Worship Notes

Lyrics for some songs may be found at the end of this bulletin.

Dual Citizenship but One Allegiance

Churches can and do celebrate their country in many wonderful ways — praying for government leaders, expressing gratitude for freedom and highlighting those values that align with scriptural values...[but] in a sense, we have a dual citizenship. As Christians, we are held responsible to submit to our authorities, and we live in this natural world around us, broken but still bearing a semblance of God's image. Also, as Christians, we are a part of a new kingdom of God, partially present but not yet fully expressed, where Jesus is ruling and reigning and His glory is increasingly known.

Our calling is then absolutely clear: We are called to love and serve the King and represent the kingdom of God. That's our primary duty. We can celebrate our country in this world, but our loyalty should be to the Kingdom that is not of this world...Let us not forget, we are certainly called to love this earthly country He has placed each of us in. But we are a part of a broader family than just a country. We are a part of a global, universal and unchanging Kingdom that is under the rule and reign of Christ. We are His subjects, loyal to Him. Allegiant to Him. Serving Him...

We have been freed to love others, and that does include the place we call home. But we have also been freed to desire a better country. Our worship is where we declare our confidence and anticipation toward what will be the most
God Meets Us in His Word & Table

Song of Illumination

Be Thou My Vision (v.1, 2)

Kids Song

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Scripture

Ecclesiastes 8:1-7 (NIV)

Sermon

Rev. Bruce Finfrock

Series: The Most Relevant Book in the Bible

Message: Use Wisdom in Obeying the King

We Receive the Word by Tasting

Holy Communion

Song of Response

The Lamb Has Overcome

Worship Through Giving

Your offering will be received as you leave today.

Benediction

Postlude

Prayer for the Week

O Lord of providence
holding the destiny of the nations in your hand,
we pray for our country.
Inspire the hearts and minds of our leaders
that they, together with all our nation,
may first seek your kingdom and righteousness
so that order, liberty, and peace may dwell with your people.
(from the Worship Sourcebook, 2nd ed.)

God meets us in his Word and Table. (excerpted from “Patriotism and the Church” by Ed Stetzer)

Giving: If you can continue giving your tithes and offerings, please do so. Checks may be mailed to the church; or if you already have an account for online giving, please sign in at the link below.

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Prayer chain: If you would like to be kept up-to-date on prayer needs in our church body, please sign up for the CCPC Prayer chain at ccpcprays@cherrycreekpres.org

Prayer for the Week: O God,
by your power may we, with all the saints, comprehend the breadth and length and height and depth of the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that we may be filled with your fullness. Amen.
(based on Ephesians 3:18-19)

Assisting in Worship: Sam Hall, Communications; Sanctuary Choir; Worship Band; David Knopp, Christian Rathke & Stephen Bailey, Tech Team.

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Seeking the Christ-centered life together

**Songs for Worship**

**My Country ’Tis of Thee - Carey/Smith**

Our fathers’ God, to Thee, Author of liberty, to Thee we sing:
Long may our land be bright with freedom’s holy light;
Protect us by Thy might, Great God, our King!

**Come, People of the Risen King - Getty**

Come, people of the Risen King who delight to bring Him praise
Come all and tune your hearts to sing to the Morning Star of grace
From the shifting shadows of the earth we will lift our eyes to Him
Where steady arms of mercy reach to gather children in

*Refrain:* Rejoice, rejoice! Let every tongue rejoice!
One heart, one voice; O Church of Christ, rejoice!

Come, those whose joy is morning sun and those weeping through the night
Come, those who tell of battles won and those struggling in the fight
For His perfect love will never change and His mercies never cease
But follow us through all our days with the certain hope of peace

Come, young and old from every land men and women of the faith
Come, those with full or empty hands find the riches of His grace
Over all the world, His people sing shore to shore we hear them call
The Truth that cries through every age: "Our God is all in all!"

**O Worship the King - arr. Hicks**

O worship the King all-glorious above,
O gratefully sing his power and his love:
our shield and defender, the Ancient of Days,
pavilioned in splendor and girded with praise.

O tell of his might and sing of his grace,
whose robe is the light, whose canopy space.
His chariots of wrath the deep thunderclouds form,
and dark is his path on the wings of the storm.

Your bountiful care, what tongue can recite?
It breathes in the air, it shines in the light;
it streams from the hills, it descends to the plain,
and sweetly distills in the dew and the rain.

Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail,
in you do we trust, nor find you to fail.
Your mercies, how tender, how firm to the end,
our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend!
Be Thou My Vision

Be Thou my Vision, O Lord of my heart
Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art
Thou my best Thought, by day or by night
Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light

The Lamb Has Overcome

The Lamb has overcome; the Lamb has overcome
The battle's done And the victory is won
For the Lamb has overcome

No grave could hold him down; No grave could hold him down
Up from the ground, “He is risen!” was the sound
No grave could hold him down

Chorus: Worthy is the Lamb who was slain
Glory be unto his name

At God's right hand is he; At God's right hand is he
Our Perfect Plea, How he lives to intercede!
At God's right hand is he

The table now is spread; The table now is spread
This wine and bread Broken body and blood shed
The table now is spread

The day is drawing near; The day is drawing near
He shall appear and will wipe away each tear
The day is drawing near