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Freedom in Christ
As We Gather

As we again celebrate our nation's independence, we will hear much about freedom. As citizens, we give thanks for the blessings we have and for the many who fought for and paid the price for our liberties. Yet as Christians, we do not need an annual holiday to recognize true freedom. Daily we hold fast to the wonderful news that the battle has been fought and the price has been paid by our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ that we may have freedom from sin, eternal death, and the devil. Today we hear the Spirit-inspired words of the apostle Paul in Galatians and learn more about what real freedom is, receiving guidance for lives lived in that freedom and the fruits freely given to us through the Holy Spirit.

PREPARATION

Invocation

P In the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C **Amen.**

Opening Sentences

Genesis 1:1–10, 20–21; Galatians 5:1, 16, adapted

P For freedom Christ has set us free;
C **stand firm therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery.**
P Walk by the Spirit,
C **and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh.**
P In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. The earth was without form and void, and darkness was over the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters. And God said, "Let there be light," and there was light. And God saw that the light was good. And God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness He called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day. And God said, "Let there be an expanse in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters."

717 Eternal Father, Strong to Save *st. 1*

1 Eternal Father, strong to save, Whose arm hath bound the restless wave,
Who bidd'st the mighty ocean deep, Its own appointed limits keep:
O hear us when we cry to Thee, For those in peril on the sea.

P And God said, "Let the waters under the heavens be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear." And it was so. God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together He called Seas. And God saw that it was good.

717 Eternal Father, Strong to Save *st. 2*

2 O Christ, the Lord of hill and plain, O'er which our traffic runs amain
By mountain pass or valley low; Wherever, Lord, Thy people go,
Protect them by Thy guarding hand, From ev'ry peril on the land.

P And God made the expanse and separated the waters that were under the expanse from the waters that were above the expanse. And it was so. And God called the expanse Heaven. And God said, "Let the waters swarm with swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the expanse of the heavens." So God created the great sea creatures and every living creature that moves, with which the waters swarm, according to their kinds, and every winged bird according to its kind. And God saw that it was good.

717 Eternal Father, Strong to Save *st. 3*

3 O Spirit, whom the Father sent, To spread abroad the firmament;
O Wind of heaven, by Thy might, Save all who dare the eagle's flight,
And keep them by Thy watchful care, From ev'ry peril in the air.

Confession and Absolution *Galatians 5:1, 16*

P Eternal Father, strong to save, in the beginning You created all things good: the sea, the land, the air, the creatures in their rightful place, and the crown of Your creation, humanity, which was very good and intended for a perfect relationship with You. Sin ceased the perfect world, and because of that we come to You in confession of our faults and failings.

C **We are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

P Our eternal Father is strong to save and has done that in giving His only-begotten Son into this once-perfect world to be the only needed sacrifice for our sins so we and all creation may be renewed, redeemed, and restored in relationship with Him. As a called and ordained servant of Christ and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**
P For freedom Christ has set us free;
C **stand firm therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery.**
P Walk by the Spirit,
C **and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh.**

717 Eternal Father, Strong to Save *st. 4*

4 O Trinity of love and pow'r, Our people shield in danger's hour;
From rock and tempest, fire and foe, Protect them wheresoe'er they go;
Thus evermore shall rise to Thee, Glad praise from air and land and sea.

WORD

Kyrie

Salutation

P The Lord be with you. C **And also with you.**

Prayer of the Day

P Let us pray.
God of all nations, we thank You for our free land and the liberties we treasure. Guide Your people by Your Spirit that this nation may set an example to the world of justice and freedom. From the blessings of the past to the present, grant all future prosperity according to Your will. Give all peoples of all lands and nations faith in You that glory may be brought to Your name and eternal blessings to all people throughout Your created world; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
C **Amen.**

Old Testament Reading *Isaiah 66:10–14*

¹⁰“Rejoice with Jerusalem, and be glad for her,
all you who love her;
rejoice with her in joy,
all you who mourn over her;
¹¹that you may nurse and be satisfied
from her consoling breast;
that you may drink deeply with delight
from her glorious abundance.”
¹²For thus says the LORD:
“Behold, I will extend peace to her like a river,
and the glory of the nations like an overflowing stream;
and you shall nurse, you shall be carried upon her hip,
and bounced upon her knees.
¹³As one whom his mother comforts,
so I will comfort you;
you shall be comforted in Jerusalem.
¹⁴You shall see, and your heart shall rejoice;
your bones shall flourish like the grass;
and the hand of the LORD shall be known to his servants,
and he shall show his indignation against his enemies.”

