

Morning Worship

May 27, 2018

Worship Leader — Don Beavers Piano — Marcia Hart

As you enter for worship, please silence your cell phones.

(CCLI permit # 424692 covers all copyright song lyrics)

Welcome and Fellowship Allan/People

Hymn # 2 *Holy, Holy, Holy* Don/People

Worship Prayer Allan Lane

Responsive Reading *We Give You Thanks, O God*

Hymn # 54 *Great Is Thy Faithfulness* Don/People

Chorus *Find Us Faithful* Don/People

Offering Prayer John Lewis

Tithes and Offerings People

Offering Music Marcia Hart

Hymn # 629 *God of Our Fathers* Don/People

Children's Worship (Children are dismissed)

Scripture Reading John 8:28-36 Allan/People

Message *Stand for Freedom* Allan Lane

Hymn # 295 *Near to the Heart of God* Don/People

Stand for Freedom

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It is Memorial Day weekend, and we want to honor those who have made the ultimate sacrifice and laid their lives on the altar of freedom. We salute all of our service men and women and their families, and say thank you. As we talk about Standing for Freedom, notice four things. First of all....

1. Freedom Is Fundamental

Freedom is fundamental. It is a basic gift from God. In the beginning, God made us in his image and his likeness (Genesis 1:26). When God put man in the garden, he said: "You are free to eat from any tree in the garden; but you must not eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil..." (Genesis 2:16-17). Words engraved on

Jefferson's Memorial reflect that truth: "God who gave us life gave us liberty at the same time."

God made us to be free. Free to obey him or to disobey him. Free to love him or not to love him.

However, this wonderful gift of freedom is not without consequences, as we know from what transpired in the Garden (Genesis 2-3). After the fall into sin, and the slavery to sin, God promised a Deliverer, a Savior, which we now know is Jesus Christ. Luke 4 tells us that he stood in the synagogue and proclaimed liberty to the captives. And true freedom only comes from a relationship with Him. He said: "If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free," and "if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed." (John 8:31-32, 36).

Now obviously, this kind of freedom does not mean we have a license to do whatever we desire. It is not a freedom to do what we want, but a freedom to do what we ought.

Freedom to do what is right. And that freedom is foundational to our Christian faith. Freedom is also foundational to America. Remember, our Declaration of Independence eloquently states: "We hold these Truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights that among these are Life, Liberty, and the Pursuit of Happiness." God is not only the author of our freedom as individuals, but also for our nation.

Think about it. The God who ordained freedom for the individual is the same God who ordained the institution of government (Romans 13:1). Now if God created us as free beings, and God created government, doesn't it make sense that he would want us to experience freedom in the context of a nation? That's what America's founding fathers believed. They drafted a social compact on the foundation of our God-given freedom, forming a government that seeks to protect and defend individual rights as granted by God. Obviously, the Founding Fathers were extremely successful.

Today America is still the nearest fulfillment of that God-given desire, hope, and that dream of freedom. Remember those Hebrew slaves down in Egypt? They dreamed of freedom. They prayed for freedom. They cried out for freedom. And God answered. He broke the chains of slavery, delivered them from their oppressors, and brought them into the Promised Land. Beginning with the Pilgrims on the Mayflower, many oppressed people have come to America and found it to be a Land of Promise, a place of freedom. In fact, President John Adams declared that "The general principles upon which the Fathers achieved independence were... the general principles of Christianity." Freedom founded on the Christian Faith is a part of the American DNA. Freedom is fundamental, but secondly...

2. Freedom Is Not Free .

Freedom is costly. Freedom requires sacrifice. True freedom only comes at a great price. Freedom is not "free." God took a huge risk to grant us freedom. When man chose to join Satan in his rebellion against God, the whole human race became enslaved by sin. But God lovingly paid a great price to win us back. Our spiritual freedom cost God the life of His Son on an old rugged Roman cross, where he died in agony to pay for your sin, my sin, and the sins of the world. Our spiritual freedom came as a high price.

And that is not only true spiritually, but it is true nationally. The fight for freedom is never over. That's why we should honor the brave and intrepid souls who serve in our military and never let their sacrifices be in vain! We are the land of the free because of the brave.

