

Songs for July 5, 2020

Gathering song ELW #888 **America, the Beautiful**

Verse 1 O beautiful for spacious skies, for amber waves of grain,
For purple mountains majesties above the fruited plain;
America! America! God shed his grace on thee,
And crown thy good with brotherhood from sea to shining sea.

Verse 2 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.

Verse 3 O beautiful for patriot dream that sees beyond the years;
Thine alabaster cities gleam, undimmed by human tears.
America! America! God mend thine every flaw,
Confirm thy soul in self-control, thy liberty in law.

Hymn of the Day ELW #611 **I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say**

Verse 1 I heard the voice of Jesus say, "Come unto me and rest;
Lay down, O weary one lay down your head upon my breast."
I came to Jesus as I was, so weary, worn, and sad;
I found in him a resting place, and he has made me glad.

Verse 2 I heard the voice of Jesus say, “Behold, I freely give
The living water, thirsty one; stoop down and drink and live.”
I came to Jesus, and I drank of that life-giving stream;
My thirst was quenched, my soul revived, and now I live in him.

Verse 3 I heard the voice of Jesus say, “ I am this dark world’s light;
Look unto me, your morn shall rise, and all your day be bright.”
I looked to Jesus, and I found in him my star, my sun;
And in that light of life I’ll walk till traveling days are done.

Offertory **ELW #742 What a Friend We Have In Jesus**

Verse 1 What a friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry everything to God in prayer!
Oh, what peace we often forfeit; oh, what needless pain we bear—
All because we did not carry everything to God in prayer!

Verse 3 Are we weak and heavy laden, cumbered with a load of care?
Precious Savior, still our refuge – take it to the Lord in prayer.
Do your friends despise, forsake you? Take it to the Lord in prayer.
In his arms he’ll take and shield you; you will find a solace there.

Sending song **ELW #618 Guide Me, Ever Great Redeemer**

Verse 1 Guide me ever, great Redeemer, pilgrim through this barren land.
I am weak, but you are mighty; hold me with your powerful hand.
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven, shield me now and evermore,
Feed me now and evermore.

Verse 2

Open now the crystal fountain where the healing waters flow;
Let the fire and cloudy pillar lead me all my journey through.
Strong deliverer, strong deliverer, shield me with your mighty arm,
Shield me with your mighty arm.