

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

### Silent Meditation:

*“Suppose a nation in some distant region should take the Bible for their only law book, and every member should regulate his/[her] conduct by the precepts there exhibited! Every member would be obligated in conscience to temperance, frugality and industry; to justice, kindness, and charity towards his fellow [human beings]; and to piety, love and reverence toward Almighty God.. What a Eutopia, what a paradise would this region be...*

*.. Diary and autobiography of John Adams Vol III p. 9*

### Prelude

**Processional** (Choir, Ministers, Worship Leader, Philippine Flag and UCCP Flag)

**Lighting of the Altar Candle, Opening of the Bible**

### Choral Introit

**Greetings, Fellowship and Ministry Concerns**

**Minister**

### Song of Fellowship

You are welcome here, you are loved here, you are a part of God's family; let the people declare you are loved and we care

All- you are welcome, you are loved

All – you are welcome in this place...

### \*Call to Worship

**WL:** Come let us altogether glorify our God

**P:** Let us glorify our God on high

**WL:** Because of the sacrifice of thousands of lives we are able to worship freely

**P:** In the freedom we have gained we come not out of fear or persecution

**WL:** On this Independence Day we thank the Lord for the blessings we have received. Let us pray...

**ALL:** Our Lord and our God, fill us with gratitude and thankfulness for the rights and privileges we have because of your grace and the perseverance of those faithful who have gone before us. In this worship time open our eyes to new directions of purpose in the service of your people. Renew in us the courage to stand up for the rights we enjoy so that all may experience the freedom of true worship.

**\*Songs of Praise How Great is Our God/ How Great Thou Art** The splendor of the king clothed in majesty  
Let all the earth rejoice, let all the earth rejoice

He wraps Himself in light and darkness tries to hide

It trembles at His voice, it trembles at His voice

How great is our God sing with me how great is our God

And all will see how great, how great is our God

Age to age He stands and time is in His hands

Beginning and the end, beginning and the end

The Godhead three in one, Father, Spirit Son

The Lion and the Lamb, the Lion and the Lamb

- Name above all names worthy of all praise

My heart will sing how great is our God....

Then sings my soul my Savior God to Thee

How great Thou art, how great Thou art

Then sings my soul my Savior God to Thee

How great Thou art How great Thou art.

### Responsive Reading (M-Minister P – People)

**M:** It was for freedom that Christ set us free; therefore keep standing firm and do not be subject again to a yoke of slavery (Gal. 5:1)

**P:** For you were called to freedom, brothers and sisters only do not turn your freedom into an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another. (Gal. 5:13)

**M:** But now having been freed from sin and enslaved to God you derive your benefit resulting in sanctification and the outcome eternal life. (Rom. 6:22)

**P:** And having been freed from sin you became slaves of righteousness. (Rom. 6:18)

**Prayer for the People....** (Concentrate the prayer on peace keeping agencies and organizations)

### Response in song

God will make a way where there seems to be no way

God works in ways you cannot see, God will make a way for me

God will be my guide, hold me closely to God's side

With love and strength for each new day God will make a way

God will make a way

### \*Message through the Scriptures

**Message through the Anthem**

**Message through the Word**

### Call to Offering

As you come to the Lord with your offerings think about this. Is your gift an act of thanksgiving returning to God a portion of what you have already received? Or is it an act of faith giving even as you hope that financial needs will be met inspite of the offered sum. Keep in mind that true offering involves both thanksgiving and a leap of faith. What does your gift represent? As you yield to God's will, silently speak to the One who is always there to meet your needs according to God's pleasure.

### Giving of tithes, pledges,thanksgiving and offerings

#### \*Doxology

#### \*Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication

#### Hymn of Affirmation of Faith

#### God of the Ages Whose Almighty Hands (God of our Fathers)

God of the ages whose Almighty hands  
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, guard 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.

#### Prayer

#### Benediction

May the Lord bless you and protect you. May the Lord smile on you and be gracious to you. May the Lord show you His favor and give you His peace, both now and forevermore. Amen and amen.

#### Choral Benediction

#### Postlude



## UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST IN THE PHILIPPINES



**June 12, 2016**  
**FREEDOM SUNDAY**