

# Wycliffe

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*"I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me, you can do nothing."*

*(John 15)*

## LET US WORSHIP

### WE GIVE THANKS FOR THE NATION *(all read the bold)*

*For the beauty of this land, from coastlines to mountains, from rivers to plains,  
**We give you thanks, O God.***

*For the many peoples who have shaped this nation -  
its cultures, languages, gifts and dreams,  
**We give you thanks, O God.***

*For the freedoms we cherish and the responsibilities they require,  
**We give you thanks, O God.***

*For leaders, past and present, who have sought justice,  
loved kindness, and walked humbly,  
**We give you thanks, O God.***

*And for the work still before us, and for your Spirit which guides us,  
**We give you thanks, O God.***

\*HYMN 337 "MY COUNTRY 'TIS OF THEE" *(stand in body or spirit & sing:*

*\*Share the Peace of Christ with those around you*

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

*Children's time with the Pastor*

### ***A Bell for Peace*** (all read the bold)

*On the 250th anniversary of our nation's birth, we ring a bell as a sign of our hope for peace. Not the peace of complacency, but the peace that comes from justice; not the peace of silence, but the peace that grows from truth; not the peace of power, but the peace that flows from Christ, the Prince of Peace.*



**Make us instruments of your peace, O God.**

**Guide our nation in all things that lead to peace.**

### ***A Time of Silence***

*In this moment of silence, let us remember the wounds our nation carries, let us lament the injustices that persist and honor those who have suffered. May we hold before God our deepest hopes for healing and renewal. (silence)*

**Holy God, receive our silence as prayer.**

**Shape our future with your justice, mercy, and peace.**

*Grant wisdom to those who lead, courage to those who speak truth, compassion to those who serve, and humility to us all. Strengthen communities that are weary, and lift up those who are overlooked.*

**Make our common life reflect your grace**

**so that our nation may grow in mercy and peace.**

**Hymn 687 “Our God, Our Help in Ages Past”** (sing prayerfully, v.1-3-5; seated)

### **THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

*followed by The Lord's Prayer (screen)*



*Scripture ~ Matthew 11:18-19, 25-30*

**THE WORD OF GOD IS OPENED TO US**

*Rev. Dr. Garrett Bugg*

**“In Remembrance of Me” (Beryl Red)**

*In remembrance of me, eat this bread; in remembrance of me drink this wine.*

*In remembrance of me, pray for the time when God’s own will is done ~*

**THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION**

*This is the table, not of the Church, but of the Lord.  
It is made ready for those who love him and who want  
to love him more. So come, not because I invite you:  
it is our Lord, and his will that those who want him  
should meet him here.*



*The Lord be with you ~ **and also with you.***

*Lift up your hearts ~ **we lift our hearts to the Lord.***

*Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God ~ **for it is right to give our thanks and praise.***

*When we were nothing, you made us something. When we had no name and no faith  
and no future, you called us your children. When we lost our way, or turned away,  
you did not abandon us. And when we came back to you, your arms opened wide in  
welcome. And here you prepare a table for us so that we may be filled, forgiven, healed,  
blessed and made new again. So now in gratitude, we join our voices to those  
of the Church on earth and in heaven ~*

**Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty!**

**All thy works shall praise thy name, in earth and sky and sea.**

**Holy, Holy, Holy, merciful and mighty! God in three persons, blessed Trinity.**

*As we come to share the richness of your table,  
we cannot take bread and forget those who are hungry.*

**Lord, put our prosperity at the service of the poor.**

*We cannot take wine and forget those who are thirsty.*

**Lord, put our fullness at the service of the empty.**

*We cannot hear your words of peace and forget a world in conflict.*

**Lord, show us quickly how to turn weapons into welcome signs,  
and a lust for power and control into a desire for peace.**

*We cannot celebrate the feast of your family and forget our divisions.*

**Lord, heal your Church.**

**Then sings my soul, my Savior God to thee; how great thou art, how great thou art!  
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## THE BREAD AND CUP ARE SHARED

Please come forward at the direction of the usher to receive the bread & cup (gluten-free bread is also available). Empty cups may be placed in the receptacles on the outer walls as you return to your pew. If you prefer to be served in your pew, let the usher know.



## \*HYMN 700 "I'M GONNA LIVE SO GOD CAN USE ME"

(stand in body or spirit & sing)



**All are welcome to the fellowship hall for coffee & conversation**

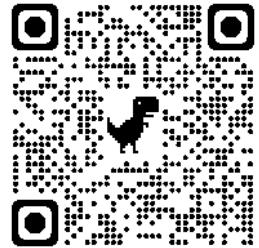
(to the left as you leave the sanctuary)



Giving is a natural overflow of a heart that is grateful for Jesus, who gave everything for us. A basket is available on the table as you leave the sanctuary for contributions of checks or cash. A secure link for electronic giving is available on the church's website at [www.wycliffepresbyterian.org](http://www.wycliffepresbyterian.org)



The sanctuary flowers this Sunday are given to the glory of God by Ron and Amelia Moore in honor of America's 250th birthday. God Bless America!



August 3rd-6th / 5:30pm—7:30pm

Scan the QR Code for Student Registration!



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