

THE BRIARWOOD WEEKLY

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Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Grace and peace to you in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, who rules and reigns over the Kingdoms of men. Each year during the July 4 holiday, we take time as a church to celebrate before the Lord His kind providences to this nation even as we petition the Lord for the Gospel proclamation to all the nations. We come before the Lord not only with Thanksgiving, but also with Confession of our sins and Petitions for God's grace to "mend our flaws." Lastly, we Consecrate ourselves to be our Lord's instrument of grace and truth to the nation in which He has providentially placed us while fervently praying for a Gospel Awakening and penetrating Heaven-sent revival.

Because of COVID-19 guidelines, we will not be able to have our annual service of Celebration, Confession and Consecration—Christianity in America—together in the Worship Center, but our Worship and Communication Ministry Teams have prepared a special video presentation that is stunningly encouraging and inspirational. It will be accessible at briarwood.org, on Facebook, Roku and Apple TV, and will replace "Conversations with Harry and Bruce" at 6:00 p.m. this Sunday night, July 5. We will enjoy special music by our Choirs and Orchestra, a recognition of our Veterans with enjoyable interviews/testimonies as well as a Biblical exposition.

This coming Lord's Day morning, I will take a break from The Apostles Creed to focus upon an exhortation concerning the Biblical solution to the challenges facing our Nation. We will be led in the Pastoral Prayer by three Elders who faithfully serve our State/Nation in various offices—Federal Judge Dave Proctor, State Senator Dan Roberts and Hoover Mayor Frank Brocato.

Praise the Lord for liberty and freedom—but if Christ "sets you free, you shall be free indeed."

Blessings,
Pastor Reeder



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CONVERSATIONS

WITH HARRY AND BRUCE

Pastor Reeder and Bruce Stallings will resume answering questions submitted to askthepastor@briarwood.org

Sunday night, July 12 at 6:00 p.m.

Available on briarwood.org, Facebook, Roku, AppleTV and the Briarwood App.

See the June 21 program featuring Rev. Alton Hardy and Jason Williams now at briarwood.org/conversations.



CHRISTIANITY in AMERICA 2020

Join us online this Sunday, July 5 at 6:00 p.m. for the *Christianity in America Service of Celebration and Consecration*—a professionally-produced video presentation you won’t want to miss. It features music from soloists, our Choir and Orchestra, recognition of and personal testimonies from our own veterans, and a message from Pastor Reeder. Watch this live on the website at briarwood.org/livete, and on Facebook, Roku, AppleTV or the BriarwoodPCA App. If you miss the live event, you can watch it anytime after the fact at briarwood.org/archivete or on Vimeo, Facebook, or the app.

See below the order for the program. And be sure to share it with your friends and family!

Christianity in America Service of Celebration and Consecration

Welcome and Opening Prayer – Pastor Reeder

“God of Our Fathers” – Sanctuary Choir and Festival Orchestra

“The Star Spangled Banner” – Haley Houston and Festival Orchestra

“My Country, ‘tis of Thee” – Vocal Ensemble and Festival Orchestra
Presentation of the Flags

“The Armed Forces Medley” – U.S. Marine Band

With recognition of Briarwood Veterans and Active Duty Military

Pastoral Prayer – Pastor Reeder

Personal Testimonies – Briarwood Veterans

“America, the Beautiful” – Sanctuary Choir and Festival Orchestra

Biblical Exposition from Psalm 16 – Pastor Reeder

“God Bless America” – Ben Lashley and Festival Orchestra

Benediction – Pastor Reeder



Celebration of Worship

MORNING SERVICES OF DIVINE WORSHIP – July 5, 2020

Worship Leaders

Dr. Harry L. Reeder III, Pastor/Teacher

Mr. Bruce Stallings, Executive Pastor

Rev. Daniel Cason, Pianist

Dr. John Haines, Worship Pastor

Mr. Hunter Goff, Organist

THE GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

I have told the glad news of deliverance in the great congregation... Psalm 40:9

The Call to Worship and Preparation from the Psalms

Psalm 147:1

[All:] Praise the LORD! For it is good to sing praises to our God;
for it is pleasant, and a song of praise is fitting.

The Prelude and Time of Meditation and Confession

"Be Thou My Vision" (arr. Hull)

Chris Neugent, clarinet

Lord God, Eternal and Almighty Father, I confess and acknowledge that I am a sinner and guilty of treason against Your Holy Law, that I was conceived in sin and prone to do evil and that I have both offended You and rebelled against You. I have left undone those things I ought to have done, and have done those things which I ought not to have done. I am unable to save myself, O Lord, and acknowledge that salvation is of Your grace and mercy, so may you receive all the praise as is due Your holy name. For from You and unto You are all things; so unto You be glory forevermore. Amen.

