Sunday Communion Service

July 3, 2022, 10:00 AM "A Patriotic Promise"

by Minister Miriam Theodore

PRELUDE: Contemplative Music (Silent Meditation)

MEDITATION PRAYER: (*Deuteronomy 28:13a*) "And the Lord shall make you the head and not the tail, and you shall be above only and not be beneath."

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS: (Any Congregant, Please Stand & Speak Loudly!)

Greet your Church Family: Please turn to your left and right to meet fellow members of FCIP.

CALL TO WORSHIP:

(Congregation in **bold**)

P: Wonderful people, do you know that you are counted as righteous in the eyes of God?

C: The Lord has made known his salvation to us and has done marvelous things. His right hand and his holy arm have given us the victory!

P: Wonderful people, and do you know that God is the greatest love of all and loves all people?

C: The Lord has made known his salvation to us and has done marvelous things. His right hand and his holy arm have given us the victory!

ALL: Surely, God's mercy and love is sufficient for us all. Amen.

HYMN: (Please Stand) #484 (Red Hymnal) "This is my Father's World"

PRAYER OF INVOCATION: (Read in unison)

Lord, on the eve of Independence Day, we celebrate our country's independence, but above all, we celebrate our love for you. We pray for peace and togetherness among all races and people. Instill the spirit of harmony and belonging among us so that we can be enlightened to focus on the goodness in others. Today we confess that we will be a little more humble as we continue to walk the narrow way that leads us to eternal life with You. Amen.

CALL TO PRAISE (Congregation in bold) Lift up your hearts! We lift them up unto the Lord. O Lord, open Thou, our lips. And our mouths shall show forth Thy praise.

GLORIA PATRI (Sung in unison) Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, And to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, Is now and ever shall be, World without end. Amen. Amen.

Dismissal of the Children for Sunday School & Activities

SCRIPTURE READING: Zechariah 14:4

SERMON: 'A Patriotic Promise' (by Minister Miriam Theodore)

HYMN: (Please Stand) #437 (Red Hymnal) "My Country, 'Tis of Thee" (Verses 1-3 only)

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION: (Pastor) INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE WORDS OF INSTITUTION PRAYER OF CONSECRATION SHARING THE BREAD AND THE CUP

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

With grateful hearts, we praise you O God, for your great goodness in the gift of Christ. Through sacred memory, Christ has come to us and fed us at this table. Strengthen us by your grace to fellowship with Christ each day. Stir us to share Christ's cross in daily sacrificial service. Amen.

OFFERTORY INVITATION: Zechariah 14:9

"And the Lord shall be king over all the earth; in that day there shall be one Lord, and his name one." Amen (Ushers Will Pass The Collection Plates)

DOXOLOGY: (All Sing)

#515 (Red Hymnal) "Praise God Whom Blessing Flow" Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise Him all creatures here below.

Praise God above, ye heavenly host. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

OFFERTORY PRAYER: (Pastor)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE: (Pastor)

SILENT PRAYER:

PASTORAL PRAYER:

THE LORD'S PRAYER:

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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. Lead us not into temptation, deliver us from evil, for Thine is the Kingdom and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

MUSICAL RESPONSE (Musical Interlude)

Closing HYMN: (Please Stand) #440 (Red Hymnal) "O Beautiful for Spacious Skies"

BENEDICTION: (In Unison) May the Lord watch between me and thee while we are absent one from the other Amen.

POSTLUDE: (Contemplative Music)