ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
8 August 2021 — 11:00 a.m.

Non-Denominational Christian Worship Service
hosted by
Fort Snelling Memorial Chapel Foundation

Jesus Christ, Head of the Church
The Congregation, Ministers of the Gospel

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Rev. Dr. Kenneth ‘Ken’ L. Beale, Jr., Senior Chaplain
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Where the Veteran is Remembered
ORDER OF WORSHIP
We are glad that you are here for worship today! The * indicates that you are invited to stand ... as you are able. The ** indicates times for the ushers to seat latecomers. The bold print indicates readings/choral responses of the congregation. If you have a cell phone, please turn off the ringer. Thank you.

Lighting of Altar Candles
Symbol of the Spirit's Presence

Lighting of the POW/MIA Candle

Special Music
“Gabriel’s Call” Traditional
“The Old Gospel Ship” I. Dement
“Pilgrim” S. Earle

Organ Prelude
“Cantilene” A. Marchant
Consider using these sacred moments to meditate upon the scripture reading and prepare yourself to receive a blessing from God. Kindly be considerate of your neighbor’s need for silence. We encourage your conversations to be held following worship. Please refrain from applause after the organ prelude.

Ringing of the Ship Bell

Call to Worship
L = Leader P = People
L: We gather together in the name of Jesus—members of God’s family, and brothers and sisters to one another.
P: There are no outsiders here among us. No one has any special standing or bragging rights.
L: For we have been brought together by the redeeming love of Christ.
P: We join together in the unity of the Holy Spirit—that we may become a holy temple acceptable to God.

* Processional Hymn of Praise
“God, How Can We Comprehend?”
Tune: “Come, Ye Thankful People, Come” # 74
“St. George’s Windsor” words and music by Gillette and Elvey
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1. You put music in their souls; now they struggle to survive. You gave each one gifts and goals; now they flee to stay alive. God of outcasts, may we see how You value everyone, for each homeless refugee is Your daughter or Your son.
2. God, how can we comprehend—though we’ve seen them times before—lines of people without end fleeing from some senseless war? They seek safety anywhere, hoping for a welcome hand! Can we know the pain they bear? Can we ever understand?

* Invocation

* Choral Response
“Habakkuk 2:20” music by Harrington
(sung by all)
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The Lord is in His holy temple; 
Let all the earth keep silence before Him.

**Organ Interlude**

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (in unison)
O God, we are aliens and sojourners in this world— but You invite us to be Your guests. You lavishly offer us Your hospitality and lovingly welcome us into Your family. Forgive us when we fail to share in the abundance of Your Kingdom. You have shown us that providing hospitality to strangers opens a doorway into the Kingdom of God. Remind us, O Lord, that when we offer hospitality to others, we are receiving Christ into our midst and so fulfilling the law of love. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

*Gloria Patri* (sung by all)

"Greatorex" words and music by *Gloria Patri*, 2nd cent. and Greatorex 
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Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; 
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, 

*Statement of Faith* The Apostles' Creed, *Ecumenical Version*

L: Christian, what do you believe?  
P: I believe in God the Father Almighty, 
creator of heaven and earth.  
I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, 
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, 
born of the Virgin Mary, 
suffered under Pontius Pilate, 
was crucified, died, and was buried; 
He descended to the dead. 
On the third day He rose again;  
He ascended into heaven,  
is seated at the right hand of the Father, 
and will come again to judge the living and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy universal church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body  
and the life everlasting. Amen.
** Organ Interlude

Children's Message

(children gather on the steps of the chancel)

** Organ Interlude

Special Music

"By the Mark"

G. Welch

Scripture Reading

Leviticus 19:33-34

(refer to insert)

Sermon

"Oxymoron: Illegal Alien"  
(Oxymoron Mini-Sermon Series - 4th of 4)

Chaplain Beale

* Hymn of Response

"Abraham Journeyed to a New Country"  
Tune: "Morning Has Broken" UMH # 145

"Bunessan" words and music by Gillette and traditional Gaelic melody

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1. Mary and Joseph feared Herod's order; soldiers were coming! they had to flee.
   Taking young Jesus, they crossed the border; so was our Lord a young refugee.

2. Some heard the promise— God's hand would bless them! Some fled from hunger, famine and pain. Some left a place where others oppressed them; all trusted God and started again.

3. God, our own families came here from far lands; we have been strangers, "aliens" too. May we reach out and offer a welcome as we have all been welcomed by You. Amen.

Greeting and Sharing of Church Life

We share the community announcements and invite everyone to record their presence by signing and passing the red "Friendship Pad" with those of your pew. Cards are provided in the pew card-holders for writing prayer requests and placing on the offering plate.

