

CAHILL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Pastor: A J Hillin
Organist/Music Director: Lynn Moore
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WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

MUSICAL PRELUDE *Sortie on "National Hymn"* arr. Smith

* PRAISE HYMN *Morning Has Broken* Verse 1 UMH # 145

* WORDS OF WELCOME AND CALL TO WORSHIP

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Blessed be the nation whose God is the Lord.

Happy are the people who serve the God of Jacob.

The Lord God has promised to be with and watch over all those who trust in and obey him.

*The Mighty One of Israel is our God. We worship and obey him.
We remember his law.*

We gather to thank him for all his mercies, to remember those who have given themselves for the sake of justice and truth, and to pray for his blessings to be upon us and those who rule over us.

We praise and we thank the Lord our Maker. We call upon his name and ask for his peace.

* HYMN OF PRAISE *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling* UMH # 384

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

God of Heaven and Earth, God of the sunrise and the sunset, God of the highest mountain and the deepest valley, hear our prayers as we come before your throne of glory. Declare your message to us and grant us the courage to listen. May our listening turn to action. May our actions touch the hearts of those who need to hear your voice. We put our trust in you knowing that it is well placed in your gentle and caring hands.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of Mercy and Light, forgive us for walking in darkness of our own making. Forgive us for not being ready to receive your love. Forgive us when we move in the wrong direction and away from your word. Forgive us and help us to share. Forgive us and help us to shine. Forgive us and help us to shelter those in need. Light a pathway for us to follow, O God of all Creation.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

God is patient and kind, gentle and loving, slow to anger and quick to laugh. God's love overflows the deepest sin. Be assured that, when we repent of our sin, we are forgiven. Through faith in Christ Jesus, we are invited to share in the everlasting life.

A LITANY FOR UNITED STATES FORCES (See Insert)

CHILDREN'S SERMON

SHARING GOD'S BLESSINGS *Angel's Story* arr. Hughes
* DOXOLOGY

THE WORD IN SCRIPTURE

Old Testament, page 807, Amos 5:18-24;

New Testament, page 24, Matthew 25:1-13

This is the Word of God for the people of God

Thanks be to God!

HYMN OF PRAYER *Have Thine Own Way, Lord* UMH # 382

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE / PASTORAL PRAYER/ THE LORD'S PRAYER

SERMON "Under New Management" A. J. Hillin

*HYMN *Shall We Gather At the River* UMH # 723

THE INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

You are invited to meet the pastor at the altar to place your membership in the church by profession of faith, transfer of membership, or to recommit your life to Christ.

*THE RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS UMH #48

*COMMISSIONING

In the power of the Holy Spirit we now go forth into the world, to fulfill our calling as the people of God, the body of Christ.

*BENEDICTION

Welcome, Visitors.

We are pleased that you have chosen to worship with us this morning and we hope you will come again.

