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Be the Church

Live the Life

Extend the Kingdom

05.30.2021

Patriotic Hymns:

Pianist Mark Foos

Doxology -- Hymn 624

America, the Beautiful -- Hymn 572

My Country, 'Tis of Thee -- Hymn 571, verses 1,4

The Star Spangled Banner -- Hymn 576

Guest Speaker:

State Representative Andrew Fink

Message:

21 Great Saints

....Imitate their faith ([Hebrews 13:7](#))

Introduction:

Let There Be Light
HEZEKIAH: Light in a Dark Time

I. The Context of Hezekiah's Reign

*The wicked rule of King Ahaz ([2 Kings 16:1-4](#))

*The Exile of the Northern Kingdom ([2 Kings 17](#))

II. A Standout Among Contemporaries

*Religious Reform ([2 Kings 18:1-4](#))

*Personal Integrity ([2 Kings 18:5-6](#))

There was no one like him among the kings of Judah (verse 5)

*National Sovereignty ([2 Kings 18:7-8](#))

III. The Test of Integrity

*The Assyrian Assault ([2 Kings 18:13-19:19](#))

*The Threat of Death ([2 Kings 20](#))

*Note: The Ministry of Isaiah

IV. A Light Shining in Dark Places

.....Let your light shine before men that they might see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven. ([Matthew 5:16](#))

Application

1. Are you a standout among your contemporaries?
2. How might God be testing your personal integrity these days?
3. Can others see the light of Christ in you?

Closing Song: *Battle Hymn of the Republic -- Hymn 569, verses 1,3,4*

Live the Life with Prayer



Recent additions

Becky Smotherman -- pain in shoulders and neck
Neil Hannah -- heart and lung issues
Sue Craft -- sciatic nerve issues
Emily Britton -- knee surgery complications
Jonas Rigg -- sciatic nerve issues -- in rehab in Ft. Wayne
Lisa Franks -- pain management
Dale Davis - dialysis and chemo treatments

Continue to Remember Those in Need

Jennie deAraujo's cousin's son, Nate, discharged from hospital; pray for strength and immunity
Russ Heckathorn -- immunotherapy for lung cancer
Steve Byler's sister, Joyce - cancer
Bart Burnside -- health issues
Arwen Mallay -- twelve-year-old being treated for stage 4 neuroblastoma

Remember Our Homebound/Shut In Members

Norita Skinner -- Maple Lawn
Shirley Bogen -- Drew's Place

Pray for our nation during these uncertain days

*"We honor God through regularly assembling together to worship Him as Lord,
study and obey His word, and attend to the needs of His people.
When we leave, we go out commissioned as Christ's representatives
to a needy world."*

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ANNOUNCEMENTS, REMINDERS AND EVENTS

Today -- We remember and honor those who served our country this *Memorial Day* weekend. May God bless all our veterans.

Date postponed -- Brandon and Shanda Carpenter's invitation to sign the framework of their house with a favorite scripture verse has been postponed. We will notify you as soon as it is determined.

Money Matters -- The fourth class on *Biblical Finances and Stewardship* meets today in the fellowship hall after worship. Join Pastor Jim with guest presenter, Dan Parker, to talk about saving and investing.

Graduation Sunday -- next Sunday, June 6, we will honor our high school graduates during worship service with cake and punch to follow.

VBS/Day Camp -- Registration forms (for kids entering kindergarden through 6th grade) are in the lobby and are available on the church website bethelgilead.org. Registration is \$25.00 up to June 1; \$30.00 after June 1. *Cookie donations (cookies without nuts please) are needed and can be brought to the church starting June 13)*

Women's Fellowship -- The drawing for the *Blanketmakers quilt* will be next Sunday, June 6. Tickets are \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00 (checks can be made to *Women's Fellowship*). Donations go to their scholarship fund.

Donations -- Women's Fellowship will be collecting items for the *Shelterhouse* in the month of June. Suggested donations are personal toiletries and paper products.

Ministry Needs -- There are updated *Local Ministry Needs Assessments* in the lobby. Pick up a copy and see how you might be able to help.

Ways to Give: Offering plates are in the lobby. Donations can be made online by going to bethelgilead.org (Donate tab), or by scanning the QR code to the left and using Paypal. You can authorize a monthly debit from your bank account by completing a form (on the information desk in the lobby or contact the office).



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Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow
Praise Him, all creatures here below
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost

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 every flaw
Confirm thy soul in self-control
Thy liberty in law!

O beautiful for heroes proved
In liberating strife
Who more than self their country loved
And mercy more than life!

America! America!
May God thy gold refine
Till all success be nobleness
And every gain divine!

O beautiful for patriot dream
That sees beyond the years
Thine alabaster cities gleam
Undimmed by human tears!

America! America!
God shed His grace on thee
And crown Thy good with brotherhood
From sea to shining sea!

My Country, 'Tis of Thee

My country, 'tis of thee
Sweet land of liberty
Of thee I sing:
Land where my fathers died,
Land of the pilgrim's pride
From ev'ry mountain side
Let freedom ring!

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!

The Star-Spangled Banner

O say, can you see, by the dawn's early light
What so proudly we hailed at the twilight's last gleaming
Whose broad stripes and bright stars, thro' the perilous fight
O'er the ramparts we watched, were so gallantly streaming?
And the rockets' red glare, the bombs bursting in air
Gave proof through the night
that our flag was still there
O say does that star spangled banner yet wave
O'er the land of the free
and the home of the brave?

O thus be it ever when free men shall stand
Between their loved homes and the war's desolation!
Blest with vict'ry and peace, may the heav'n-rescued land
Praise the Pow'r that hath made
and preserved us a nation?

Then conquer we must, when our cause it is just;
And this be our motto: "In God is our trust!"
And the star-spangled banner in triumph shall wave
O'er the land of the free, and the home of the brave!

Battle Hymn of the Republic

Mine eyes have seen the glory of the coming of the Lord
He is trampling out the vintage where the grapes of wrath are stored
He hath loosed the fateful lightning of His terrible swift sword --
His truth is marching on.

Glory! Glory, hallelujah!
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Glory! Glory, hallelujah!
His truth is marching on.

He has sounded forth the trumpet that shall never sound retreat
He is sifting out the hearts of men before His judgment seat
O be swift, my soul, to answer Him! Be jubilant, my feet!
Our God is marching on.

Glory! Glory, hallelujah!
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Glory! Glory, hallelujah!
His truth is marching on.

In the beauty of the lilies Christ was born across the sea
With a glory in his bosom that transfigures you and me
As He died to make men holy, let us live to make men free
While God is marching on.

Glory! Glory, hallelujah!
Glory! Glory, hallelujah!
Glory! Glory, hallelujah!
His truth is marching on.