

# “Bless the Lord, O Our Nation”

For the 250th Anniversary of the United States

*Based on Isaiah 8:10–18 and Psalm 103:1–5*

Two hundred fifty years have turned  
Since liberty first found her voice;  
Yet nations rise and plans may fall  
When we forget the Lord’s true choice.

“God is with us,” still we pray,  
Not as a slogan, proud and thin;  
But as a summons to return  
From fear, from pride, from hidden sin.

Teach us to fear no lesser fear,  
No rumor’s roar, no power’s claim;  
Make us a people sanctified,  
Who tremble only at Your name.

Bless the Lord, O soul of ours;  
Forget not mercy’s countless ways:  
He heals, forgives, redeems, restores,  
And crowns our troubled land with grace.

So, make us young in hope again,  
Like eagles lifted by Your hand;  
Let justice, mercy, truth, and praise  
Renew the heart of this dear land.

# North Benton Presbyterian Church

June 21, 2026 AD Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

**“Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of heavenly lights, Who does not change like shifting shadows.” -**

James 1: 17



## PRELUDE

## CHURCH LIFE

## GREETINGS AND WELCOME

## CALL TO JOIN IN WORSHIP

**Pastor:** Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless His holy Name.

**People:** **For 250 years, God has shown His mercy to our land.**

**Pastor:** Through wars and peace, trials and triumphs, He has preserved and guided us.

**People:** **Today we remember not only the story of our nation,**

**Pastor:** but the greater story of God’s grace that has carried us through every generation.

**People:** **He renews our strength like the eagles, and His faithfulness never fails.**

**Pastor:** We give thanks for freedom, for provision, for peace, and for the hope we have in Christ.

**All:** **Come, let us worship the Lord who is the same yesterday, today, and forever.**

## INVOCATION

## +PRAISE SONGS

**“This Is My Father’s World”**

**“Change My Heart, O God”**

Please Pray For:

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Sermon Notes:

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***This Week***

***Caring, Sharing, Praying***

Sun  
 6/21 **Father's Day**  
**9:00 Coffee & Pastry**  
 9:30 Worship Service  
 (Youth Sunday School  
 after children's message)  
 10:45 Searcher's Class

6/28 9:30 Worship Service  
 (Youth Sunday School  
 after children's message)  
 10:45 Searcher's Class

**Nursing Home:**  
 Dan Rowe  
 Essex #1, Salem, OH 44460  
 (Rm.#201)

**Continued Prayer for:**  
 Denton Herron,  
 James Hilles,  
 Stan & Sandy Jozwiakowski,  
 Emily Winters,  
 Maeo Bates,  
 Carol Schiffler,  
 Chris & Alicia Gamble  
 Irene Shields

***Contact the office to add or  
 remove a name***

Deacon Greeters -----	Karen Fay
-----	Barb Franklin
Keyboard -----	Marilyn Smith
Praise Songs -----	Sylvia Hammond
Sound System -----	Dale Fay
Acolyte-----	Thea Fielder

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE (Sunday School to Follow)**

**“Anything and Everything”**

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

Pastor: As we mark the 250th anniversary of the United States, we give thanks for every mercy God has shown through the generations, yet we also confess that no nation, party, people, or promise can be our sanctuary. God alone is holy. God alone is our refuge. Therefore, with humility before the Lord and love for our neighbors, let us confess our sins.

**SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Pastor: Beloved in Christ, Isaiah declares, “I will wait for the Lord... I will hope in Him.” The promise at the heart of this passage is not that human counsel will stand, but that God is with us. In Jesus Christ, Immanuel, God has come near—not to condemn those who turn to Him, but to save, forgive, and make new. Friends, hear and believe the good news: in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. God is our sanctuary, our hope, and our peace.

**All: Praise be to God! Let us live in the peace only God can give! Amen!**

**+GLORIA PATRI**

**PRESENTATION OF GIFTS, TITHES, & OFFERINGS**

**OFFERTORY SCRIPTURE**

**“Commit your work to the Lord, and your plans will be established.” -Proverbs 16: 3**

## DOXOLOGY

## PRAYER REQUESTS & PRAISES

## PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE and LORD'S PRAYER

+Hymn #687 "God of Our Fathers"

## PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

**All: Holy God, our sanctuary and hope, quiet our fears and turn our hearts to You. As Your Word is read and proclaimed, teach us to trust You, receive Your mercy, and be renewed by Your Spirit. Bless Your holy name within us, and guide us to hear and obey Your living Word. Amen.**

SCRIPTURE "Isaiah 8: 10-18 and Psalm 103: 1-5"

SERMON "Remembering the Giver"

+HYMN #6 (verses 1-2)

"This is My Father's World"

## CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

+RECESSIONAL HYMN #6 (verse 3)

"This is My Father's World"

## POSTLUDE

## NEXT WEEK'S SERMON:

"Freedom to \_\_\_\_\_!" based on Galatians 5: 13-14, Mark 10: 42-45 and First Peter 2: 16.

## Praise Songs

### "This Is My Father's World"

This is my Father's world, and to my listening ears  
All nature sing, and 'round me rings the music of the spheres.

This is my Father's world, I rest me in the thought  
Of rocks and trees, of skies and seas,  
He speaks to me everywhere.

This is my Father's world, The birds their carols raise,  
The morning light, the lily white,  
Declare their Maker's praise.

This is my Father's world: He shines in all that's fair;  
In the rustling grass I hear Him pass,  
He speaks to me everywhere.

This is my Father's world, O let me ne'er forget  
That though the wrong seems oft so strong,  
God is the ruler yet.

This is my Father's world: The battle is not done;  
Jesus who died shall be satisfied,  
And earth and heaven be one.

### "Change My Heart, O God"

Change my heart, O God, make it ever true.  
Change my heart, O God, may I be like You.  
You are the Potter, I am the clay.

Mold me and make me, this is what I pray.  
Change my heart, O God, make it ever true.  
Change my heart, O God, may I be like You.