

PRELUDE

GREETING

CALL TO PRAISE AND PRAYER (from Psalm 48)

Leader: How great is the Lord!

People: How deserving of praise!

Leader: We meditate on God's unfailing love as we worship
on this day.

**People: As your name deserves, O God, you will be
praised to the ends of the earth.**

OPENING SONG

"God of the Ages"

Hymnal # 698

OPENING PRAYER

**Almighty God, you rule all the peoples of the
earth. Inspire the minds of all women and men to whom
you have committed the responsibility of government
and leadership in the nations of the world. Give to them
the vision of truth and justice, that by their counsel all
nations and peoples may work together. Give to the
people of our country zeal for justice and strength of
forbearance, that we may use our liberty in accordance
with your gracious will. Forgive our shortcomings as a
nation; purify our hearts to see and love the truth. We
pray all these things through Jesus Christ. Amen.**

Prayer for Independence Day, United Methodist Book of Worship #442

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Psalm 48

Acts 8:1-8

MESSAGE

"Uncontainable Joy"

SPECIAL MUSIC

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Pastoral Prayer

Silent 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.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For
thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever.
Amen.

OFFERING OF GRATITUDE

DOXOLOGY

Hymnal # 94

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right...and join their unending hymn:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven
and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Holy are you...as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

Pour out your Holy Spirit...all honor and glory is yours,
almighty Father, now and forever.

Amen.

CLOSING PRAYER

Everlasting God, throughout all of the Bible and all of history, even in times of persecution you have helped your people to prevail. When your believers were scattered after Stephen was killed, they faithfully spread your message and your love in every place they went. They brought healing and hope to cities in many nations. As recipients of their legacy of uncontainable joy spreading across the globe, lead us to continue working for the healing of the nations as we share your love, peace, faith, hope, and joy in every place we can. In the name of Christ we pray. **Amen.**

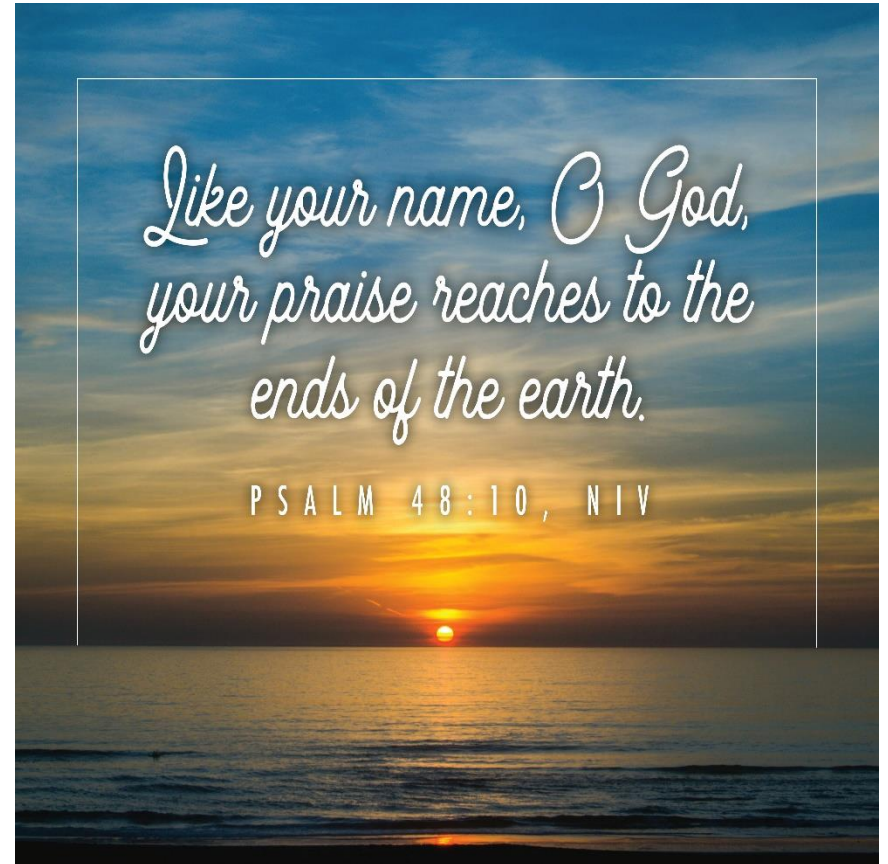
HYMN

"There's a Song"

Faith We Sing # 2141

DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

POSTLUDE



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