



## LISTENING

RESPONSIVE READING      PSALM 146      766  
*(This is the English translation of the following anthem.)*

ANTHEM      **Haleluya. Haleli nafshi**      Salomone Rossi  
(c. 1570-c. 1630)  
*This setting of Psalm 146 was written for use in a synagogue shortly before 1622. Rossi, a contemporary of Monteverdi, also wrote for the Court of Mantua and dedicated much of his work to Duke Vincenzo Gonzaga.*

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON      Isaiah 61:1-4      Libba Wells  
Galatians 5:1, 13-15

\*HYMN      **This Is My Song**      722

SERMON      “Free and Bound”      Denise Cumbee Long

## RESPONDING

### \*PRAYER FOR OUR COUNTRY AND OURSELVES

God of justice, ruler of all nations: we pray for our nation, its people and leaders. Forgive our shortcomings and give us discernment to know the truth that alone can make us free. Save us from injustice and oppression, from pride and arrogance, from greed and self-centeredness.

Increase our concern for people beyond our own boundaries and also for the poor in our own land, so that our national structures may embody compassion and good global citizenship. As we celebrate our nation’s birthday, may we remember that others also love their countries and homes. Keep us ever mindful of our connections to one another. May we be free to love, while grateful for our ties to the earth and the web of our common humanity. Amen.

### PRESENTING TO GOD OUR GIFTS AND OURSELVES

Offertory

**Finlandia**

arr. Jay Rouse

**\*Doxology**

*You are invited to sign the Doxology, to praise God with your body as well as your voice and mind. Please sign along with the leader, or simply sing the Doxology.*

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God, all creatures here below, Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;  
Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost.  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**\*Prayer of Dedication**

**ENDING WORSHIP AND BEGINNING SERVICE**

SHARING THE LIFE OF OUR COMMUNITY OF FAITH

Beth Honeycutt

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

**\*INVITATIONAL HYMN**

**Your Love, O God**

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*If you wish to become a member of this congregation of the Body of Christ today, you are invited to come forward during the first verse of this hymn to be welcomed and received.*

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*CHORAL RESPONSE**

**Amen**

POSTLUDE

**An Early American March**

James Hewitt

**\*Please rise in body or in spirit.**

**#Those arriving after the Prelude may be seated at these times.**

Persons wishing for assistance with hearing during the worship service are encouraged to check out an FM receiver in the narthex just before the service begins.

**The flowers on the communion table today** are provided by Michael and Barbara Davis in celebration of their 40<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary this month.

**DON'T FORGET: Summer Congregational Listening Sessions! TODAY** at 11:15 am, right after worship, and on July 13, and July 27th. We will plan to adjourn by 12:30 pm in time for lunch! These gatherings will provide an informal, structured format for sharing hopes, fears, joys, and concerns about Binkley spiritual and congregational life. These will not be “task-oriented” events with specific plans for addressing issues, but rather opportunities for the staff, Diaconate, Council, Pastoral Search Committee, and wider congregation to hear how Binkley folks are feeling about how things are going.



**Binkley's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Sunday is coming soon!** Mark your calendars for **September 20 and 21**. If you haven't yet sent back your RSVP card (enclosed in today's bulletin), please fill it out and leave it in the offering plate or the church office, so we can have an accurate count of people who will be attending. And remember, in order to cover all of the costs (lunches, DVDs, memory books, square dance, Charles Carver's Famous Brunswick Stew...) our fund-raising goal for the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Events is \$10,000. If you haven't yet made your contribution, we invite you to do so by sending a check to Binkley marked for "50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary".  
See you in September!

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