Just survey our rich history and heritage of freedom. From the Minute Men who were out-manned and out-gunned by the British on Lexington Green and later when the tide was turned at Concord Bridge, to General Washington and his ill clad men enduring the harsh winter at Valley Forge, to the rocket's red glare over Fort McHenry in the War of 1812, to the blood soaked fields around Gettysburg where brother fought against brother, to the Doughboys in the trenches facing sniper fire and mustard gas in WWI, to the thousands of Sailors who died at Pearl Harbor, to the Soldiers who stormed the beaches of Normandy, to the Airmen who went on bombing raids over Tokyo, to the Marines who fought on the shores of Iwo Jima, on the frigid hills of Korea, the jungles of Vietnam, the deserts of Iraq, and the rugged mountains of Afghanistan—these Patriots secured our liberty at a high price.

Just view the rows of crosses in Arlington Cemetery and the cemeteries of American Servicemen, visit the graveyards throughout France and other countries, consider the forgotten bodies of our heroes who lie where they fell and those buried in the waters of the Seven Seas where they gave their all... not only for you and for me, but for the freedom of other nations and other peoples, and we should always remember—these brave souls bought and paid for our freedom. As the Lord Jesus put it: "Greater love has no man than this, that he lay down his life for his friend," or in this case, his country.

Because of God's blessing and because of the sacrifices of our military, no other nation enjoys such great freedoms as America. Freedom is not free, but then thirdly....

3. Freedom Is Under Fire .

Our freedom is under fire in America today. Our mission is to defend faith, family and freedom. But if you are a person of faith and you value family you may not be allowed to enjoy freedom. Our freedoms are under an all-out assault in America. In fact, Paul encourages us to put on the full armor of God and take a stand in the evil day (Ephesians 6:13).

I would submit to you that the evil day is not coming to America, the evil day is here. It is an evil day when the Obamacare Mandate (still in place) can force California Churches to fund abortions in their healthcare plans. Pastor Jack Hibbs said he would go to jail before he could compromise. And it is an evil day when all taxpayers are still being forced to fund Planned Parenthood, whose main business is butchering babies and supporting candidates who help them maintain their funding. Thomas Jefferson called such coercion an act of tyranny.

It is an evil day when sexual liberty now trumps religious liberty. It is having a terrible impact on Christian business owners, like photographers, bakers, and florists, who are harassed and fined by governments and courts for not bowing to sexual anarchists. It is tyranny.

It is an evil day when Christians who serve in public office like Dr. Eric Walsh, Fire Chief Kelvin Cochran, and County Clerk Kim Davis are fired and even jailed for their deeply held beliefs about marriage. It is tyranny.

It is an evil day when Christians in the military like Monifa Sterling are court-marshalled for posting a Bible verse. Master Sergeant Phillip Monk was relieved of duty by his superior, who did not like his answer on marriage. This person has now ID'd as transgender, and MSGT Monk was eventually exonerated and honored. It is still tyranny.

It is an evil day when religious liberty is being threatened and removed at alarming rate all across America. There are multiple examples throughout our nation. If we don't use our freedom to defend our freedom, we will lose our freedom. Fourth and finally ...

4. Freedom Is Worth A Fight .

Freedom must be protected and defended. We must fight to win it, and fight to keep it.

Specifically, what can we do to preserve our freedom to express our faith openly and publicly in America?

Action Step 1: Pray: We must fight the battle, first of all, on our knees. We need to pray for God's help. It all begins with prayer because without Him...we can do nothing. As David said: "I lift up my eyes to the hills—where does my help come from? My help comes from the LORD, the Maker of heaven and earth" (Psalm 121:1-2). Remember, the battle is the LORD's.

Action Step 2: Proclaim: We must proclaim the good news. This is one of the biggest reasons for the mess we are in. See if we were sharing our faith, leading people to Jesus, and discipling them in the Word, there wouldn't be all these hostile people, like abortionists, homosexual activists, atheists, renegade judges, liberal educators, and the like. Like the early church, we need to be unstoppable in speaking the things we have seen and heard from Jesus (Acts 4:20).

So it is high time for the church to rise up and speak up, not in a shrill, hateful way, but in a passionate and winsome way. Psalm 107:2 says: "Let the redeemed of the Lord say so." And that's you, and that's me. This nation needs to hear again the voice of the Church of Jesus Christ, pulpits that proclaim the Gospel and flame with righteousness, churches that teach humility and holiness. Christian couples who get married and stay married, Christian parents teaching their kids right from wrong, the value of a hard day's work, loving their neighbor and their nation, duty to God and country, and sharing the good news about Jesus Christ with everyone, everywhere. Proclaim.

Action Step 3: Practice: We need to practice our faith everywhere in life. Live your faith!

Outside of the Bible, the best argument for Jesus and the best argument against Jesus is the life of one who claims to be His follower. People would have more respect for our faith if we are living our faith. So "As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in Him." (Colossians 2:6).

