Worship for May 29, 2022 Memorial Day Observance

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

*Call to Worship

Let us give thanks for the land of our birth with all its chartered liberties, for all the wonder of our country's story.

We give you thanks, O God.

For leaders in nation and state, and for those who in days past and in these present times have labored for the commonwealth.

We give you thanks, O God.

For those, who in all times and places have been true and brave, and in the world's common ways have lived upright lives and ministered to their fellows.

We give you thanks, O God.

For those who served their country in its hour of need, and especially for those who gave even their lives in that service.

We give you thanks, O God.

Almighty God, and most merciful Father, as we remember these your servants, remembering them with gratitude and strength, we hold before you those who mourn them. Look upon your bereaved servants with your mercy. As this day brings memories of those they have lost awhile, may it also bring your consolation and the assurance that their loved ones are alive now and forever in your living presence. Amen.

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*Hymn 331 God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand, verses 1 and 2

Prayer of Confession

God of every nation, as we remember those who gave their lives for the sake of the nation, let us be stirred to action in their memory. We confess that we have not done all that is possible to promote peace and justice in our world. We have not loved our neighbors, let alone our enemies. Forgive us for failing to live up to your commandments. Empower us to work for your kingdom in this world, and welcome us by your grace into your eternal realm.

*Hymn Take, O Take Me As I Am Assurance of Pardon The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting. I declare to you, in the name of our Savior, Jesus Christ, our sins are forgiven. Amen.

First Reading Micah 6:6-8 Moments With Our Young Disciples

New Testament Reading Romans 8:31-39 The Morning Message

*Hymn 730 I Sing a Song of the Saints of God

*Affirmation of Faith Apostles' Creed p. 35

*Hymn 581 Gloria Patri

Sharing Our Joys and Concerns Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

Presenting Our Gifts of Tithe and Offering Offertory

*Hymn 606 Doxology

*Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn 331 God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand, verses 3 and 4

*Blessing

Send your peace, O Lord, which is perfect and everlasting, that our souls may radiate peace.

Send your peace, O Lord, that we may think, act, and speak harmoniously.

Send your peace, O Lord, that we may be contented and thankful for your bountiful gifts.

Send your peace, O Lord, that amidst our worldly strife, we may enjoy your bliss.

Send your peace, O Lord, that we may endure all, tolerate all, in light of your grace and mercy.

Send your peace, O Lord, that our lives may become a divine vision, and in your light, all darkness may vanish.

Send your peace, O Lord, that we, your children of earth, may unite in one family.

Hazrat Inayat Khan

*Postlude