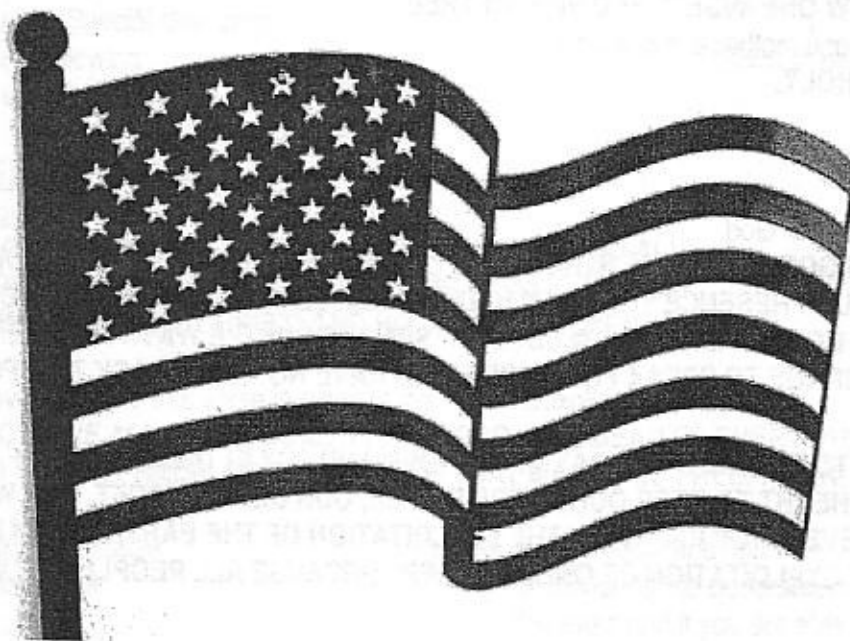


The New Utrecht Reformed Church
Liberty Weekend Interfaith Service
225th Anniversary of the New Utrecht Liberty Pole
1st of June 2008

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We Welcome You to our Worship!



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We invite you to maintain a spirit of silence as the prelude begins our service.
Chaplain George Munckenbeck, 14th Regiment Company H is co-officiating this morning.

OUR APPROACH TO GOD

Prelude

Introit

Welcome & Call to Worship: A Native American Prayer by Black Elk

Then I was standing on the highest mountain of them all,

AND ROUND BENEATH ME WAS THE WHOLE HOOP OF THE WORLD.

And while I stood there I saw more than I can tell,

AND I UNDERSTOOD MORE THAN I SAW.

For I was seeing in the sacred manner the shape of all things of the spirit

AND THE SHAPES AS THEY MUST LIVE TOGETHER LIKE ONE BEING.

And I saw that the sacred hoop of my people was one of many hoops that make one circle, wide as daylight and starlight,

AND IN THE CENTER GREW ONE MIGHTY FLOWERING TREE

To shelter all the children of one mother and one father.

AND I SAW THAT IT WAS HOLY.

*Hymn "My country Tis of Thee"

Let us pause in silence before our God.

Prayer in Unison **GACIOUS GOD, WHEN THE STRUGGLES OF LIFE HEM ME IN ON EVERY SIDE, OPEN ME TO THE FREEDOM OF YOUR PRESENCE THAT CAN HELP ME SEE BEYOND EVERY RESTRICTION, EVERY LIMIT THAT BINDS ME. O GOD, GIVE ME THE WISDOM TO SEE THE SUBTLE WAYS PEOPLE CAN BE ENSLAVED AND THE COURAGE TO SPEAK FOR THOSE WHO HAVE NO VOICE. I ASK THIS FOR THE SAKE OF YOUR LOVE.**

O GOD, WHEN WE WAKE TO YET ANOTHER DAY OF WONDER AND JOY IN THE BEAUTY OF YOUR CREATION, GIVE US THE HEART TO KEEP OUR NEEDS SIMPLE, OUR DESIRES SOFT, OUR WILLS PLIABLE, SO THAT WE NEVER PARTICIPATE IN THE EXPLOITATION OF THE EARTH WHICH IS THE WORK OF YOUR HANDS OR THE EXPLOITATION OF ONE ANOTHER, BECAUSE ALL PEOPLE ARE WORK OF YOUR HEART.

Kyrie (sung) **LORD HAVE MERCY UPON US. CHRIST HAVE MERCY UPON US.
LORD HAVE MERCY UPON US.**

A Word of Assurance: Micah 4: 3

They shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more; but they shall all sit under their own vines and fig trees, and no one shall make them afraid.

The Summary of the Law (Mk 12: 29-31)

This is the first commandment:

HEAR O ISRAEL, THE LORD OUR GOD, THE LORD IS ONE! THEREFORE YOU SHALL LOVE THE LORD YOUR GOD WITH ALL YOUR HEART, WITH ALL YOUR SOUL, WITH ALL YOUR MIND, AND WITH ALL YOUR STRENGTH.

This is the second commandment.

YOU SHALL LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF.

There is no greater commandment than these.

Anthem "God of our Fathers"

THE WORD OF GOD

*Responsive Reading: An excerpt from "Liberation is Costly" by Archbishop Desmond Tutu
Liberation is costly. Even after the Lord had delivered the Israelites from Egypt, they had to travel through the desert.
THEY HAD TO BEAR THE RESPONSIBILITIES AND DIFFICULTIES OF FREEDOM.