Action Step 4: Participate: Jesus said to render to Caesar, and in America, where we have a government of the people, by the people, and for the people, we need to participate. If we don't, the devil and his people win by default. I mean, did Jesus only want us to be the Salt of the Sunday School and the Light of the Church? No! He wants us to make a positive impact and have a godly influence on everything everywhere, including government. So register to vote and vote your Christian values. Commend public servants who promote godly policies but confront those who promote ungodly policies. Consider supporting someone who lines up with how you believe on the issues. Some might be called to run for office as a public servant. We need some Daniels and Deborahs, some Esthers and Nehemias. We need more godly public servants on the City Council and School Board, as Mayor and Judges, as State Legislators and Senators, and yes as President. But we need to get off the sidelines and onto the battlefield!

Conclusion

We must answer the call to take a stand for freedom. So in the name of Almighty God, and for the sake of the Lord Jesus, and in the power of the Holy Spirit, I challenge you to renew your commitment to fight for freedom. Those who would silence us are surging all around us. They believe the victory is theirs, that they have won, and that this nation now belongs to them. But let us show them that they are

wrong. Let us rise up, stand up, and speak up. Never give up, let up, or shut up 'til they take us out or He takes us up.

Let us stand together for faith once delivered to the saints. Let's stand together for the family, the foundation of a healthy society. Let's stand together for our freedom, for which Christ has made us free. Let us lift up the blood stained banner of the cross of Christ, and stand up for Jesus! Stand up for Jesus!

Stand up for Jesus, ye soldiers of the cross! Lift high His royal banner, it must not suffer loss! From victory unto victory, His army shall He lead, til every foe is vanquished and Christ is Lord indeed!

Stand Up for Jesus!

Memorial Day Facts

Found the following at <https://www.cnn.com/2013/05/23/us/memorial-day-fast-facts/index.html>. It comes from CNN's website. Hope it's helpful.

Here's a look at Memorial Day, a day honoring American soldiers who died serving the country in wars. It is observed annually in the United States on the last Monday in May.

Facts:

Several towns claim to be the originators of Memorial Day, but in 1966 Congress declared Waterloo, New York, to be the birthplace of the holiday.

Memorial Day originally honored military personnel who died in the Civil War (1861-1865). The holiday now honors those who died in any war while serving with the United States. It is also called Decoration Day.

Timeline:

May 5, 1866 - Residents of Waterloo, New York, observe a Memorial Day in honor of all who died during the Civil War. Businesses are closed and soldiers' graves are decorated.

1868 - General John Alexander Logan officially proclaims May 30, 1868, as Memorial Day in honor of the Union soldiers who died in the Civil War. Until after World War I, southern states celebrated a separate Memorial Day in honor of the Confederate dead.

1971 - Congress declares Memorial Day a national holiday to be celebrated the last Monday in May.

December 28, 2000 - President Bill Clinton signs the "National Moment of Remembrance Act," which designates 3:00 p.m. local time on Memorial Day each year as the National Moment of Remembrance.

US War Casualties:

Civil War - Approximately 620,000 Americans died. The Union lost almost 365,000 troops and the Confederacy about 260,000. More than half of these deaths were caused by disease.

World War I - 116,516 Americans died, more than half from disease.

World War II - 405,399 Americans died.

Korean War - 36,574 Americans died.

Vietnam Conflict - 58,220 Americans died.

Operation Desert Shield/Desert Storm - 383 service members died.

Operation Iraqi Freedom - 4,411 service members died.

Operation New Dawn - 73 service members died.

Operation Enduring Freedom - 2,346 service members died.

Operation Freedom's Sentinel - 48 service members have died as of May 2018.

Operation Inherent Resolve - 61 service members have died as of May 2018.

God Bless You!

Bro. Allan

Opportunities For Service

Living out Your Spiritual Commitment . . . and Fulfilling Christ's Divine Plan

Sunday, May 27, 2018

Sunday School.....9:15 am

Morning Worship.....10:30 am

Nursery: Volunteers as needed

Ushers: Larry McKahan, ? ? ? ?, Ken Kirkpatrick, Bill Schottel

Alternate: Ken Nice

No Evening Services....6:30 pm

Monday, May 28

Memorial Day!

Wednesday, May 30

Prayer / Bible Study.... 6:30 pm

Worship Team 7:30 pm

Sunday, June 3, 2018

Sunday School 9:15 am

Morning Worship.....10:30 am

Nursery: Volunteers as needed

Ushers: ? ? ? ?, Ken Kirkpatrick, Fred Kerns, Don Sharp

Alternate: ? ? ? ?