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm *Psalm 145:1–9*

¹I will extol you, my God and King,
and bless your name forever and ever.
²Every day I will bless you
and praise your name forever and ever.
³Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised,
and his greatness is unsearchable.
⁴One generation shall commend your works to another,
and shall declare your mighty acts.
⁵On the glorious splendor of your majesty,
and on your wondrous works, I will meditate.
⁶They shall speak of the might of your awesome deeds,
and I will declare your greatness.
⁷They shall pour forth the fame of your abundant goodness
and shall sing aloud of your righteousness.
⁸The LORD is gracious and merciful,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.
⁹The LORD is good to all,
and his mercy is over all that he has made.

Epistle *Galatians 6:1–10, 14–18*

¹For freedom Christ has set us free; stand firm therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery. . . .
¹³For you were called to freedom, brothers. Only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another. ¹⁴For the whole law is fulfilled in one word: “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” ¹⁵But if you bite and devour one another, watch out that you are not consumed by one another.
¹⁶But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh. ¹⁷For the desires of the flesh are against the Spirit, and the desires of the Spirit are against the flesh, for these are opposed to each other, to keep you from doing the things you want to do. ¹⁸But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law. ¹⁹Now the works of the flesh are evident: sexual immorality, impurity, sensuality, ²⁰idolatry, sorcery, enmity, strife, jealousy, fits of anger, rivalries, dissensions, divisions, ²¹envy, drunkenness, orgies, and things like these. I warn you, as I warned you before, that those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God. ²²But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, ²³gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law. ²⁴And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires.
²⁵If we live by the Spirit, let us also walk by the Spirit.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Holy Gospel *Luke 10:1–20*

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the tenth chapter.
C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

¹After this the Lord appointed seventy-two others and sent them on ahead of him, two by two, into every town and place where he himself was about to go. ²And he said to them, “The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few. Therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest. ³Go your way; behold, I am sending you out as lambs in the midst of wolves. ⁴Carry no moneybag, no knapsack, no sandals, and greet no one on the road. ⁵Whatever house you enter, first say, ‘Peace be to this house!’ ⁶And if a son of peace is there, your peace will rest upon him. But if not, it will return to you. ⁷And remain in the same house, eating and drinking what they provide, for the laborer deserves his wages. Do not go from house to house. ⁸Whenever you enter a town and they receive you, eat what is set before you. ⁹Heal the sick in it and say to them, ‘The kingdom of God has come near to you.’ ¹⁰But whenever you enter a town and they do not receive you, go into its streets and say, ¹¹‘Even the dust of your town that clings to our feet we wipe off against you. Nevertheless know this, that the kingdom of God has come near.’ ¹²I tell you, it will be more bearable on that day for Sodom than for that town.

¹³“Woe to you, Chorazin! Woe to you, Bethsaida! For if the mighty works done in you had been done in Tyre and Sidon, they would have repented long ago, sitting in sackcloth and ashes. ¹⁴But it will be more bearable in the judgment for Tyre and Sidon than for you. ¹⁵And you, Capernaum, will you be exalted to heaven? You shall be brought down to Hades.

¹⁶“The one who hears you hears me, and the one who rejects you rejects me, and the one who rejects me rejects him who sent me.”

¹⁷The seventy-two returned with joy, saying, “Lord, even the demons are subject to us in your name!” ¹⁸And he said to them, “I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven. ¹⁹Behold, I have given you authority to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing shall hurt you. ²⁰Nevertheless, do not rejoice in this, that the spirits are subject to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven.”

Children's Message

894 For the Fruits of His Creation

1. For the fruits of his creation, thanks be to God;
For his gifts to every nation, thanks be to God;
For the ploughing, sowing, reaping, silent growth while we are sleeping,
Future needs in earth's safe keeping, thanks be to God.
2. In the just reward of labor, God's will is done;
In the help we give our neighbor, God's will is done;
In our worldwide task of caring, for the hungry and despairing,
In the harvests we are sharing, God's will is done.
3. For the harvests of the Spirit, thanks be to God;
For the good we all inherit, thanks be to God;
For the wonders that astound us, for the truths that still confound us,
Most of all, that love has found us, thanks be to God.