Offering of Tithes and Gifts

Dedication Prayer

Offertory Music

"Softly and Tenderly"  
W.L. Thompson  
(sung by all)

"Old Hundredth" words and music by Ken and Bourgeois

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Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
   Praise Him, all creatures here below;
   Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
   Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Call to Prayer

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Leader: Lord in Your mercy,

People: Hear our prayer.

(text prayer requests to 612-747-1059)
Pastoral Prayer of the People
The Lord’s Prayer: 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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

* Recessional Hymn of Dedication
“God, How Can We Comprehend?”
Tune: “Take My Life, and Let It Be” # 485
“Hendon” words and music by Gillette and Malan
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5. Lord, Your loving knows no bounds; You have conquered death for all. May we hear beyond our towns to our distant neighbors’ call; to our distant neighbors’ call.
6. Spirit, may our love increase; may we reach to all Your earth, till each person lives in peace; till Your world sees each one’s worth; till Your world sees each one’s worth.

* Benediction

* Extinguishing of the POW/MIA Candle

* Choral Response (sung by all)
“America” words and music by Smith and ‘Thesaurus Musicus’
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Our fathers’ God, to Thee, author of liberty, to Thee we sing;
Long may our land be bright with freedom’s holy light;
Protect us by Thy might, great God, our King. Amen.

* Extinguishing of Altar Candles
Taking the Light into the World

Postlude “Toccata in em” J. Pachelbel

WORSHIP LEADER: Tim Bray

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE: Raymond Berg

SPECIAL MUSIC: A sincere welcome to our returning guests the Singleton Street Band. The group consists of Sherri Leyda (vocal/guitar), Chuck Leyda (vocal/guitar/mandolin) and Jimmy Newkirk (bass). An award-winning band based out of Delano, MN. Singleton Street Band combines bluegrass, Celtic, and old-time music to form their unique version of Americana. Singleton Street has performed in the 5-state region for over a decade—entertaining audiences at Bluegrass Festivals, Irish Festivals, Churches, Renaissance fairs, and even a modern Ballet! Many thanks for sharing your time and talents with us this Lord’s Day!
WELCOME KIT DISTRIBUTOR: Marilyn Nelson

FELLOWSHIP GREETERS: Marilyn Nelson and Eva Zorn

+ + + ANNOUNCEMENTS + + +

Please Join Us ... in the Fellowship Hall ... each Sunday following the worship service. A cup of coffee, tea, or punch awaits you, along with delicious treats prepared by our Kitchen Angels.

Interested in Helping? There is a sign-up roster hanging in the Fellowship Hall ... near the kitchen entrance ... for assisting with our weekly fellowship time. For more information call Carol Nygaard, Fellowship Hour Coordinator at 952/882-1787.

Kindly Assist Us by wearing your name tag each week. Learning one another's names is extremely important to our growth as a church family. If you don’t have one or have misplaced yours ... so indicate on the pew card or call the Chapel Office at (952/888-1525) to request one. Be sure to pick up your name tag the next week in the Fellowship Hall. Thank you for cooperating with this request.

Next Week (15 Aug) is Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost. Raymond Berg will share his testimony entitled—“Set Free” ... based on Ephesians 1:3-7. Our special music will be Raymond Berg & ‘Flashback’.

If You Have a Prayer Request ... our Prayer Chain can be activated by calling our coordinator, Suzanne Berg (612/743-1780). Your prayer concerns will be held confidential and shared only among the prayer chain members and pastor.

FREE Devotional Materials are available to you in the Fellowship Hall. The (Jun-Aug) Our Daily Bread devotional is available. Also, LARGE PRINT copies of Our Daily Bread (Jul-Sep) is available.

Upcoming Meetings ... in the Chapel Foundation Conference Room:
Tue 10 Aug (6:30 p.m.) — Fellowship Committee
Thu 12 Aug (6:00 p.m.) — Worship Committee
Tue 17 Aug (6:30 p.m.) — Membership/Publicity Committee
Tue 24 Aug (6:00 p.m.) — Safety Committee
Thu 9 Sep (6:00 p.m.) — Finance Committee
Sat 18 Sep (9:00 a.m.) — Board of Directors
All meetings are open to attend ... by FSMCF members (only)

If you would like a copy of the 2020 Annual Report ... please secure this impressive report of last year’s accomplishments ... in the Fellowship Hall.

Next Holy Communion is offered on Sunday 3 October (11:00 a.m.)
Interested in Membership? Those wishing to inquiry about uniting with this congregation are welcome to call the Foundation Office at 952/888-1525 and leave your name and phone number … and the staff will follow up.

Benevolence: This congregation tithes (10%) its plate offerings. If you know of an organization/ministry … that is in keeping with our purpose … please feel free to secure an application to submit for financial support. Simply call the Foundation Office at 952/888-1525 … and provide your name and mailing address.

