

# Peace United Church of Christ



## Worship Resources for the Fifth Sunday After Pentecost July 2, 2023

### Welcome

### Opening Hymn “America the Beautiful”

O beautiful for spacious skies, for amber waves of grain,  
For purple mountain majesties above the fruited plain!  
America! America! God shed His grace on thee  
And crown thy good with brotherhood from sea to shining sea!

O beautiful for pilgrim feet whose stern impassioned stress  
A thoroughfare for freedom beat across the wilderness.  
America! America! God mend thine ev'ry flaw,  
Confirm thy soul in self-control, thy liberty in law.

### Prayer of Invocation

*God of the generations,  
we come this day mindful of our nation's history,  
and of all who prayed and pondered, talked and reasoned,  
fought and died for the principles of freedom.  
We ask for your guidance as the future of our nation and its people  
unfold in the coming years. May we be dedicated to the rights of all  
to live in safety, work and worship freely, and speak without fear.  
In Christ's name we pray, Amen*

### Scripture Reading

Romans 7: 15-25

Matthew 10: 40-42

## **Meditation**

### **Prayers of the People/The Prayer of Our Savior (debts and debtors)**

#### **Sending Song    “Holy God, We Praise Thy Name”**

Holy God, we praise Thy Name; Lord of all, we bow before Thee!  
All on earth Thy scepter claim, All in Heaven above adore Thee;  
Infinite Thy vast domain, Everlasting is Thy reign.

Holy Father, Holy Son, Holy Spirit, Three we name Thee;  
While in essence only One, Undivided God we claim Thee;  
And adoring bend the knee, While we own the mystery.

#### **Benediction & Sending Forth**