

MORNING WORSHIP



14th Sunday in Ordinary Time
July 4, 2010

A PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP:

Bless us, O God, with a reverent sense of Your presence, that we may be at peace and may worship You with all our mind and spirit; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*At this time we ask that you turn off all cell phones.
Please take a moment to sign the red booklets in your pews.*

ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME:

"Not neglecting to meet together...but encouraging one another"

Prelude: *America the Beautiful*

ARPC Bells

arr. B. George

WORSHIP THROUGH PRAISE:

"Enter His gates with thanksgiving and His courts with praise!"

Introit: *Eternal Father, Strong to Save*

John Dykes

*Call to Worship:

Celebrant: God of all ages, we thank You for the heritage which is the foundation of our faith.
People: **We affirm the faith we have received and those who nurtured us along the way.**
Celebrant: We thank You for the faithful prayers of our mothers and the caring examples of our fathers.
People: **We thank You for those heroes of faith who have gone before, living by their beliefs and dying for their convictions.**
Celebrant: We thank You for our everyday models of uprightness, who guide us into truth by forthright witness and gentle affirmation.
People: **We thank You for those who found loyalty costly and those who are devout in the midst of ease.**
Celebrant: May we walk worthily of those in whose unseen presence we live.
All: **Save us from cowardly surrender to the world, that the faith we proclaim will be strong and true, boldly affirming Your return to receive the faithful unto Yourself for all eternity. Amen.**

*Hymn of Praise No. 262: *God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand*

Presentation and Pledge to the Flags:

Pledge to the American Flag

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.

Pledge to the Christian Flag

I pledge allegiance to the Christian flag and to the Savior for whose Kingdom it stands; one Savior, crucified, risen, and coming again, with life and liberty for all who believe.

5¢-a-Meal Offerings may be brought forward

A Prayer for Our Country

*Hymn of Praise No. 564: *O Beautiful for Spacious Skies*

AN ACT OF CONFESSION

The Reading of and Summary of the Law of God

We Confess We Have Broken God's Commands:

Celebrant: Hear the word of God. I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage. You shall have no other gods before me.

People: **We confess we have worshiped other gods. We kneel at the altar of success and fortune and hope for happiness. We bow down to the god of pleasure and popularity and hope for friendship. We worship our idols we buy and sell in hope of fulfillment. We confess we have turned from Your ways to our own ways. God of love, forgive our sin and lead us in Your ways. Teach us how we will live. Free us for real life in You.**

Prayer continues as the Choir sings: *Change My Heart, O God*

*Declaration of Forgiveness

*The Peace

WORSHIP THROUGH PROCLAMATION:

"Blessed are they that hear the word of the Lord."

Prayer of Blessing for Young Disciples

(Children are invited forward.)

THE READING OF HOLY SCRIPTURES

"Thy righteousness is righteous forever, and Thy Law is true."

Prayer for Illumination

Psalms 1

Acts 3: 1-26

(p. 602)

(p. 146)

Celebrant: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

*Let us celebrate and rejoice in the Gospel of Christ as we stand to sing: (Hymnal p. 464, vs. 1)
Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

*Luke 12: 22-31 (p. 91)
Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.
People: **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Anthem: *God Bless America* Irving Berlin

Sermon: **"HEALING POWER"** Dr. Ron Tippens

WORSHIP THROUGH RESPONSE:

"Be doers of the Word and not hearers only"

Community Life, Morning Prayer, The Lord's Prayer

The Offering and Offertory: *Festive Variations on an American Folk Hymn* J. Martin

*The Doxology with Alleluias Lasst uns erfreuen

*Affirmation of Faith - The Apostles' Creed (Traditional) (Hymnal p. 14)

*The Charge and The Benediction:

REMEMBER.....

You go nowhere by accident, Wherever you go, God is sending you.

Wherever you are, God has put you there, God has a purpose in your being there.

Christ Who indwells you has something God wants to do through you where you are.