Ministry Beyond the Walls: Our weekly worship services can be viewed LIVE from your internet service. Homebound and absent members and friends can simply go to https://new.livestream.com/accounts/3709164 and tune in any Sunday (starting at 10:50 a.m. Central Time) Services are also archived there for later viewing.

On-Line Giving Vehicle - VANCO. If you are home-bound, traveling, relocated or appreciate the Chapel Foundation ministry that comes to you by Livestream, emails, newsletters, and/or pastoral care PLEASE consider making your contributions at our website at http://fortsnellingmcf.org/make_a_donation.php

Future Veterans/Patriotic Events: Throughout the year, the Chapel community pays tribute on the Sundays near a number of national commemorations, including these events: 9/11 Remembrance (5 Sep 21); Constitution (12 Sep 21); POW/MIA (19 Sep 21); Gold Star (26 Sep 21); Veterans Day (7 Nov 21); Pearl Harbor Remembrance (5 Dec 21). Mark your calendar with these dates!

This Week in U. S. Military History —
9 Aug 1945 — second Atomic Bomb Mission, Nagasaki
10 Aug 1861 — Battle of Wilson’s Creek
12 Aug 1952 — began Battle of Bunker Hill (Hill 122)
13 Aug 1898 — U.S. Forces capture Manila
14 Aug 1900 — American forces reach Peking

Supporting Our Troops Abroad. The following items would be most helpful for distribution among the troops: beef jerky ♦ 3M hooks ♦ flip-flops of various sizes ♦ Q-Tips ♦ foot powder ♦ good quality ground coffee including K-Cups ♦ movies ♦ certain snacks like Twizzlers, Oreo, Nutter Butters, Salted Nut Rolls, Blue Diamond Almonds ♦ homemade cookies (in zip-lock bags and surrounded by popped popcorn to cushion & absorb any moisture). A designated collection box is in the Fellowship Hall each week to receive donations.

Funeral Planning Seminars – Wed 11 Aug 2021 – at the Office Conference Room – both at 1-3:00 p.m. and again at 6:30-8:30 p.m. Attendees will receive an extensive workbook for making end-of-life preparations. Handouts will provide all that is needed for planning a funeral. Seating is limited to 24-persons per session. Sign-up in the Fellowship Hall or call the office at (952) 888-1525. Pre-registration required.
A Special Welcome to our Visitors . . .

We are delighted you have chosen to worship here today! May you experience a sincere welcome and a sense of God’s love for you. We gather as a community of faith to share the Good News of Jesus Christ. We encourage you to return again ... and bring others with you. We hope that we may provide the sense of community and stimulation of character you have been searching for! We provide individual pastoral care by request. You may call the chaplain for an appointment. We are willing to provide additional services as needed; simply call the Chapel Office (952/888-1525) or Chaplain Ken (612/747-1059). If you would like to talk about the sacrament of baptism for yourself or a member of your family, arrangements can be made by contacting the chaplain. For bookings of the Chapel, contact the Fort Snelling State Park directly at 612/279-3555.

Upholding the Chapel with our Membership Vows of ...

Prayers
Juanita Rector; Mary Bangerter; Ron Casteel; Susan Livingston; Terry Ulstad; Patsy Fahnberg; Keegan Iversen; Ed & Silvia Schmidt; Dorothy Vetsch; Geno Faraci; Arlene Amyotte; Wendell Carrier; Barb Steffenson; John Cina; Heidi Reichow; Trudy Miller; Irv Thomas; Leslie Hoppe; Annie Westlund; Don Minor; Leslie Henschel; Tom & Nancy Tjornhom; Rob Livingston; Jan Bjornberg; Fremont Gruss; Helen Pugh; Joanie Grugel; free SSgt Calvin Gibbs & Pfc Corey Clagett; Ardell Ahrendt; Warren Fall; Debbie Herke; Diane Ristrom; Robin Nelson; Ed Hillman; Karen Nelson; Vonnie Gunn; Joetta Barnes; Bruce Van Beusekom; those w/COVID-19 for recovery; John Michlitsch; MaryAnn Hoppe; Erik Mossberg; Kathy O’Boyle; Erica Sawatzky; Marcia VanGordon; Lydia Skarsten; grandson-Tyler; Kermit Biscoff; JoAnn Harkins; John Chase; Ruel ‘Russ’ Russell; Dan Ward; John Butler; Leslee; Genevieve Brown; Ginger Carter; Pat Schwietz; Ted Brown; Chuck Holman; Betty Quiring; Helene Fields; Rueben Ristrom; Christina; house closing-Judy Lennartson; Mitzi; Randy Johnson; Jeff Young

Presence
Sunday, 1 Aug 2021 witness at Chapel worship = 120  Livestream = 49

Gifts
Sunday, 1 Aug 2021 Chapel offering plate = $3,001.00

Service
Thanks to our security team that provide protection for our congregation.

