

IN CONGRESS, JULY 4, 1776.
A DECLARATION
BY THE REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,
IN GENERAL CONGRESS ASSEMBLED.

W H E N in the Course of human Events, it becomes necessary for one People to dissolve the Political Bonds which have connected them with another, and to assume among the Powers of the Earth, the separate and equal Station to which the Laws of Nature and of Nature's God entitle them; a decent Respect to the Opinions of Mankind requires that they should declare the causes which impel them to the Separation.

We hold these Truths to be self-evident, that all Men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty, and the Pursuit of Happiness—That to secure these Rights, Governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just Powers from the Consent of the Governed, that whenever any Form of Government becomes destructive of these Ends, it is the Right of the People to alter or to abolish it, and to institute new Government, laying its Foundation on such Principles, and organizing its Powers in such Form, as to them shall seem most likely to effect their Safety and Happiness. Prudence, indeed, will dictate that Governments long established should not be changed for light and transient Causes; and accordingly all Experience hath shewn, that Mankind are more disposed to suffer, while Evils are sufferable, than to right themselves by abolishing the Forms to which they are accustomed. But when a long Train of Abuses and Usurpations, pursuing invariably the same Object, evinces a Design to reduce them under absolute Despotism, it is their Right, it is their Duty, to throw off such Government, and to provide new Guards for their future Security. Such has been the patient Sufferance of these Colonies; and such is now the Necessity which constrains them to alter their former System of Government. The History of the present King of Great-Britain is a History of repeated Injuries and Usurpations, all having in direct Object the Establishment of an absolute Tyranny over these States. To prove this, let Facts be submitted to a candid World.

He has refused his Assent to Laws, the most wholesome and necessary for the public Good.

He has forbidden his Governors to pass Laws of immediate and pressing Importance, unless suspended in their Operation till his Assent should be obtained; and when so suspended, he has utterly neglected to attend to them.

He has refused to pass other Laws for the Accommodation of large Districts of People, unless those People would relinquish the Right of Representation in the Legislature, a Right inalienable to them, and formidable to Tyrants only.

He has called together Legislative Bodies in Places unusual, inconvenient, and distant from the Depository of their public Records, for the sole Purpose of exercising them into Compliance with his Measures.

He has dissolved Representative Houses repeatedly, for opposing with manly Firmness his Invasions on the Rights of the People.

He has refused for a long Time, after such Dissolutions, to cause others to be elected; whereby the Legislative Powers, incapable of Annihilation, have returned to the People at large for their exercise, the State remaining in the mean Time exposed to all the Dangers of Invasion from without, and Convulsions within.

He has endeavored to prevent the Population of these States; for that Purpose obstructing the Laws for Naturalization of Foreigners; refusing to pass others to encourage such Migration hitherto, and raising the Conditions of new Appropriations of Lands.

He has granted Letters of Marque and Reprisal, and encouraged them to depredate on the Coasts of neighboring States, and to burn with Fire and Sword the Harbours, Towns, and Villages of other States, and to rob and plunder the Citizens and Subjects of those States upon the Sea, and to make them Refugees on their Coasts.

He has excited the Malignant Passions of different Parts of our Colonies, against others, in order to draw up the Colonies into Civil Wars.

He has incited and provoked the Native Inhabitants of these States, to commit Cruelties against the Emigrants to the frontiers, and to murder the Indians, who have been the most peaceable and friendly Neighbours to the Colonies.

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Pre-service Music: “Just A Closer Walk With Thee” | “You Are My Hiding Place”

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Ringing of the Bell

Welcome and Greeting Divina Katching with Christian Women’s Fellowship

Bringing in the Light of Christ

Prelude

“Near to the Heart of God”

UM Hymnal #472 WORDS and MUSIC: Cleland B. McAfee

Call to Worship

(8:30) Cathy Panella (10:00) Val Kellogg

Leader: When winds tear into our vessels,

People: God’s grace will be our guide.

Leader: When insecurities mount up within our souls,

People: God’s strength will be our guide.

Leader: When hardships weaken our resolve,

People: God’s mercy will be our guide.

Leader: When insults rip and slander stains,

People: God’s courage will be our guide.

Leader: When vulnerability saps our faith,

All: God’s presence will be our guide.

Opening Hymn

“We Gather Together” vs. 1-3

#131

UM Hymnal #131 WORDS: Theodore Baker MUSIC: Edward Kremser

Opening Prayer

Divine One, through your voice, we understand who you created us to be. Through your voice, we understand our calling. Through your persistent presence, we find resilience. May we contently embrace our vulnerabilities. May we boldly claim our pasts, and may we find our future with determination and grace. Amen.

Special Music

“Resurrection Power”

CCLI Song # 7102607 Ed Cash | Ryan Ellis | Tony Brown © Bethel Worship (Bethel Music) et al.

Scripture Reading

Mark 6:1-13

Message

Pastor Rick

Pastoral Prayer

Offering

Offertory “Amazing Grace (My Chains are Gone)” Reagan Metz, vocals

CCLI Song # 4768151 Chris Tomlin | John Newton | Louie Giglio © 2006 sixsteps Music (Capitol CMG) et al.

Presentation of the Offering “Praise God, from whom all Blessings Flow” #95

UMC Hymnal #95 Thomas Ken, 1674

Offering Prayer

Despite the sufferings and challenges on our journeys, your power transcends human weakness. We celebrate your generosity by sharing treasures, talents, and time along our way. No matter where we travel or which hardships we face, we sing your name in every corner of the earth. With our songs of praise, we share our gifts with your creation. Amen.

The Sacrament of Communion

The Lord’s Prayer

Music during Communion “Whole Heart”

CCLI Song # 7122452 Aodhan King | Joel Houston © 2018 Hillsong Australia (Capitol CMG)

Prayer after Communion

Closing Music (8:30)

“We Are Marching to Zion” vs. 1, 4

#733

UM Hymnal #733 WORDS: Isaac Watts MUSIC: Robert Lowry

(10:00)

“I Am Free”

CCLI Song # 4220974 Jon Egan © 2004 Integrity Worship (Capitol CMG) et al.

Blessing

Postlude

“We Are Marching to Zion” (Reprise)

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CLERGY: Pastor Rick Casebolt and Pastor Diamond Pate

MUSIC DIRECTOR: Randy Van Der Pol ORGANIST: Jeffrey Hendrickson

UPCOMING EVENTS:

July 10 10:00am **John Smith**—Memorial Service and Reception

July 12-19 **Vacation Bible School**

July 24 10:00am **Daniel Hahn**—Memorial Service and Reception

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