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★ OTISVILLE-MT. HOPE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH ★

*Growing in Faith. Sharing God's Love. ♥*

**6th Sunday after Pentecost**

**July 5, 2026**

**9:30 am**

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## **Prelude**

## **Color Guard Processional**

**Teddy Burke & Mike Conklin**

**“Marching Beat”**

**Tommy, Luke and Joy Christensen**

**Pledge of Allegiance**

I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

**Sebastian Conklin**

**“Star Spangled Banner”**

## **Time of Silence**

In this quiet moment, Jesus speak to me. Fill my heart with Thy love divine, Your power let me see.

## **Welcome & Call to Worship**

L: Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord.

**P: We gather with gratitude for the freedoms we enjoy.**

L: We give thanks for those who have worked, served, and sacrificed for liberty.

**P: We remember that every good gift comes from God.**

L: Christ calls us into a freedom deeper than any earthly freedom.

**P: Freedom from fear, freedom from sin, and freedom to love and serve.**

L: Let us worship the God who guides all nations and all people.

**P: Let us worship God!**

**Hymn 799**

**“America, the Beautiful”**

**Children’s Message**

**“What Does Freedom Mean?”**

## **Confession of Sin & Assurance of Pardon**

**Sung response:** Glory be to the Father; and to the Son; and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, in now and ever shall be; world without end. Amen, Amen.

**An Affirmation of Faith** (unison)

*(Adapted from the Brief Statement of Faith)*

We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father. In sovereign love, God created the world good and makes everyone equally in God's image. We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God, who proclaimed God's reign, welcomed all people, and calls us to follow Him. We trust in the Holy Spirit, who sets us free, comforts and challenges us, and empowers us to serve. With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

**Prayers of the People | Sharing of Joys and Concerns**

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy Name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

**Anthem: Otisville Brass**

**Hymn 809 "God of our Fathers"**

**Verse 4:** Refresh thy people on their toilsome way,  
Lead us from night to never-ending day;  
Fill all our lives with love and grace divine,  
And glory, laud and praise be ever thine.

**Scripture**

**Psalms 45:10–17, Matthew 11:16–19, 25–30 (NIV)**

**Sermon**

**"The Freedom of a Light Burden"**

**Communion**

Precious body, precious blood, here in bread and wine; here the Lord prepares the feast divine. Bread of love is broken now, cup of life is poured: come, share the supper of the Lord.

**Anthem: Otisville Brass**

**"Battle Hymn of the Republic"**

**Congregational News**

**"God Bless America"**

God bless America, land that I love,  
Stand beside her and guide her  
Through the night with a light from above;

From the mountains, to the prairies,  
To the oceans white with foam,  
God bless America, my home, sweet home.  
God bless America, my home, sweet home.

## Charge & Benediction

Riley Grainger

“Let There be Peace on Earth”

## Postlude

*Offering collection baskets are located on the back tables.*

### Today:

- Music: Penny Antona, Sue & Mike Conklin, Otisville Brass
- PowerPoint & Live Stream: Elizabeth & Rich Orengo
- Sound/Lights: John Goldsmith, Maurice Davoren
- Leading Worship today: Elder Elizabeth Orengo
- Special Readings: Lee Runnalls
- **Note:** *Our 9:30 AM service is live streamed on YouTube and you may appear in live worship.*

### Upcoming Worship Leaders

- July 12: Rev. Sarah Henkel
- July 19: Elder Kevin O’Connell
- July 26: Maggie Mansfield, Outdoor Worship Service,  
Preaching: Sodelina Holderbaum

### Interested in leading worship?

- Speak with Neil Lisberg about an upcoming Sunday in August and September.

### General Information & Announcements:

#### Giving QR Code



- You can give securely by credit/debit cards/online checks – use the QR code.
- Your giving during this transitional time is essential to our ministry. Thank you for your support!

## Office Hours

- Mondays and Fridays, 9 am to 3 pm; Wednesdays as needed.

## Share your Joys & Concerns

- Did you know you can share your prayer requests 24/7 by posting them on our church app's Prayer Wall? Download the app today.

## Do you have any announcements or information to share?

- Send details to Maggie at [secretary.otisvillepres@gmail.com](mailto:secretary.otisvillepres@gmail.com) by Monday to be included in next Sunday's bulletin.

## Punch on the Porch Returns – June 21 through August 30

- Refreshments on the porch.
- If you would like to help or provide a simple "treat" during the summer, please contact Candy Burnett. A sign-up sheet is available.

## Food Pantry Needs

- Re-usable shopping bags, Mac & Cheese and Cereal

## 2027 OMHPC Mission Trip – Sunday, April 4 to Saturday, April 10

- Destination: Black Mountain, North Carolina
- Contact: Sue Maney-Eggleton, Team Leader, 845-866-1353
- ***Next meeting: Sunday, July 26, Memorial Room after worship***



## Coffee House – Saturday, July 18

- "Open Mic" Coffee House at 7:00pm in the Fellowship Hall.
- Cool off with an Ice Cream Social and warm up with Fellowship as you enjoy an evening of "unplugged" Christian music.
- See Sue Conklin for details and if you would like to participate.



