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About the Service

Let Freedom Ring is a complete order of service on CD for any or all of the national holidays of the summer and fall, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day and Veterans Day. This service reminds us of the freedom we have in our nation and the freedom we have through the faith in Christ. Hymns include “My Country ’Tis of Thee,” “America the Beautiful,” “Praise to the Lord, the Almighty” and “I Heard the Bells.”

The CD includes a .pdf of the entire service, text of the order of service, readings, prayers, sermons, children’s messages, and hymns in .rtf (rich text format), a list of contemporary music song suggestions and a PowerPoint document of all four services with text (with a copyright release) for use on screens.

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Newsletter/Bulletin Notices

Memorial Day Newsletter Notice

As we gather for worship to celebrate Memorial Day, we will give thanks to God for the men and women who died to defend our nation's freedom. We will also give thanks for our Lord Jesus Christ, whose death and resurrection set us free from our slavery to sin, death and the devil. Let freedom ring!

Memorial Day Bulletin Notice

Today in our Memorial Day celebration we honor the memory of those who sacrificed their lives to defend the freedoms that we enjoy in our nation. We will give thanks to God, too, for the sacrifice of our Lord Jesus, whose death won for us eternal liberty. Let freedom ring!

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Independence Day Newsletter Notice

Join us for a special worship service celebrating Independence Day. We will rejoice in the freedom we have as a nation and the freedom we have, now and for all eternity, through the death and resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ. Let freedom ring!

Independence Day Bulletin Notice

Today we will celebrate Independence Day as we remember the many freedoms we enjoy in our nation and the gift of freedom we have through the life, death and resurrection of Jesus our Savior. Let freedom ring!

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Labor Day Newsletter Notice

Join us as we gather for worship and give thanks for the freedom we have in our nation and for the opportunities we have to labor in the service of our Lord and our neighbors. We give thanks, too, for the work our Lord accomplished for our salvation. Let freedom ring!

Labor Day Bulletin Notice

Today we will thanks to God for those who labor to provide for their families and build up our nation. We will celebrate the opportunities we have for work as we live in love and service toward others and rejoice in the work our Lord Jesus accomplished to win salvation for us. Let freedom ring!

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Veterans Day Newsletter Notice

Join us for our Veterans Day worship service as we honor the veterans of our armed forces, the men and women who are willing to sacrifice themselves for our nation's freedom. As we honor our veterans, we also give thanks to God for our Savior Jesus Christ, who sacrificed himself to win for us freedom from sin, death and Satan. Let freedom ring!

Veterans Day Bulletin Notice

Today, as we honor the veterans who served—and continue to serve—our nation and defend our freedom, we will also give thanks to God for the gift of his Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, whose death and resurrection won for us eternal freedom. Let freedom ring!

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Order of Service

Gathering.....From Isaiah 61 and 58

My country 'tis of thee,
Sweet land of liberty, of thee I sing,
Land where my fathers died,
Land of the pilgrims' pride,
From ev'ry mountainside let freedom ring.

P Proclaim good news to the oppressed, liberty to the captives, and release to those imprisoned.

C Let freedom ring!

P Bind up the brokenhearted and comfort those who mourn. Share your bread with the hungry, clothe the naked, and give shelter to the homeless poor.

C Proclaim the year of the Lord's favor!

P Let the bonds of injustice be loosed and the chains of the yoke undone.

C Let freedom ring!

P Proclaim God's everlasting covenant.

C For the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise to spring us before all nations.

P Let freedom ring!

Let music swell the breeze,
And ring from all the trees sweet freedom's song;
Let mortal tongues awake;
Let all that breathe partake;
Let rocks their silence break, the sound prolong.

Prayer of the Day

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!

Children's Message

First Lesson Deuteronomy 4:32-39

Psalm Response Hanover

Oh, let freedom ring throughout all the land.
O citizens, sing God's goodness so grand.
The bountiful grace of your Maker proclaim
And fill ev'ry place with the praise of his name!

Proclaim liberty, that all once enslaved
From sin's misery at last may be saved.
So may all the ransomed their Savior adore
And lift holy hands in his praise evermore.

Proclaim liberty! Behold how each field
In God's jubilee its treasures shall yield.
With high adoration God's children shall sing
In thanks for salvation: Oh, let freedom ring!

Second Lesson..... Romans 5:12-17

Alleluia Verse America the Beautiful

Oh, praise the Lord, America; sing anthems gratefully.
And let God's saving Word sound forth from sea to shining sea.
Alleluia! Alleluia! With hearts and voices raised
God's mercies sing: Let freedom ring, for which the Lord be praised!

Gospel Lesson John 8:31-36

Oh, thank the Lord, America! In gratitude recall
The mighty deeds our Savior wrought to bring good news to all.
Alleluia! Alleluia! With praises great and grand
God's mercies sing: let freedom ring through all our favored land.

Homily

A Hymn Lobe den Herren

Here in this land, by the Spirit's most gracious direction,
God's Word, unhindered, has flourished with civic protection.
Let freedom ring!
Let hearts and voices take wing; heirs of our Lord's resurrection.
Praise we our God for he prospers our words and defends us.
Daily the strength of his goodness and mercy attends us.
Let freedom ring!
Through all the land echoing thanks for the blessings God sends us.
Praise to our Father, Almighty, the King of creation!
Praise to Christ Jesus, whose death guarantees our salvation!
Let freedom ring!
Moved by God's Spirit we sing anthems of high adoration.

Offering

Prayers

Each petition ends with the following response:

P Throughout this land of liberty, O Lord,

C Let freedom ring!

Lord's Prayer

Sending I Heard the Bells

P Proclaim good news to the oppressed, liberty to the captives, and release to those imprisoned.

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P Proclaim God's everlasting covenant.

C For the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise to spring up before all the nations.

P Let freedom ring!

Let bells throughout the land intone
The praises of our God alone.
And "Liberty" the theme shall be:
From sea to sea let freedom ring!

O thankful people, celebrate
The love of God, so good and great.
Each joyous bells its message tell;
The anthem swell; Let freedom ring!

So let us labor to declare
And spread the tidings ev'rywhere:
Let hatred cease and love increase;
Let there be peace. Let freedom ring!

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Tune..... National Anthem 664 6664

The first system of musical notation for the National Anthem, measures 1-5. It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff and a bass clef staff. The key signature has one flat (B-flat) and the time signature is 3/4. Measure 1 starts with a treble clef and a first ending bracket. The melody in the treble staff begins with a quarter note G4, followed by quarter notes A4, Bb4, and C5. The bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment with quarter notes G2, Bb2, and C3.

The second system of musical notation, measures 6-10. It continues the melody and accompaniment from the first system. The treble staff shows a sequence of chords: G4-Bb4, A4-Bb4, and G4-A4. The bass staff continues with a similar harmonic pattern, using notes like G2, Bb2, and C3.

The third system of musical notation, measures 11-15. The treble staff features a more active melody with eighth notes: G4, A4, Bb4, and C5. The bass staff continues with a steady accompaniment of quarter notes: G2, Bb2, and C3.

- The **Gathering (from Isaiah 61 and 58)** is sung by the congregation to the tune National Anthem 664 6664 and spoken responsively by the pastor and the congregation:

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Sweet land of liberty, of thee I sing.
Land where my fathers died,
Land of the pilgrims' pride,
From ev'ry mountainside let freedom ring.

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