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33 When an alien resides with you in your land, you shall not oppress the alien. 34 The alien who resides with you shall be to you as the citizen among you; you shall love the alien as yourself, for you were aliens in the land of Egypt: I am the Lord your God.

"Oxymoron: Illegal Alien"

‘Oxymoron’ is defined as “a combination of contradictory or incompatible words.”

The Old Testament as many verses that command the people of Israel to treat the “alien” (“sojourner”) fairly— and with kindness and love. In Exodus 22:21 we read, “You shall not wrong a sojourner or oppress him, for you were sojourners in the land of Egypt.” James Hoffmeier says that the Hebrew word translated “sojourner” or “alien” in this verse was “a person who entered Israel and followed legal procedures to obtain recognized standing as a resident alien.” These were “legal aliens” in the country. Other people who did not have this ‘recognized standing’ were simply termed “foreigners” in the Old Testament— and they did not have the same benefits or privileges that “sojourners” did.

The “alien” (in Israel) could receive social assistance such as the right to glean in the fields (Leviticus 19:9-10; Deuteronomy 24:19-22) and resources from the tithes (Deuteronomy 26:12-13). The “sojourner” and citizen were to be paid alike (Deuteronomy 24:14-15). None of these benefits was available to the “foreigner” (without legal status) in Biblical law. Charging interest to fellow Israelites or “aliens” was prohibited; but the “foreigner” was fair game (Deuteronomy 23:20). These passages show that “aliens” received all the benefits and protections of a citizen; whereas the “foreigner” did not. The reason is that the “alien” had legal status; they were, so to speak, documented!

Another important consideration from the Bible concerns the general responsibilities of governments to seek the “good” of the nation's that they rule (Romans 13:1-7; 1 Peter 2: 13-14)— and thereby truly serve as “God's servant for your good.” This means that immigration policies of a nation should be designed to bring benefit to that specific nation. This purpose of seeking the good of the nation is also reflected in the opening paragraphs of the U.S. Constitution, where the purposes of the new government included “ensure domestic tranquility” and “provide for the common defense” and “promote the general welfare.” The US government was established so that it would do good (for America) in those and other ways. Therefore, in USA immigration policies should be designed to bring benefit to the well-being of the nation (as a whole). This implies that the USA should control all immigration processes so that the country gives priority to accepting those people who will most likely make a positive contribution to society.

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It is appropriate that priority and immigration be given to:
• those who have sufficient education and training to support themselves and contribute well to American society,
• those who have demonstrated significant achievement in some area or another, and
• those who likewise give evidence that they will make a positive contribution.

By the same token, it is appropriate to exclude:
• those who have communicable diseases,
• those with a criminal record or terrorist ties, or
• those who otherwise give indication that their overall contribution would likely be negative rather than positive in terms of advancing the well-being of this nation.

Many of these people (by some estimates) drain more resources from this nation than they provide to the nation. Many illegal immigrants are costing the federal government (thus, the tax payers) an estimated annual $130-billion dollars in Medicare; coverage for the uninsured; welfare; food assistance programs such as food stamps and free school lunches; federal prison and court systems; and federal aid to schools.

Before any other solutions to the current immigration problems can be discussed, it is critical to come to an agreement that the USA must act to immediately and effectively close its borders—especially the border with Mexico—from which most of the illegal immigrants originate. National borders help governments establish who is a member (citizen), who is a visitor, and who should not get through the door. A nation has the right and responsibility to enforce borders—and having no borders means it is no longer a nation. In Nehemiah 2, you can read of God’s approval of a wall that established—as sovereign—the city of Jerusalem. To be clear: God approves of national borders, and the right of nations to determine who is permitted to enter their sovereign soil.

Any American city that gives sanctuary to any illegal immigrants should cease to receive any federal funds; and shame on any church that gives sanctuary to illegal immigrants.

The current US immigration laws require that people come (here) through an established legal process; and obeying that process does not require anyone to sin against God—so it does not fall under the category of the laws that we may (in good conscience) disobey. The people of God are obligated before God to obey the immigration laws of the USA.

July 1, 2015 - Francisco Sanchez - 45-yr old illegal from Mexico - fatally shot Kate Steinle - San Francisco’s Pier 14 - ‘sanctuary city’ - losing credibility to protect lawful citizens

Let’s not forget that the entire USA is a sanctuary for people who seek a better life by working hard and abiding by the law of the land. We as a nation can only continue to play the role of a sanctuary for all who seek freedom and escape from oppression—if we continue to uphold the ‘rule of law.’

In reviewing many Bible translations, we see which ones use which term in the Leviticus passage: “stranger” is used by ASV, AMP, ESV, KJV, NASB, NKJV, NLV, RSV, VOICE, WEB; “sojourner” is used by YLT, CLV; “alien” is used by CSB, ISV, LEB, NABRE, NRSV, REB.