## Saturday Movie Night – July 25 | Fellowship Hall, 7:00 PM

- **Join us for a free showing of "A Great Awakening"** — a 2026 historical drama from Sight & Sound Films exploring the remarkable friendship between George Whitefield and Benjamin Franklin during the First Great Awakening.
- Everyone is welcome! Admission is free, and snacks will be available.
- A goodwill offering will be gratefully accepted to help support future fellowship events.

## **Worship Service – Sunday, July 26**

- Join us for worship outdoors as we celebrate God's presence in the beauty of creation!
- **Canopies Needed:** If you have a pop-up canopy we may borrow to provide shade, please let the church office know.
- Seating Available: Chairs will be provided, but you're welcome to bring your own lawn chair if you prefer.
- Everyone Welcome! Invite your family, friends, and neighbors to worship with us.

## **Community Yard Sale – August 1**

- Spaces in our parking lot are available for sale to raise money for our 2027 Mission Trip.
- See Sue Maney-Eggleton or Candy Burnett.

## **Summer Hymn Sing – August 9**

- Join us for a special service filled with the hymns you love!
- We'll sing a selection of favorite hymns, with opportunities throughout worship for the congregation to request additional favorites.

## **Summer Fellowship Events**

### **Ice Cream "Sundays" – July 12 & August 16**

- Stay after worship for ice cream, conversation, and sweet fellowship!

### **Beat the Heat – Game Day – Sunday, August 23**

- Join us after worship for an afternoon of board games, snacks, and fun.
- Wear your favorite sports team jersey and bring your competitive spirit!

### **Save the Date – Movie Night – Saturday, August 15**

- We're planning a second Movie Night! Watch for details on the featured film and join us for another evening of fellowship, popcorn, and inspiration.

## The Stories Behind Today's Patriotic Hymns

As we celebrate ***America's 250th Anniversary***, our worship includes several beloved hymns that express both gratitude for our nation and our trust in God. Each has a fascinating story.

### ***"America the Beautiful" (1893)***

Poet and Wellesley College professor Katharine Lee Bates was inspired by the breathtaking view from the summit of Pikes Peak in Colorado. She later wrote the poem that would become *America the Beautiful*, first published in a church magazine in 1895 under the title "America."

The familiar melody was composed by church organist Samuel A. Ward in 1882. The poem and music were first published together in 1910.

For more than a century, many Americans have suggested *America the Beautiful* as an alternative national anthem because of its prayerful spirit, beautiful melody, and hopeful vision of the nation.

### ***"God of Our Fathers" (1876)***

Written for America's Centennial celebration by Rev. Daniel C. Roberts, a Civil War veteran and Episcopal priest in rural Vermont, this hymn was first sung on the Fourth of July in 1876. Although originally paired with a different tune, the stirring melody we sing today was composed in 1892 by church organist George W. Warren of New York City.

Unlike many patriotic songs, *God of Our Fathers* is first and foremost a prayer. It acknowledges that God—not any nation—is the true ruler and guardian of all people, making it especially appropriate for Christian worship.

Rev. Roberts later wrote with characteristic humility:

*"My little hymn has thus had a very flattering official recognition... I remain a country parson, known only within my own small world."*

## ***“Battle Hymn of the Republic” (1862)***

Written during the Civil War by Julia Ward Howe, this powerful hymn combines patriotic devotion with vivid biblical imagery from the Book of Revelation, including the memorable phrase, *“the grapes of wrath.”*

Its stirring message has inspired generations of Americans, while also prompting thoughtful discussion about the relationship between faith, justice, and national conflict. Today, it remains one of our country's most recognizable hymns, reminding us that God's righteousness ultimately triumphs over evil.

## ***“God Bless America” (1918/1938)***

Composer Irving Berlin was born in Russia and immigrated to the United States at age five after his Jewish family fled violent persecution. America gave his family safety and opportunity, and he never forgot it.

Berlin first wrote *God Bless America* during World War I and revised it in 1938 as conflict again threatened the world. The song became one of America's most beloved patriotic anthems, especially during World War II and following the attacks of September 11, 2001.

In gratitude for the country that welcomed him, Berlin donated all royalties from the song to the Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts of America, a gift that has generated millions of dollars to support young people.

## ***Our Prayer Today***

As we celebrate *250 years of American history*, may these hymns remind us that our highest allegiance belongs to Jesus Christ, who invites all who are weary:

*“Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest.” (Matthew 11:28)*



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Contact Sue:  
**(845) 866-1353**

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