



Liberty and Justice for all

June 29, 2008

Ten o'clock

PATRIOTIC SUNDAY
SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY
THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**“THE LORD IS IN HIS HOLY TEMPLE;
LET ALL THE EARTH KEEP SILENCE BEFORE HIM”**

Please take a few moments for quiet personal reflection and preparation.

OUR PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Music for Gathering - Pickaway Brass

Greetings and Announcements

We invite everyone to sign the Friendship Pad. If you are a visitor, please include your address. Following the worship service, please join us in Christian fellowship at the Coffee Hour in Campbell Hall downstairs.

Introduction to Patriotic Sunday

Jennifer Sneed

The Entrance of the Scriptures

The placing of the Bible affirms the centrality of God's word in Presbyterian theology and worship.

Prelude - “Spitfire Prelude”

William Walton

Call to Worship - Responsively

Larry Davis

We gather here to celebrate an Independence Day.

With just a stroke of liberty, a touch of God's great hand,

He gave democracy to us and helped this country stand.

The stripes upon our stately flag were touched by His sweet grace.

Each star of white that shines so bright reflects His loving face.

So as you turn to face the flag for battles that were fought,

Be filled with pride for those who died and freedoms that were bought.

But don't forget to thank the One who gives the bright display

The reason why we paint the sky on Independence Day.

*Opening Hymn - No. 564 - “O Beautiful for Spacious Skies”

Materna

*Entrance of Colors - AmVets Post 2256 Color Guard

**Congregation stand (for all who can comfortably do so)*

WE WORSHIP IN PROCLAMATION

First Scripture - Isaiah 64:1-4 (OT p. 691)

*“God Bless America”

(Congregation stand and sing when directed)

Second Scripture - Luke 4:14-21 (NT p. 61)

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

*Response - No. 579 - “Glory Be to the Father”

Sermon - “**Freedom for All**”

Anthem - “Heal Our Land” - Chancel Choir

“A Tale of Six Boys

Larry Davis

Erin Spring

Gloria Patri

Wallace W. Higgins

Orrin Hatch and Janice Perry

Larry Logan

WE WORSHIP IN PRAYER

Pastoral Prayer and Lord’s Prayer

WE WORSHIP IN STEWARDSHIP

The Offering of the People

The Offertory - “America First” - Pickaway Brass

by John Philip Sousa

Armed Forces Medley

Coast Guard, Air Force, Navy, Marines, Army,

Veterans and members, please stand while your service song is played.

WE GO TO SERVE IN GOD’S NAME

*Hymn - (Insert) - “The Star Spangled Banner”

by Francis Scott Key

*Closing Comments

*“The Stars and Strips Forever” - Pickaway Brass

by John Philip Sousa

*Charge and Blessing

*“Taps”

*Withdrawal of Colors

*Ringling of the Bell, *please meditate in silence.*

*Postlude - “Washington Post March”

by John Philip Sousa

**THE MINGLING OF GOD’S PEOPLE.
GREET ONE ANOTHER!
GO IN PEACE! SERVE THE LORD!**



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The Presbyterian Church

134 East Mound Street

Circleville, Ohio

Rev. William M. Campbell, Pastor

A VETERAN DIED TODAY

He was getting old and paunchy and his hair was falling fast,
and he sat around the post telling stories of the past.
Of a war that he had fought in and the deeds that he had done.
In his exploits with his buddies, they were heroes, everyone.
And tho sometimes to his neighbors, his tales became a joke,
all his buddies listened, for they knew whereof he spoke.
But we'll hear his tales no longer, for Ol' Bob has passed away,
and the world's a little poorer, for a *Veteran* died today.
No he won't be mourned by many, just his children and his wife,
for he lived an ordinary, very quiet sort of life.

He held a job and raised a family, quietly going on his way,
and the world won't note his passing, tho a *Veteran* died today.
When politicians leave this earth, their bodies lie in state,
while thousands note their passing and proclaim that they were great.
Papers tell of their life stories, from the time that they were young,
but the passing of a *Veteran* goes unnoticed and unsung.
Is the greatest contribution, to the welfare of our land,
some jerk who breaks a promise and cons his fellow man?
Or the ordinary fellow, who in times of war and strife,
goes off to serve his country and offers up his life?
The politicians's stipend and the style in which he lives
are sometimes disproportionate, to the service that he gives.
While the ordinary *Veteran* who offered up his all,
is paid off with a medal and perhaps a pension small.
It's so easy to forget them, for it is so long ago,
that our Bobs and Jims and Johnnys, went to battle, but we know.
It was not the politicians, with their compromise & ploys,
who won for us the freedom, that our country now enjoys.
Should you find yourself in danger, with your enemies at hand,
would you really want some cop-out, with his ever waffling stand?
Or would you want a *Veteran*, who has sworn to defend,
his home, his kin, and country, and would fight until the end.

He was just a common *Veteran* and his ranks are growing thin,
but his presence should remind us, we may need his likes again.
For when countries are in conflict, then we find our military's part,
is to clean up all the troubles, that the politicians start.

If we can not do him honor, while he's here to hear the praise,
then at least let's give him homage, at the ending of his days.
Perhaps just a simple headline in the paper that might say:

**OUR COUNTRY IS MOURNING, FOR
A VETERAN DIED TODAY.**