The Invocation

The Gospel Word of Salvation

*The Greeting of Grace and Peace

*The Hymn of Ascents

"God of Our Fathers" Hymn 573

God of our fathers, Whose almighty hand
Leads forth in beauty all the starry band
Of shining worlds in splendor through the skies,
Our grateful songs before Thy throne arise.

Thy love divine hath led us in the past,
In this free land by Thee our lot is cast;
Be Thou our Ruler, Guardian, Guide, and Stay,
Thy Word our law, Thy paths our chosen way.

From war's alarms, from deadly pestilence,
Be Thy strong arm our ever-sure defense;
Thy true religion in our hearts increase,
Thy bounteous goodness nourish us in peace.

Refresh Thy people on their toilsome way,
Lead us from night to never-ending day;
Fill all our lives with love and grace divine,
And glory, laud, and praise be ever Thine!

*The Confession of Truth

Psalms 2:7-8, 10-11

[Leader:] *I will tell of the decree: The LORD said to me, "You are My Son; today I have begotten you.*

[All:] **Ask of Me, and I will make the nations your heritage, and the ends of the earth your possession.**

[Leader:] *Now therefore, O kings, be wise; be warned, O rulers of the earth.*

[All:] **Serve the LORD with fear, and rejoice with trembling.**

[Leader:] *The Word of the Lord.*

[All:] **Thanks be to God!**

THE PETITIONING OF GOD'S PROVIDENCE

They will call upon My name, and I will answer them. Zechariah 13:9

The Pastoral Prayer of Intercession

THE ADORATION OF GOD'S GLORY

Let everything that has breath praise the LORD! Praise the LORD! Psalm 150:6

The Presentation and Consecration of God's Tithe and Our Offerings

Honor the Lord with your wealth and with the firstfruits of all your produce; then your barns will be filled with plenty, and your vats will be bursting with wine. Proverbs 3:9-10

The Musical Offering of Worship

"My Country, 'tis of Thee" (Smith)

Ben Lashley, soloist

My country, 'tis of thee,
Sweet land of liberty, of thee I sing:
Land where my fathers died, Land of the pilgrims' pride,
From every mountainside let freedom ring!

My native country, thee,
Land of the noble free, thy name I love:
I love thy rocks and rills, Thy woods and templed hills;
My heart with rapture thrills, like that above.

Let music swell the breeze,
And ring from all the trees sweet freedom's song:
Let mortal tongues awake, Let all that breathe partake;
Let rocks their silence break, the sound prolong.

Our fathers' God, to Thee,
Author of liberty, to Thee we sing:
Long may our land be bright With freedom's holy light;
Protect us by Thy might, great God, our King!

*The Singing of Psalms, Hymns, and Spiritual Songs

"America, the Beautiful" (Bates/Ward)

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.

O beautiful for pilgrim feet, Whose stern impassioned stress
A thoroughfare for freedom beat Across the wilderness!
America! America! God mend thine every flaw,
Confirm thy soul in self-control, Thy liberty in law!

O beautiful for heroes proved In liberating strife,
Who more than self their country loved, And mercy more than life!
America! America! May God thy gold refine,
Till all success be nobleness, And every gain divine!

O beautiful for patriot dream That sees beyond the years
Thine alabaster cities gleam, Undimmed by human tears!
America! America! God shed His grace on thee,
And crown thy good with brotherhood From sea to shining sea!

THE PROCLAMATION OF GOD'S WORD

...but his delight is in the law of the LORD, and on His law he meditates day and night. Psalm 1:2

***The Prayer of Illumination**

***The Old Testament Reading**

Proverbs 14:34

The Exposition of God's Word

Pastor Reeder

Christianity in America in Biblical Perspective
"God's Word to the Nation"
Proverbs 14:34

THE CONSECRATION OF GOD'S PEOPLE

The LORD bless you and keep you... Numbers 6:24

***The Pastoral Benediction**

***The Congregational Affirmation**

"God Bless America" (Berlin)

God bless America, land that I love.

Stand beside her and guide her Through the night with the light from above.

From the mountains, to the prairies, To the oceans white with foam,

God bless America, my home sweet home; God bless America, my home sweet home!

***The Postlude**

"Fanfare for the Common Man" (Copland)

* The congregation is requested to stand, if able.

The 8:00 and 10:55 Sunday morning services are broadcast live on WLJR 88.5 FM, and are also available online at briarwood.org/livetv. Watch the recording anytime at briarwood.org/archivetv.

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EVENING SERVICE – 6:00 P.M.

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