

# Protestant Fellowship Worship Service in Ann's Choice Chapel

*Our purpose is to bring glory to God in all that we pursue in and through the Protestant Faith Community*

**Sunday, July 5, 2026**

**Sixth Sunday after Epiphany**

**Note: This service is also broadcast on ACTV 976 and 980.**

**Prelude** Medley of Favorite Hymns Betty Kingston

**Announcements about Our Ministries** Lynn Swan

**Call to Worship** Lynn Swan

**\*\* Opening Hymn # 599, vv. 1-4** Heidi Hertfelder

*My Country is of Thee*

**Responsive Reading (page 4)** Jack Custer

*A Thanksgiving Prayer for our Nation*

**Prayer of the People/Lord's Prayer (sins)**

***Response: Hear our prayer*** Pastor Keppeler

**\*\*Hymn # 59, vv. 1- 4** Heidi Hertfelder

*God of Our Fathers*

**\*\* Doxology and Presentation of the Offering**

**\*\* Prayer** Lynn Swan

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**\*\* Please stand if you are able**

<b>Ministry in Music</b>	TBA	Heidi Hertfelder
<b>Scripture</b> (page 3 & 4)		Pastor Keppeler
	Deuteronomy 10:17-21 and Matthew 5:43-48	
<b>Sermon</b>		Pastor Keppeler
	<i>What's Love got to do with It?</i>	
<b>** Closing Hymn #601</b> , vv. 1-4		Heidi Hertfelder
	<i>America the Beautiful</i> (lyrics on p.8)	
<b>Dismissal with Blessing</b>		Pastor Keppeler
<b>Postlude</b>		Betty Kingston
	<i>(Please remain respectful of other worshipers who have chosen to remain during the Postlude)</i>	

## **Preaching Today –**

Today, we welcome the Reverend Lisa Keppeler, Sunday Missioner from the Episcopal Church of the Incarnation in Morrisville, PA.

How does our commitment to follow Jesus intersect with our responsibilities as citizens and neighbors in the United States of America? How does our love and care for our country and its founding principles also inspire us to heed our Creator's command for us to be stewards and caretakers of the whole creation, and everyone in it? In a nation founded on religious freedom for all, in which "all"

keeps getting more diverse, how might the words and actions of Jesus inspire and shape our own words and actions? What does Christ's Love have to do with it?

Prelude by Betty Kingston

**Next Sunday**, July 12, 2026 we welcome Rev. Ruth Portzine from St. John's Methodist Church in Ivyland.

Prelude by Susan Bishop

**Communion will be served next Sunday, July 12.**

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### **Responsive Reading: A Prayer of Thanksgiving for our Nation**

Almighty God, giver of all good things:  
We thank you for the natural majesty and beauty of this land.  
They restore us, though we often destroy them.

***Heal us.***

We thank you for the great resources of this nation. They  
make us rich, though we often exploit them.

***Forgive us.***

We thank you for the men and women who have made this  
country strong. They are models for us, though we often fall  
short of them.

***Inspire us.***

We thank you for the torch of liberty which has been lit in

this land. It has drawn people from every nation, though we have often hidden from its light.

***Enlighten us.***

We thank you for the faith we have inherited in all its rich variety. It sustains our life, though we have been faithless again and again.

***Renew us.***

Help us, O Lord, to finish the good work here begun. Strengthen our efforts to blot out ignorance and prejudice, and to abolish poverty and crime. And hasten the day when all our people, with many voices in one united chorus, will glorify your holy Name.

***Amen.***

These are the Words of the LORD for His people.

**Thanks be to God.**

May the LORD bless this reading and hearing of His Holy Word.

**Scripture Reading:**

**Deuteronomy 10:17-21**—The Lord your God is God of gods and Lord of lords, the great God, mighty and awesome, who is not partial and takes no bribe, who executes justice for the orphan and the widow, and who loves the strangers, providing them food and clothing. You shall also love the stranger, for you were strangers in the land of Egypt. You shall fear the Lord your God; him alone you shall worship; to him you

shall hold fast, and by his name you shall swear. He is your praise; he is your God, who has done for you these great and awesome things that your own eyes have seen.

