

# INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION WARD MEADE PARK JULY 1, 2018

## WE GATHER IN THE PRESENCE OF GOD

Welcome, Announcements, and Greeting      Brice Smith

\*Opening Song      “My Country, Tis of Thee”      Insert

\*Call to Worship:      **The Greatness and Goodness of God**

Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord,

**The people he chose for his inheritance.**

From heaven the Lord looks down and sees all mankind;

**From his dwelling place he watches all who live on earth:**

He who forms the hearts of all,

**He considers everything they do.**

No king is saved by the size of his army;

**No warrior escapes by his great strength.**

A horse is a vain hope for deliverance;

**Despite all its great strength it cannot save.**

But the eyes of the Lord are on those who fear him,

The Lord watches over those who hope in his unfailing love,

To deliver them from death

**And keep them alive in famine.**

We wait in hope for the Lord;

**The Lord is our help and our shield.**

In God our hearts rejoice,

**For we trust in his holy name.**

May your unfailing love be with us, Lord,

**Even as we put our hope in you.**

Psalm 33:12-22 New International Version (NIV)

\*Invocational Prayer

Song of Faith      “O God, Our Help in Ages Past”      Insert

## WE HEAR THE WORD OF THE LORD

A Reading from the Old Testament      2 Samuel 1:1, 17-27

A Reading from the New Testament      2 Corinthians 8:7-15

\*A Reading from the Gospel      Mark 5:21-43

\*Responsorial      “America the Beautiful”      Insert

**Community and Congregational 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power and glory, forever.

**Invitation & Dedication of Our Tithes, Gifts, and Offerings**

**Offertory Prayer**

**Offertory Music**      Janet Nyfeler, Choir Director and Organist

**Children’s Message**      (2<sup>nd</sup> Grade and younger to Junior Church)

**Message**      “A Good Lament and the Power to Heal”  
The Reverend Doctor Ivan E. Greuter, Senior Minister

## THE SERVICE OF THE TABLE OF THE LORD

**Invitation to the Lord’s Table** – West Side Baptist Church practices *open communion*. This memorial meal is offered to all persons who profess faith in Jesus Christ and have been baptized. You do not need to be a member of this church to partake of the bread and cup. Please hold each gift until everyone is served, then we will feast together.

†Servers Prepare for the Table of the Lord

\*Song      “As We Gather at Your Table”      Insert

