



BLESSED IS THE
Nation
WHOSE GOD
IS THE *Lord*

Psalm 33:12

Praise Alive!
The Fourth Sunday after Pentecost
June 17, 2018 - 11:00 AM

PRESERVICE MUSIC

OPENING SONG

GREETING AND PASTOR'S WELCOME

WORSHIP SONGS

THE INVOCATION

P: In the Name of God the Father, God the Son ☩ and God the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE CROSS

All: I pledge allegiance to the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, and to the faith for which it stands, one Savior, eternal, with mercy and grace for all; so help me God.

THE PRAYERS FOR OUR NATION

P: Let us pray for our nation and the families that make up our nation. Heavenly Father, we thank You for the godly men and women who have led us in the straight and narrow way that You would have us to go. We pray bless the parents and families of our nation with faith and strength, wisdom and courage; so that Your people in this nation may never stray from their Christian heritage.

C: O God of heaven, look with mercy upon us, bless our families and hear our prayers.

- P: Let us pray for our nation, the President of the United States and those who govern and lead our nation. Heavenly Father, look with mercy upon President Trump, his cabinet, and all who serve with him. Grant them such humility and faith that they will always seek Your direction, hear Your Word, submit to Your will, follow the promptings of Your Spirit and lead our nation in a godly way.
- C: O God of mercy, hear our prayers and bless us with good government and leaders. Amen.**

THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

All: I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America, and to the republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

THE PRAYERS FOR THOSE WHO SERVE IN THE MILITARY FORCES

- P: Let us pray for our nation, those who serve in the armed forces. Almighty God, hear our prayers on behalf of those who work to protect us, keep the peace and provide stability in an unstable world. Bless our brothers and sisters who serve in harm's way as soldiers, airmen, sailors and guardsmen with Your divine protection. Enable them to serve faithfully. Grant them diligence and courage. We pray, guard and protect them as they guard and protect us.
- C: O God of peace, hear our prayers and bless us with Your protection and peace.**
- P: Let us pray for our brothers and sisters, mothers and fathers, sons and daughters who have made great sacrifices to defend our nation. Almighty God, You who train our fingers for battle and our hands for war, we pray grant Your aid to those who have been injured in battle. Heal their bodies. Comfort their souls. Fill their hearts and minds with Your peace. We pray for those who mourn the death of a loved one who has died while defending our nation and our freedom. Look with mercy Heavenly Father upon those who grieve. Redeem their losses. Assure them that the sacrifices that were made were not made for naught.
- C: O God of victory, hear our prayers and bless us with faith to trust in Your protection and providence. Amen.**

*We pause for a moment of silence
in honor of those who have given their lives
in defense of our nation.*

THE PRAYER FOR THE CHURCHES OF OUR NATION

- P: Let us pray for our nation, for the Christian churches of our nation and all who serve as pastors and leaders. Heavenly Father, we pray, strengthen the spiritual core of these United States. Work in and through Your Church to restore faith and godly values to our communities. Call sinners to repent. Convict our hearts. Strengthen our faith. Enable us to know and trust Your grace and forgiveness. Lead us to proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ in this land, while there is still time.
- C: Lord have mercy. Christ have mercy. Lord have mercy. Amen.**

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

READINGS

The Old Testament Lesson	Psalm 144	Pew Bible, page 978
The Epistle Lesson	2 Peter 1:1-9	Pew Bible, page 1893
The Gospel Lesson	Mark 12:28-34	Pew Bible, page 1575

MESSAGE

Pastor Paul Birner

OFFERING AND MESSAGE SONG

PRAYERS AND SPECIAL PETITIONS

P: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

C: **This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us.** [1 Jn 5:14]

*Special Prayers will be made at this time
Petitions will end with the words, "Lord in Your mercy"
The congregation may respond, "Hear our prayer."*

P: Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord,

C: **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Baptismal Anniversaries: Reid Grothen – July 3, Kevin Kallish – July 4, Debbie Pinnow – July 4, Rachel Berry – July 5

PREPARATION FOR HOLY COMMUNION-- CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C: **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

(silence for reflection)

P: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C: **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart: we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

P: Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Ghost.

C: **Amen.**

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD-- CONSECRATION

At King of Kings, we welcome at Holy Communion all baptized Christians who believe that Jesus Christ is present in this Sacrament and that forgiveness of sins is given in it. Children who have not yet been instructed to receive Holy Communion and those who are not yet baptized are invited to come forward to receive a blessing. Please see the Pastor if you have further questions.

COMMUNION SONGS

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

THE APOSTLES CREED

THE BENEDICTION

P: "Blessed are you! Who is like you, a people saved by the Lord? He is your shield and helper." [Deu 33:28-29]

C: **"Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord, the people he chose for his inheritance."** [Ps 33: 12]

P: "Blessed are the people of whom this is true;

C: **Blessed are the people whose God is the Lord."** [Ps 144: 15]

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face to shine upon you and be gracious to you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.

C: **To our God and Father be glory for ever and ever. Amen.** [Phil 4:20]

CLOSING SONG

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By Jan McCormick in memory of Bud.*

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