Sermon - CHERRIES - BEARING FRUIT FOR JESUS!

Colossians. Chapter 1 verses 1-8

1 Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Timothy our brother, 2 To the holy and faithful brothers in Christ at Colosse: Grace and peace to you from God our Father. 3 We always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, when we pray for you, 4 because we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love you have for all the saints- 5 the faith and love that spring from the hope that is stored up for you in heaven and that you have already heard about in the word of truth, the gospel 6 that has come to you. All over the world this gospel is bearing fruit and growing, just as it has been doing among you since the day you heard it and understood God's grace in all its truth. 7 You learned it from Epaphras, our dear fellow servant, who is a faithful minister of Christ on our behalf, 8 and who also told us of your love in the Spirit.

•Cherries were brought to America by early settlers in the 1600s. Cherry trees, in fact, were part of the gardens of French settlers when they established Detroit.

•Peter Dougherty, a Presbyterian missionary on Old Mission Peninsula north of Traverse City, started modern-day cherry production in Michigan in 1852. Now, Michigan grows about 75 percent of the nation's tart cherries and Traverse City calls itself the tart cherry capital of the world.

•The only country in the world that out produces the USA in sweet/tart cherries is the country of Turkey—in fact the city of Honaz in southwest Turkey is like Traverse City in cherry production! Honaz sits at the 37 th Parallel (Kentucky) and the Traverse City at the 44 th Parallel so the cherry season in Honaz is about a month earlier than in northern Michigan. Honaz is where the Tell of Colosse lies.

The truth of the Gospel of Jesus Christ is loaded with life and hope. Read the Gospel! Believe the Gospel! Share the Gospel for the life-changing, soul nourishing benefits it offers to the lives of so many lost and wandering people!

Creed *Nicene Creed*

- C **I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end. And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

Prayer of the Church

- P Let us pray for the church of God, this nation, all nations, and for all people according to their needs.
Gracious Father, You have given all we need for this body and life with Your creation and providential care. Help us see from the earthly to the eternal the greatest gift You have given in Your Son that we may be and remain forgiven and free.

966 Before You, Lord, We Bow *st. 1*

- 1 Before You, Lord, we bow, Our God who reigns above, And rules the world below,
Boundless in pow'r and love. Our thanks we bring, In joy and praise,
Our hearts we raise, To You, our King!
- P We give You thanks for this land in which we are citizens, even as we are assured of our citizenship in heaven. Bless our country that Your wisdom, justice, compassion, and mercy be unveiled through those placed in leadership. Be with all nations in the world that wars may end, the greater good of all people be worked for, and peace had among all.

966 Before You, Lord, We Bow *st. 2*

- 2 The nation You have blest, May well Your love declare, From foes and fears at rest,
Protected by Your care. For this bright day, For this fair land—
Gifts of Your hand—Our thanks we pay.
- P As You have given humanity, the crown of Your creation, dominion over all You have made, enable and empower us to be good and faithful stewards of everything we are blessed to have, including our time, our treasures, our abilities, and the very earth with which we are blessed. Grant that our work, vocations, and relationships honor and glorify You in all we do.

966 Before You, Lord, We Bow *st. 3*

- 3 May ev'ry mountain height, Each vale and forest green, Shine in Your Word's pure light,
And its rich fruits be seen! May ev'ry tongue, Be tuned to praise
And join to raise, A grateful song.
- P We pray for those who face suffering and strife in body, mind, and spirit [*especially . . .*]. Grant them healing and comfort according to Your will. As we face the consequences of sin and the troubles of temptation around us each day, draw us near to our Savior Jesus Christ, who has set us free with full forgiveness through His victory over the cross and the grave, until that Last Day when all things will be made new.

966 Before You, Lord, We Bow *sts. 4–5*

- 4 Earth, hear your Maker's voice; Your great Redeemer own; Believe, obey, rejoice,
And worship Him alone. Cast down your pride, Your sin deplore,
And bow before, The Crucified.

- 5 And when in pow'r He comes, Oh, may our native land, From all its rending tombs
Send forth a glorious band, A countless throng, With joy to sing
To heav'n's high King, Salvation's song!

Additional petitions may follow.

