

Prelude "Be Thou My Vision"  
Arr. Stan Pethel

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

Call to Worship Based on Psalm 146  
Praise God! Praise God, O my soul!  
**We put our hope in God Who made heaven and earth and sea and all that is in them;**  
Who keeps faith forever; Who brings justice for the oppressed,  
**Gives food to the hungry, Sets the prisoners free,**  
Opens the eyes of the blind, And lifts up those who are bowed down.  
**Praise God! Praise God, O my soul!**

Trinity Hymnal, 55 "To God Be the Glory"  
TO GOD BE THE GLORY

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.**

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

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 62  
<sup>1</sup> For God alone my soul waits in silence; from him comes my salvation.  
<sup>2</sup> **He alone is my rock and my salvation, my fortress; I shall not be greatly shaken.**  
<sup>3</sup> How long will all of you attack a man to batter him, like a leaning wall, a tottering fence?  
<sup>4</sup> **They only plan to thrust him down from his high position. They take pleasure in falsehood. They bless with their mouths, but inwardly they curse.**  
<sup>5</sup> For God alone, O my soul, wait in silence, for my hope is from him.  
<sup>6</sup> **He only is my rock and my salvation, my fortress; I shall not be shaken.**  
<sup>7</sup> On God rests my salvation and my glory; my mighty rock, my refuge is God.  
<sup>8</sup> **Trust in him at all times, O people; pour out your heart before him; God is a refuge for us.**  
<sup>9</sup> Those of low estate are but a breath; those of high estate are a delusion; in the balances they go up; they are together lighter than a breath.  
<sup>10</sup> **Put no trust in extortion; set no vain hopes on robbery; if riches increase, set not your heart on them.**  
<sup>11</sup> Once God has spoken; twice have I heard this: that power belongs to God,  
<sup>12</sup> **and that to you, O Lord, belongs steadfast love. For you will render to a man according to his work.**

\*Trinity Hymnal, 689 (v. 1, 2)

“Be Still My Soul”  
FINLANDIA

Explanation of Prayer Time

Praying for America

- † Government
- † Military
- † Media
- † Businesses
- † First Responders
- † Education
- † Churches
- † Families

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, 32

“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”  
FAITHFULNESS

Benediction

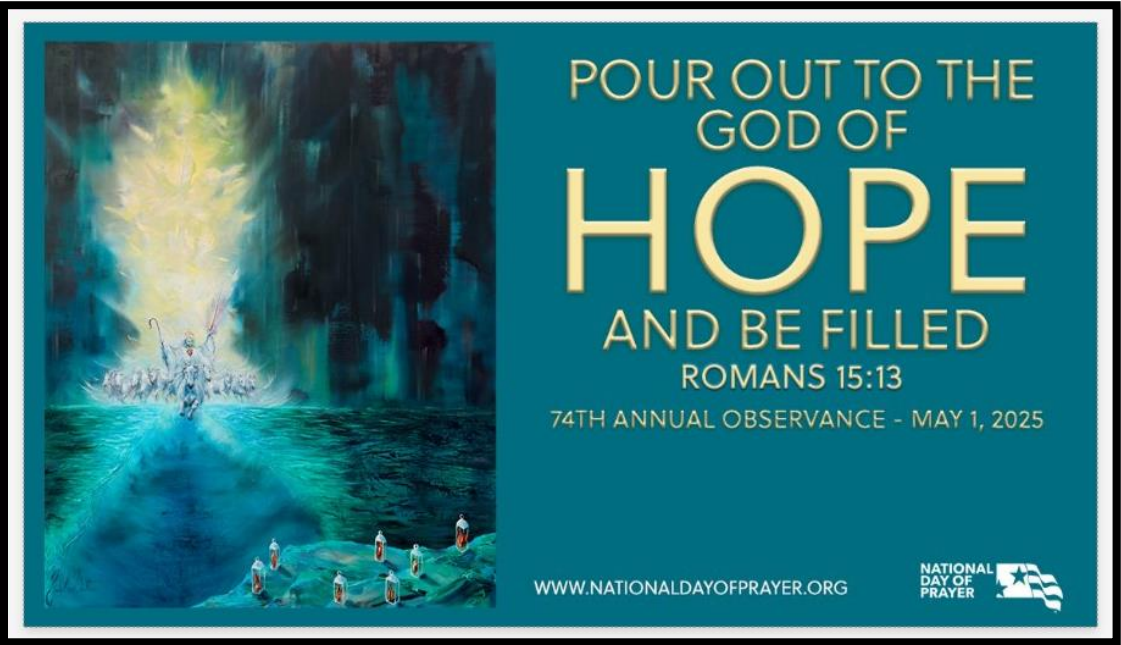
Postlude

“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”  
Arr. Edward Broughton

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 7, 2026**, as we pray with and for America.

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Thursday, May 1, 2025  
7:00 p.m.

<sup>13</sup> “May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.” Romans 15:13 ESV