There was starvation and thirst and they kept complaining.

WE MUST REMEMBER THAT LIBERATION IS COSTLY. IT NEEDS UNITY.

We must hold hands and refuse to be divided. We must be ready.

LET US BE UNITED. LET US BE FILLED WITH HOPE, LET US BE THOSE WHO RESPECT ONE ANOTHER.

All people of Christian faith are welcome to join us as we conclude this prayer of praise:

*Gloria Patri (Hymn No 623) **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!**

The Greeting of Peace and Special Greetings

Deteruonomy 11: 18 and following

Meditation The Reverend Terry Troia

"Soldier" by Robert Frost

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD

*The Offering, Doxology (625) and Prayer

PRAISE GOD FROM ALL WHOM ALL BLESSINGS FLOW; PRAISE GOD ALL CREATURES HERE BELOW; PRAISE GOD ABOVE YE HEAVENLY HOSTS; PRAISE FATHER (CREATOR), SON (CHRIST) AND HOLY GHOST. AMEN

(Non-Christians are invited to sing this verse in place of the Triune Doxology above.)

PRAISE GOD, THE LOVE WE ALL MAY SHARE. PRAISE GOD, OUR BEAUTY, EVERYWHERE. PRAISE GOD, THE HOPE OF GOOD TO BE. PRAISE GOD, THE TRUTH THAT MAKES US FREE. AMEN!

A Time of Giving Thanks and Praise

*Hymn "America the Beautiful "

Postlude

Prayers of the People ending in the Lord's Prayer

Response to the Benediction

*Please stand if you are able.

The flowers gracing the sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Our beloved parents, Josephine & Henry and loved ones, from the Safay family.

The Memorial Wreath commemorating the 225th Anniversary of the Liberty Pole is graciously donated by the Ruggiero Family of Bath Beach Florist. Thank you for your enduring friendship! God bless you!

Special thanks and much gratitude is extended to our New Utrecht Liberty Pole Association President, Rose Lood and Friends of Historic New Utrecht President Bob Buonvino, Vice President Edward Paunetto and Angela Sarro, Chairperson of the New Utrecht Liberty Weekend, David Elligers, our cemetery tour guide and trustee, and the Boy Scout Leaders and Scouters for making Liberty Weekend possible! Many, many thanks to Chaplain George Munckenbeck and the soldiers of the Brooklyn 14th Regiment, Company H, N.Y. State Militia. Our hats off to Brian Worsdale for the magnificent concert he conducted last night ! Thank you Brian and the ISO Band! To our own New Utrechters and many community volunteers who made this weekend possible: thank you! Many thanks also to any volunteers whom I may have inadvertently omitted. We thank you all profoundly. We are graced by your efforts and enthusiasm! God bless you! *If you do not have a church home, we invite you to join us!*

My Country, 'Tis of Thee

Righteousness exalted a nation: but sin is a reproach to any people. Prov. 14:34

AMERICA 6 6 4 6 6 6 4
Tasasunuu Aukicau, c. 1745

Samuel F. Smith, 1832

1. My coun - try, 'tis of thee, Sweet land of lib - er - ty,
 2. My na - tive coun - try, thee, Land of the no - ble free,
 3. Let mu - sic swell the breeze, And ring from all the trees,
 4. Our fa - thers' God, to Thee, Au - thor of lib - er - ty,

Of thee I sing: Land where my fa - thers died, Land of the
 Thy name I love: I love thy rocks and rills, Thy woods and
 Sweet free - dom's song: Let mor - tal tongues a - wake, Let all that
 To Thee we sing: Long may our land be bright With free - dom's

pl - grims' pride, From ev - ery moun - tain side Let free - dom ring!
 tem - pled hills; My heart with rap - ture thrills Like that a - bove.
 breathe par - take; Let rocks their sil - lence break, 'The sound pro - long.
 ho - ly light; Pro - teed us by Thy might, Great God, our King! A - men.

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O Beautiful for Spacious Skies

Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord. Ps. 33:12

MATTEA C.M.D.
Samuel A. Ward, 1882

Katherine L. Bates, 1893

1. O beau - ti - ful for spa - cious skies, For am - ber waves of grain,
 2. O beau - ti - ful for pil - grim feet, Whose stern in - pas - sioned stress
 3. O beau - ti - ful for he - roes proved In lib - er - at - ing strife,
 4. O beau - ti - ful for pa - triot dream That sees be - yond the years

For pur - ple moun - tain maj - es - ties A - bove the fruit - ed plain!
 A thor - ough - fare for free - dom bent A - cross the wil - der - ness!
 Who more than self their coun - try loved, And mer - cy more than life!
 Thine al - a - bas - tar cit - ies gleam, Un - dimmed by hu - man tears!

A - mer - i - ca! A - mer - i - ca! God shed His grace on thee,
 A - mer - i - ca! A - mer - i - ca! God mend thine ev - ery flaw,
 A - mer - i - ca! A - mer - i - ca! May God thy gold re - fine,
 A - mer - i - ca! A - mer - i - ca! God shed His grace on thee,

And crown thy good with broth - er - hood From sea to shin - ing sea!
 Con - firm thy soul in self - con - trol, Thy lib - er - ty in law!
 Till all suc - cess be no - ble - ness, And ev - ery gain di - vine!
 And crown thy good with broth - er - hood From sea to shin - ing sea! A - men.

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