

Prelude "Sweet Hour of Prayer" arr. Franklin Ritter

Welcome Rev. H. Neely Gaston, D. D.

History of the National Day of Prayer Mrs. Nancy Bailey, Deacon

Explanation of the Order of Prayer

Call to Worship 2 Samuel 22:29-31 ESV  
For you are my lamp, O Lord, and my God lightens my darkness.  
**For by you I can run against a troop, and by my God I can leap over a wall.**  
This God—His way is perfect; the word of the Lord proves true;  
**He is a shield for all those who take refuge in him.**

Invocation

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 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.**

Pledge of Allegiance the Flag of the United States of America  
**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.**

National Anthem "The Star-Spangled Banner"  
John Stafford Smith / Francis Scott Key

O! say can you see by the dawn's early light,  
What so proudly we hailed at the twilight's last gleaming,  
Whose broad stripes and bright stars through the perilous fight,  
O'er the ramparts we watch'd, were so gallantly streaming?  
And the Rockets' red glare, the Bombs bursting in air,  
Gave proof through the night that our Flag was still there;  
O! say does that star-spangled Banner yet wave,  
O'er the Land of the free and the home of the brave?

Psalter Reading Psalm 4 ESV  
Answer me when I call, O God of my righteousness!  
**You have given me relief when I was in distress. Be gracious to me and hear my prayer!**  
O men, how long shall my honor be turned into shame? How long will you love vain words and seek after lies?  
**But know that the Lord has set apart the godly for himself; the Lord hears when I call to him.**  
Be angry, and do not sin; ponder in your own hearts on your beds, and be silent. Selah  
**Offer right sacrifices, and put your trust in the Lord.**  
There are many who say, "Who will show us some good?"  
**Lift up the light of your face upon us, O Lord!"**  
You have put more joy in my heart than they have when their grain and wine abound.  
**In peace I will both lie down and sleep; for you alone, O Lord, make me dwell in safety.**

\*Trinity Hymnal, 710 "God of Our Fathers"  
NATIONAL HYMN

**Praying for America**

- † Government
  1. Pray for...
  2. All pray silently.
- † Military
  1. Pray for...
  2. All pray silently.
  3. Song

"America, the Beautiful"  
MATERNA  
Katherine Lee Bates and Samuel A. Ward

<sup>1</sup> 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.

<sup>2</sup> 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.

# UNION ASSOCIATE REFORMED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Richburg, South Carolina  
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Thursday, May 2, 2024  
6:00pm

- † Media –
  1. Pray for...
  2. All pray silently.

- † Businesses –
  1. Pray for...
  2. All pray silently

- † Education –
  1. Pray for...
  2. All pray silently.

- † Churches -
  1. Pray for...
  2. All pray silently.
  3. *Trinity Hymnal*, 352 “Renew Thy Church, Her Ministries Restore (v. 1)  
ALL IS WELL

- † Families -
  1. Pray for...
  2. All pray silently.
  3. *Trinity Hymnal*, 719 “A Christian Home” (v. 1)  
FINLANDIA

A Time of Personal Prayer – Individuals who wish to may come forward to the microphone to offer prayers for the concerns on their minds and hearts.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Rev. Gaston

\**Trinity Hymnal*, 646

“Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts”  
QUEBEC

Benediction

Postlude

O God, Our Help in Ages Past” arr. Gordon Young

\*Please stand, if able

The National Day of Prayer is held annually on the first Thursday in May. Mark your calendar and plan to join us next year on **May 1, 2025**, as we pray with and for America.



Welcome in the name of Christ to all who gather for worship at Union Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church. As you join us for worship, we hope that you will sense God's presence, be caught up in joyful praise, be challenged by God's Word, and leave strengthened to live for Christ in the world. If you do not have a church home in this community, we encourage you to consider uniting with us in our work and worship.