**Matthew 5:43-48**—Jesus said, “You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.’ But I say to you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, so that you may be children of your Father in heaven; for he makes his sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the righteous and on the unrighteous. For if you love those who love you, what reward do you have? Do not even the tax collectors do the same? And if you greet only your brothers and sisters, what more are you doing than others? Do not even the Gentiles do the same? Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect.”

## Today's Worship Staff and Team

Worship Leader	Lynn Swan
Leader for Responsive Reading	Jack Custer
Pianist	Betty Kingston
Hymn Leader	Heidi Hertfelder
Hymn Words	Gary Frantz
A/V Ministry Team	Ellen Newman, Gary Frantz
Ushers and Greeters	Dolores Ehrenfeld, Polly Riddle

**Our Prayer Concerns:** Last week, the following individuals were lifted up in prayer during our worship service, and many of them continue to need our prayers: Helen, John, Ellen, Jenny, Chick, Tommy, Sandy, Dave, Joan, Jeff, Joy, Cheryl, Doris, Mary, Ginny, Janet, Bob, Michelle, Ed, Susan, Joan, Janet, David, Jo, Carol, Mary Lee, David, Merl & Flo, Bob & Lynn, Pene & Family, Polly & Irwin, Ron & Eleanor, Gordon & Wendy, Linda & Bill, Marsha & Eric, Henry, Rich, Alice, Joan, Mary Lou, Karen, Sandy, Joan & Bruce, Carol, Doris.

### **Upcoming July Events:**

**Second Saturday Cinema: Saturday, July 11**, from 7-9, a romantic Civil War feature ***Civil Love*** will be shown. Rachel is a Civil War widow, and she holds the South responsible for her husband's death. When a wounded enemy soldier takes refuge in her barn, Rachel reluctantly helps him. As Rachel gets to know him more, she realizes she must protect him from the dangerous men pursuing him. And she discovers a courage she didn't know she had - the courage to love again.

**July 12**—Protestant Fellowship Council will start to collect **school supplies for the children of the behind the scenes workers at PARX Racetrack**. Parx Racetrack is part of the Racetrack Chaplaincy of America. A list of needed items is provided here: copy books, pens, pencils, rulers, pencil cases, glue sticks, Elmers glue, tablets, back packs, markers, crayons. Please bring them to the Narthex. Rev. Bunker,

chaplain at Race Track, will preach in August and take these supplies with him.

**Sign, Seal, Deliver Greeting Card Ministry:**

M, 7/13 (12-2) VC Music Rm. The group will start to work on Halloween cards. All are welcome.

**Hand Made Greeting Card Ministry:** Tu, 7/14 (12:30-2:30)

VC Craft Rm. The group will start work on *Thinking of You* cards. All are welcome.

**Christmas in July Holiday Movie Bingo:**

F, 7/24 (12:45-3) LC Music Rm. Watch a holiday movie, Check off things you see in the movie. Win some “not very serious” prizes. Popcorn will be served. There is no need to make a reservation—Room capacity is 50. A free will donation will go to the Bethanna Christmas in July Gift drive to provide holiday gifts for the children of families through Foster Care, Behavioral Health, and Family Support Programs.

**Save the Dates: August Events**

**The Elderly Brothers Concert**—Th., 8/6 (2 p.m.) Chapel

**Seafarers’ Mission of Boston, MA Presentation**— Th 8/6 (7:30 p.m.) LC Catering Rm. For more information, contact Charles Chapman, [chappy5678@gmail.com](mailto:chappy5678@gmail.com).

## 601 America the Beautiful

1. O beautiful for spacious skies, for amber waves of grain,  
For purple mountain majesties above the fruited plain!  
America! America! God shed His grace on thee,  
and crown thy good with brotherhood from sea to shining  
sea!
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 mend thine every flaw,  
Confirm thy soul in self-control, Thy liberty in law!
3. O beautiful for patriot dream that sees beyond the years  
thine alabaster cities gleam, undimmed by human tears!  
America! America! God shed His grace on thee,  
and crown thy good with brotherhood from sea to shining  
sea!