



# AWE Service Bulletin



The Christian Witness -  
Acts 17

**July 3, 2022**

The Mission

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## Rolling Announcements

### Countdown Video

#### Gathering To Worship

*How Great Thou Art* [ Baloche ]

### Welcome/Announcements

- For visitors and members, we have QR codes that will take you directly to our visitor information, online bulletin, upcoming events/news and giving page. Just open your camera and scan the QR code, no app necessary. There are also paper visitor forms if you would like to fill those in and drop them off in the baskets as you leave the service.

- Children's Worship will be on hiatus for the summer. Praise Packs will be offered to assist your child with the transition into service. Located on the back pews of the Sanctuary and at the doors to the Light House Auditorium.

- Migrant Ministry will serve our Community on Tuesdays through August 2. This Ministry Team will help set up, serve and clean up after each event. Contact Pete at [missions@saxegotha.org](mailto:missions@saxegotha.org).

- Please pray for our Mission team as they serve in Jamaica.

#### Proclaiming the Word

### Children's Message Video

#### Sermon - The Christian Witness (Acts 17)

"On Mission to Examine our Foundation" Acts 17:10-12

### Prayer of Consecration

#### Responding in Worship

*God Bless The U-S-A* [ Default Arrangement ]

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## **Prayer For The Nation**

LEADER: Everlasting God of righteousness and grace, as our nation celebrates this Independence Day, remind us of our complete dependence upon you. We look to you for your wisdom and mercy as important issues are discussed.

P: Lord, hear this prayer for our nation and for our world.

L: On this day, we ask you to keep this nation, and all nations, under your care, that we may be people who are at peace, and who are a blessing to others on this earth. Grant our leaders wisdom, that there would be times of peace and justice in our land and in our world, a foretaste of your coming Kingdom.

P: Lord, hear this prayer for our nation and for our world.

L: On this day, we lift to you all those who are far from home and loved ones, who on this day sail or fly or march in harm's way and keep them always close to you. Where there is combat, grant them compassion for their enemies, and keep them brave in the face of evil. Hold in your loving hands the families of those who are far away. Grant them comfort in their anxieties. And comfort those who grieve, because they have received the dreaded message that their loved one has died. Strengthen those who carry the wounds of war, visible and invisible, and be to them a sure presence.

P: Lord, hear this prayer for our nation and for our world.

L: On this day, keep all of us grounded not in our strength but in yours, ever relying upon the promises of your Gospel. Heal our nation and the collective hearts of the world as we live and labor in a world corrupted by our sin. Set us free from the bondage of our hate, our divisions, our prejudices, our apathy, our selfishness, our greed, our narrow-mindedness, and help us, through the power of your Holy Spirit, to live more fully in the light of your grace.

P: Lord, hear this prayer for our nation and for our world.

ALL: All of this we pray in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

## **Words of Assurance**

Joel 2:12-13

"Even now," declares the LORD, "return to me with all your heart, with fasting and weeping and mourning." Rend your heart and not your garments. Return to the LORD your God, for he is gracious and compassionate, slow to anger and abounding in love, and he relents from sending calamity.

## **Affirmation of Faith**

from The Essential Tenets of ECO: A Covenant Order of Evangelical Presbyterians

Jesus prays that His followers will all be one, and so we both pray and work for the union of the church throughout the world. Even where institutional unity does not seem possible, we are bound to other Christians as our brothers and sisters. In Christ the dividing wall of hostility created by nationality, ethnicity, gender, race, and language differences is brought down. God created people so that the rich variety of His wisdom might be reflected in the rich variety of human beings, and the church must already now begin to reflect the eschatological reality of people from every tribe, and tongue, and nation bringing the treasures of their kingdoms into the new city of God.

## **Passing the Peace**

## **Giving Instructions and Pastoral/Offertory Prayer**

*Heal Our Land* [ Worship Together ]

### **Sending Out to Worship**

*Send Me Out* [ Fee ]

## **Benediction**

Mention Church Officers in the Receiving Area next to Cafe

## **Special Announcement:**

The Flowers that grace the Sanctuary this Sunday are given by Pat Richardson to the Glory of God and in memory of her parents, Bonnie and Leon Smalley.