

## The People of God in Worship July 4th, 2021 Eleven O' Clock in the morning

## Season of the Church Independence Day

THE GREETING Rev. Dwight Mays

To our Guests, Members, and Friends: In the pew rack you will find a small brochure to give us the opportunity to get to know you and serve you better. Fill in where appropriate, and place it in the narthex. Welcome and thank you!

PRELUDE Allan Heer

**CALL TO WORSHIP** (Psalm 100)

Dr. Clif Potter

Leader: Shout joy to the Lord, all earth,

**People:** Serve the Lord with gladness, enter God's presence with joy! Leader: Know that the Lord is God, our maker, to whom we belong,

People: our shepherd, and we the flock.

Leader: Enter these temple gates with thanks and praise;

People: give thanks and bless God's name.

Leader: Indeed the Lord is good!

All: God's love is forever, faithful from age to age.

\*THE INVOCATION Dr. Clif Potter

\*HYMN #793 For the Beauty of the Earth

\*THE PASSING OF THE PEACE Rev. Dwight Mays

Greeting: The peace of Christ be with you!

**Reply:** And also with you!

SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 17:14-21 Dr. Clif Potter

Leader: A word from God for the people of God.

**People:** Thanks be to God!

# CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS OF COMMUNITY, THE MORNING PRAYER, AND THE LORD'S PRAYER Rev. Dwight Mays

Our Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

#### THE GIFTS

In this moment, we want to remind our congregation that you can give to the church in several ways. You can mail your checks to the office, as many have been doing; you can bring your offerings here on Sunday mornings, where we will have a basket in the back of the sanctuary for those gifts, and you can give online by going to our website, <a href="www.peaklandbaptistchurch.org">www.peaklandbaptistchurch.org</a> and clicking on the "Donate" link, which is easy to do and secure.

THE MESSAGE For Freedoms Sake Rev. Dwight Mays

#### THE SHARING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

Rev. Dwight Mays

All are invited to share the bread and the cup, waiting for all to be served.

The Bread: This is my body which is broken for you.

Do this to remember me.

The Cup: This cup is the new covenant in my blood.

Do this as often as you drink it to remember me.

\*HYMN #799 America, the Beautiful

#### \*THE BENEDICTION

### Offertory Moment

Lord, we thank you for all you have given to us. This week we recognize the extraordinary work of our friends and partners at Interfaith Outreach Association, who helped 1595 families to stay in their homes during the pandemic. Thank you for those who do this work on behalf of all of us and thank you that we can share in the chance to make that good work happen. Amen.