- P Into Your hands we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
C **Amen.**

Offering

Offertory

SACRAMENT

Preface

- P The Lord be with you.
C **And also with you.**
P Lift up your hearts.
C **We lift them to the Lord.**
P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
C **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

Proper Preface

- P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, whose power and salvation transcends the nations and kingdoms of the world. Lead us to Your heavenly kingdom, where in divine glory and freedom from sin His name is worshiped and glorified. Therefore with angels and archangels and all the company of heaven, with the saints gathered before Your throne from every nation, we laud and magnify Your glorious name, saying:

Sanctus



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:
Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo - ry. Ho - san-na. Ho -

san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

Lord's Prayer

C **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 forever and ever. Amen.**

The Words of Our Lord

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My T body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."
In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My T blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

Pax Domini

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.
C **Amen.**

Agnus Dei

Distribution Hymns

763 When Peace, like a River

- 1 When peace, like a river, attendeth my way; When sorrows, like sea billows, roll;
Whatever my lot, Thou hast taught me to say, It is well, it is well with my soul. *Refrain*
ref It is well (It is well) with my soul, (with my soul), It is well, it is well with my soul.
- 2 Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come, Let this blest assurance control,
That Christ hath regarded my helpless estate, And hath shed His own blood for my soul.
Refrain
- 3 He lives—oh, the bliss of this glorious thought; My sin, not in part, but the whole,
Is nailed to His cross, and I bear it no more. Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!
Refrain

- 4 And, Lord, haste the day when our faith shall be sight, The clouds be rolled back as a scroll,
The trumpet shall sound and the Lord shall descend; Even so it is well with my soul. *Refrain*

617 O Lord, We Praise Thee

- 1 O Lord, we praise Thee, bless Thee, and adore Thee, In thanksgiving bow before Thee.
Thou with Thy body and Thy blood didst nourish, Our weak souls that they may flourish:
O Lord, have mercy! May Thy body, Lord, born of Mary,
That our sins and sorrows did carry, And Thy blood for us plead
In all trial, fear, and need: O Lord, have mercy!
- 2 Thy holy body into death was given, Life to win for us in heaven.
No greater love than this to Thee could bind us; May this feast thereof remind us!
O Lord, have mercy! Lord, Thy kindness did so constrain Thee
That Thy blood should bless and sustain me. All our debt Thou hast paid;
Peace with God once more is made: O Lord, have mercy!
- 3 May God bestow on us His grace and favor, That we follow Christ our Savior
And live together here in love and union, Nor despise this blest Communion!
O Lord, have mercy! Let not Thy good Spirit forsake us;
Grant that heav'nly-minded He make us; Give Thy Church, Lord, to see
Days of peace and unity: O Lord, have mercy!

Post-Communion Canticle

Post-Communion Thanksgiving

P Let us pray.
We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift.
As Christ has forgiven us and set us free, we rejoice in our independence from all we ever
need fear. Grant Your holy and life-giving Spirit that we may serve You as we seek to end
divisions, overcome prejudice, and seek justice. Grant that we live in peace with one another
through the peace You have restored in our relationship with You; through Your Son, Jesus
Christ, our Lord.
C **Amen.**

Closing Sentences *Galatians 5:1, 16*

P For freedom Christ has set us free;
C **stand firm therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery.**
P Walk by the Spirit,
C **and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh.**

Benediction

P The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to
you. The Lord look upon you with favor and T give you peace.
C **Amen.**

965 God Bless Our Native Land

- 1 God bless our native land; Firm may she ever stand, Through storm and night.
When the wild tempests rave, Ruler of wind and wave, Do Thou our country save
By Thy great might.
- 2 So shall our prayers arise, To God above the skies; On Him we wait.
Thou who art ever nigh, Guarding with watchful eye, To Thee aloud we cry:
God save the state!

PLEASE REMAIN STANDING AFTER THE HYMN AND SAY TOGETHER THE PLEDGE TO THE CHRISTIAN FLAG AND THE AMERICAN FLAG. AFTER THE PLEDGES REMAIN STANDING FOR TAPS PLAYED BY SUSAN VIDENOVICH.

THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

I PLEDGE ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND TO THE REPUBLIC FOR WHICH IT STANDS, ONE NATION UNDER GOD INDIVISIBLE WITH LIBERTY AND JUSTICE FOR ALL.

THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE CHRISTIAN FLAG

I PLEDGE ALLEGIANCE TO THE CROSS OF MY LORD JESUS CHRIST AND TO THE FAITH FOR WHICH IT STANDS; ONE SAVIOR, KING ETERNAL, WITH MERCY AND GRACE FOR ALL.

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