

## Morning Worship Service

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### GOD BLESS AMERICA

**Introduction:** Irving Berlin wrote the “unofficial” national anthem in 1938 as war clouds were gathering in Europe. After 9/11 it was sung in the seventh inning at most major league baseball games and today it is still sung on Memorial, Independence and Labor Days at the playoff games.

#### Psalm 33:12

*“Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord”*

#### I. GOD \_\_\_\_\_ AMERICA

1. Enshrined in our \_\_\_\_\_ - 1621 \_\_\_\_\_

2. Embedded in our \_\_\_\_\_ - 1776

*“We hold these truths to be self evident, that all men are created equal. That they are endowed by their creator with certain inalienable rights...”*

3. Emblem of our country - 1752 the \_\_\_\_\_

Lev. 25:10 - *“Proclaim liberty throughout the land and to all the inhabitants thereof.”*

4. Engraved on our \_\_\_\_\_ - 1865 - “\_\_\_\_\_”

5. Echoed by \_\_\_\_\_ - 1835 - Alexandre de Tocqueville

*“I sought for the key to the greatness and genius of America in her harbors...’ in her fertile fields and boundless forests: in her rich mines and vast world commerce: in her public school system and institutions of learning. I sought for it in her democratic congress and in her matchless constitution. