



The Talents (Matthew 25:14-30)

July 5, 2020

Stories that Matter

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### Prelude

"Prayer for America" arr. David Carnes and Beth Humber  
Piano/Organ

### July 4th Video

#### Celebration of Community

Welcome to live and online worship here at Saxe Gotha. Remember that the 8:30 Traditional service and the 11:00 AWE Contemporary service are being live streamed and are available on YouTube this morning.

- Please remember that the Virtual VBS materials are available for the rest of the summer, so continue to share them with your friend and neighbors.
- There are Saxe Gotha Kids and Students events this coming week, please check [saxegotha.org/news](http://saxegotha.org/news) for details.
- The deadline to purchase God at Work t-shirts to benefit Missions has been extended. Please go to [saxegotha.org/GodatWork](http://saxegotha.org/GodatWork) to purchase your t-shirt.
- The church offices are closed tomorrow in observance of the July 4th holiday.
- To keep everyone safe at this time of worship we appreciate you all wearing masks and also for not joining in on congregational singing. We want to make sure that everyone stays safe and well.

### We Gather to Worship

#### Music of Preparation (Video)

"An American Hymn"

#### Call to Worship

Psalm 47:1-2, 5-6

Leader: Clap your hands, all you peoples; shout to God with loud songs of joy.

People: For the LORD, the Most High, is awesome, a great king over all the earth.

Leader: God has gone up with a shout, the LORD with the sound of a trumpet.

People: Sing praises to God, sing praises; sing praises to our King, sing praises.

#### Opening Hymn

807 "My Country 'Tis of Thee" (Vs 1,4)

## **Prayer for the Nation**

Loving Father, you are the King of kings and the Lord of rulers. You bless all the rulers and their people who honor you and serve you. We pray our nation and for all who live in it. Give all the leaders and authorities your knowledge, wisdom, and understanding. Help them to revere you and honor you. Let them render justice to our people. Let all the forces of darkness, corruption and destruction be destroyed. Let your peace prevail and your justice fill our land. Father, we also pray for the people of our nation. May their hearts seek you and their wills be aligned with yours. Let your Word guide their lives. Let our young people grow and flourish as your followers. Help us to repent of our sins and turn to you so that we can live for you in freedom, peace and righteousness. Renew and heal our land. For we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

## **The Promise**

2 Chronicles 7:14

If my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and I will forgive their sin and will heal their land.

## **Affirmation of Faith**

The Apostles' Creed

## **Gloria Patri**

## **Children's Message (VIDEO)**

## **Passing of the Peace**

## **Doxology #815**

## **Offertory Prayer**

## **Message: Stories that Matter**

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## **We Respond to God's Word**

## **Pastoral Prayer**

## **The Lord's Prayer**

## **Invitation and Benediction**

## **Closing Hymn**

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## **Postlude**

"Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory" arr. Mary McDonald

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