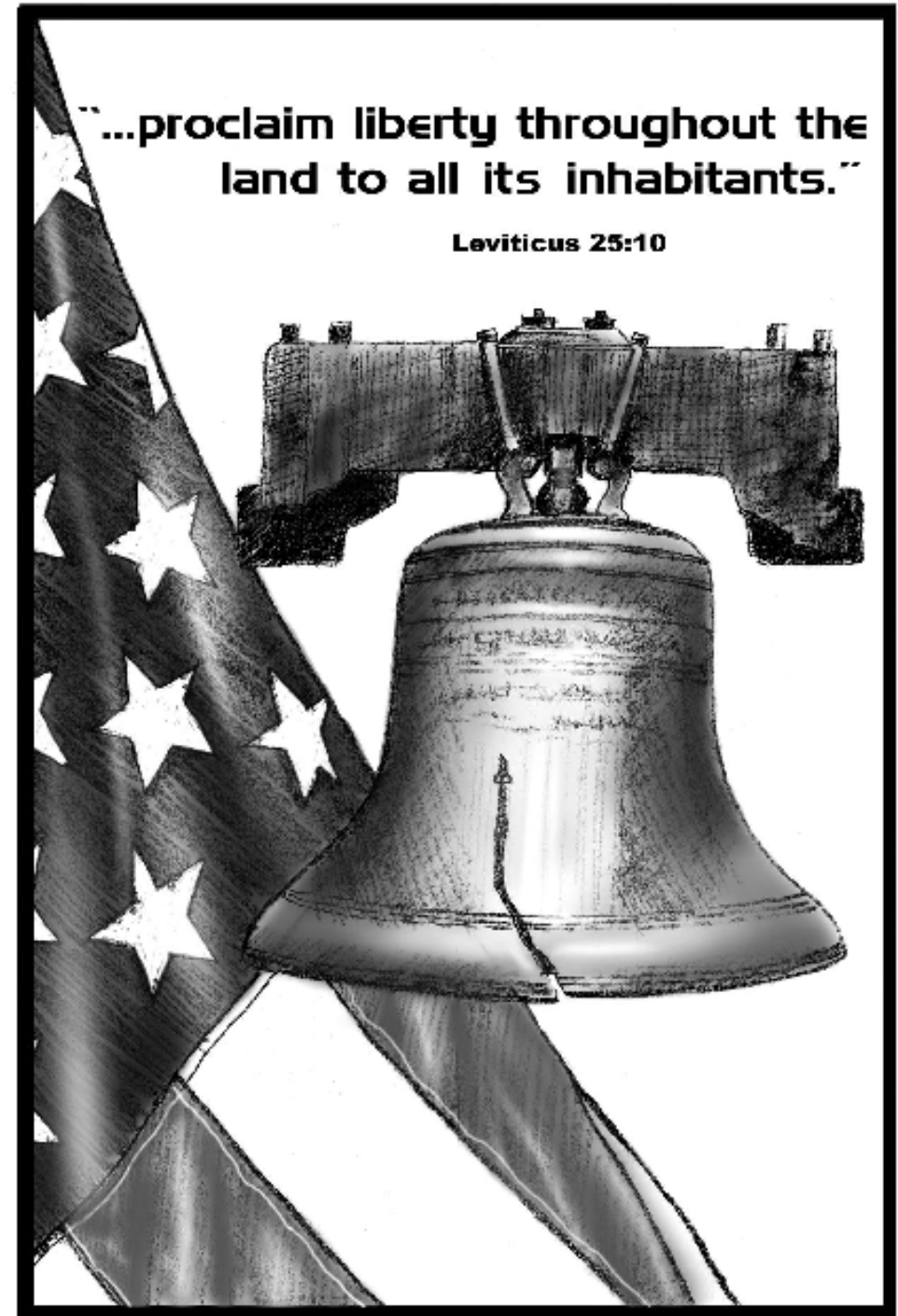
Believe this and go in God's grace and love and power to embrace and love the community of Charlotte.

*Hymn of Dedication: *The Battle Hymn of the Republic*

*Postlude: *Finale* G. Handel

*Please stand if able

***Latecomers may be seated by ushers



NEWS OF THE CHURCH ALIVE

Welcome to Albemarle Road Church!

Enter in stillness ... know that the Lord is God. Listen in reverence ... it is God who has made us.
Sing with delight ... it is God who hears us. Speak with conviction ... there is no other God.
Depart in peace ... it is God's gift for you. Serve with joy ... it is your gift to God.

If you are visiting with us, please know you are especially welcome. **Guests** are encouraged to complete a visitor's card and place it in the offering plate.

The Sanctuary Flowers today are given to the Glory of God by Martha and Don Blackmon to celebrate our freedom and in honor of those who have served to maintain it.

Nursery Volunteers today: Dana Baker, John Walls, Peggy Woods
Sunday, July 11: Troy & Nichole Dissler, Katy & Joe Leischner

During July, ARPC members are invited to take a sabbatical from some of our activities:
Children's Church will not be held.
Committees, Session, and Diaconate will not hold their regular meetings.
Chancel Choir will not meet for their regular Wednesday evening practice.
Enjoy this month of rest!

The Church Office will be closed Monday, July 5, in observance of Independence Day.

Our summer journey through the Book of Acts continues next Lord's Day, July 11th, as we look at Acts 11: 19-30; 13: 1-3 "Essential Qualities for a 21st Century Faith: Generosity."

Vacation Bible School - Baobab Blast - July 11-15, 6:00-8:30 p.m. for four-year-olds through fifth graders. Older youth can volunteer to help. Please pre-register today. Forms are in the narthex.

Greeter: Erna Brugman
July Elder: Cindy Eccleston
Head Usher: Annette Mayne
Recent Illness: Bill Paules

ARPC's Summer Schedule:

8:00 - 8:45 a.m. Communion Worship (Outdoor Chapel)
followed by fellowship on the porch of the Family Life Center
9:15 - 10:15 a.m. Sunday School
10:30 - 11:30 a.m. Morning Worship

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