Evening Services.....6:30 pm

Monday, June 4

Food Kitchen5:30 pm

Wednesday, June 6

Prayer / Bible Study6:30 pm

Worship Team 7:30 pm

Up-Coming Events.....

May 27 — Diversicare

— Farewell reception for Don and Marcia Hart 4-6 pm

May 28 — Memorial Day

June 2 — Ladies Bible Study Begins 9 am

June 5 — Food Kitchen

June 11-15 — Youth Camp

June 17 — Father's Day

June 24 — Diversicare 5:30 pm

GROW Team

Commit to **GROW!** **Everyone make a contact!** Invite someone to Bible Study and Worship this week. ☺

Sunday Nights

We will not have Sunday night services tonight or next week at 6:30 pm. We will continue our study entitled:

A Case for Faith with Lee Strobel June 3. Don't miss it!

Wednesday Night Prayer and Bible Study

Come pray for the direction of our church. Please plan to attend and pray at 6:30 pm and enjoy a time of fellowship and Bible Study.

Mark Your Calendars Now!

- ♦ June 11-15
Youth Camp
- ♦ July 16-20
Children's Camp
- ♦ August 18
Men's Conference
Frederick Boulevard
Baptist Church

A "Hart-felt" Goodbye

Many of you know Marcia and Don Hart will be moving to Washington state to be near their son and his family. The Lydia Sunday School Class would like to invite the entire church to join us as we send them on with a heartfelt goodbye.

This afternoon, May 27, 2018
4:00 - 6:00 pm
Church Basement

Their New Address:

Don and Marcia Hart
325 Karr Avenue
Hoquiam, WA 98550

**Upcoming Women's
Bible Study**

Stepping Up

Psalms 120-134

Beth Moore

This is a six week study beginning
Saturday, June 2, 9:00 am
in the church basement.

Please sign up on the church bulletin board if
you are interested
in attending.

For the Record-

Attendance: May 20, 2018

Sunday School.....	28
Visitors.....	1
Total.....	29
Contacts Made.....	9
Morning Worship.....	34
Sunday Night.....	N/A
Children's Worship	N/A
Wednesday Night	7

Financial Record:

Weekly Budget	\$ 2,286.39
Offering Received ...	\$ 966.70
Long Family - May...	\$ 60.00

Offering Received by Mail:

June Counting Team:

Don Beavers and Jordan Lane

June Van Driver:

Mike Green

Remember to call 232-3747
before 8 am if you need a ride.

June Member Birthdays:

09... Sarah Waters
13... Desiree McDonald
14... Jessica Burgess
14... John Lewis
19....Jordan Lane
25... Martha Green
26... Pam Battreal
30... Randy Harr

June Anniversaries

John and Beverly Lewis

June 11, 1948

Jo and Elmer Mayse

June 27, 1981

Prayer Requests ...

Graduates
Larry Danner Family
Marcia and Don Hart—blessings
Mike Green—infection in knee
Larry McKahan—infection
Sharri Duty—surgery recovery
Swymeler's Grandsons—kidney issues
Jessica Kirkpatrick and baby Levi
Donna and Bill Dunn—health
Joyce Cook—health
Jack and Flo Conard
Peggy & Gary Fewins—Peggy's health
Arlette Duty—strength
Gina Harr—strength
Don Beavers—heart and health
Curtis Conard—recovery
Emily Jones & baby Liam
Cynthia Burdick—cancer recovery
Karissa and Matt Long and family
The Waters Family—guidance
Stephanie & Jason Terpack
Shawna Hughes—recovery
Rosella Davis—Flo Conard's sister
Mary Sharp's brother-in-law Jim
Bill Clinton—Don and Mae's son
Lisa Bowers—Jack and Flo's daughter
LoLeta Middleton—strength
Elvera's daughter & daughter-in-law
Zella Davis —Doris Richardson's sister
Rev. A. B. Brown Betty Campbell
George Ferbert Kevin Duty
Jim Winans Nellie Reynolds
Madeline Swink Ann Riddle
Kathryn Beavers Keon McKahan
Jozy Winans Kenny Duty
Pat Means Buddy Means
Bill & Juanita Debbie Sands
Pat Puckett Judy Anderson

Brenda Burgess Roscoe Lane
Carolyn Houts Tim Izer
Nickolay Nazaruk, Peski 2 Church
David and Deborah Grace
Our Nation and Leaders
Our Military Service people
Today's Prayer Requests ...

Our Nation and our Leaders ...

Five More New Families...
