" - from Eamon Younis by songsandhymns.org {sing along with the word on the screen} (click on link below) --

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RGexeAILgjQ>

Prayer of Confession:

God our Father: you lead your people to this land, and, out of conflict, created in us a love of peace and liberty. We have failed you by neglecting rights and restricting freedoms. Forgive pride that overlooks national wrong, or justifies injustice. Forgive divisions caused by prejudice or greed. Have mercy, God, on the heart of this land. Make us compassionate, fair, and helpful to each other. Raise up in us a right patriotism, that sees and seeks this nation's good; through Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.

Declaration of Pardon:

This statement is completely reliable and should be universally accepted, that Jesus Christ entered this world to rescue sinner. He personally bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that we might be dead to sin and be alive to all that is fresh and good. Dear friends, believe the Good News of the Gospel for in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

Scripture Lesson: Matthew 11:25-30 (NIV): Read by Marcia McKown on video (click on link below) --

<https://www.facebook.com/nwpresbyterian/videos/691895368210106/>

Sermon: "Rest for Our Souls" by Rev. Ward on video (click on link below) --

<https://www.facebook.com/nwpresbyterian/videos/273698103737888/>

Hymn: "Softly and Tenderly" - from SE Samonte by Altar of Praise Chorale {sing along with the word on the screen} (click on link below) --

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Qf_glkmbNbQ

Benediction and Final Greetings (1 Thessalonians 5:23 & 28)

" May God himself, the God of peace, sanctify you through and through. May your whole spirit, soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you. Amen."