An Order of Worship for May 24, 2020

Open your worship by reading or singing In Unity We Lift Our Song:

**1** In unity we lift our song
of grateful adoration,
for brothers brave and sisters strong.
What cause for celebration!
For those whose faithfulness
has kept us through distress,
who've shared with us our plight,
who've held us in the night,
the blessed congregation.

**2** For stories told and told again
to every generation,
to give us strength in time of pain,
to give us consolation.
Our spirits to revive
to keep our dreams alive,
when we are far from home
and evil seasons come;
how firm is our foundation.

**3** For sacred scriptures handed down,
a blessed trust and treasure,
which give us hope when hope is gone
and make us weep with pleasure.
And when our eyes grow blind
and death is close behind,
we shall recite them still
whose words our hearts can fill
with hope beyond all measure.

**4** For God our way, our bread, our rest,
of all these gifts the Giver.
Our strength, our guide, our nurturing breast
whose hand will yet deliver.
Who keeps us till the day
when night shall pass away,
when hate and fear are gone
and all our work is done,

Let’s go to God in Prayer:

**God of us all, we thank you and praise you for our time to gather together in you. We come to you with joy this day, Lord. We trust in you. Continue to keep us safe, Lord, and hold our loved ones serving in our nation’s military even closer. In Jesus’ name, Amen.**

Read *Ephesians 1:15-23*

Read or Sing Grace Alone:

Every promise we can make

Every prayer and step of faith

Every difference we can make

Is only by His grace.

Every mountain we will climb

Every ray of hope we shine

Every blessing left behind

Is only by His grace

**Refrain:**

Grace alone Which God supplies

Strength unknown He will provide

Christ in us, our cornerstone

We will go forth in grace alone.

Every soul we long to reach

Every heart we hope to teach

Everywhere we share His peace

Is only by His grace.

Every loving word we say

Every tear we wipe away

Every sorrow turned to praise

Is only by His grace. [Refrain]

Take a moment to give thanks to God for your blessings this week.

Read or Sing our Doxology Hymn:

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

Read 1 Thessalonians 2:1-13

Read attached sermon

Take time to write down any prayer concerns you have for this week. Take time to pray for these concerns.

End your prayer time with the Lord’s Prayer.

Close your worship today by singing or reading 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 thy gold refine,
till all success be nobleness,
and every gain divine.

3. O beautiful for patriot dream
that sees beyond the years
thine alabaster cities gleam,
undimmed by human tears!
America! America! God mend thine every flaw,
confirm thy soul in self-control,
thy liberty in law.