

# Welcome to Worship

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## Invitation and Gathering

Gathering, Welcome & Announcements:

**Opening Hymn:** #696 America the Beautiful

### **Call to Worship:**

L: Today is Independence Day.

**P: We celebrate a time when our country declared its independence from foreign domination.**

L: But many things dominate our hearts: fear, apathy, intolerance, anger.

**P: May God hear our celebrations and also our cries for help.**

L: Remember how God has blessed you, and be a blessing to others.

**P: Lord, keep our hearts and minds open to your word and your way. AMEN.**

### **UMW Recognition**

### **Children's Message:**

### **The Lord's Prayer**

## Loving the Wider World Through Our Sharing

### **Blessing of the Prayer Shawl and Gifts for Pastor Dan**

### **Prayers of the People**

Pastor: "Lord in Your Mercy,"

Congregational response: **"Hear our prayer."**

### **Pastoral Prayer**

**Hymn:** #437 This Is My Song

## Proclamation and Response

Scripture: Timothy 2:1-7 (The Message Translation)

**Sermon: God Bless America**

### **Prayer of Confession**

**Holy Communion:** Hymnal - page 15

Giving the Bread and Cup

### **Prayer after Communion:**

#### **The Offering:**

\*Doxology: Hymn #95

## Sending Forth

**Closing Chorus:** #431 Let There Be Peace On Earth

### **Benediction:**

God of fireworks and good works, bless us this day as we go from this place. May our celebrations be joyous and memorable, and may our service to others reflect your love and peace. AMEN.

*\*Please stand as you are able  
Read in unison words printed in bolded type*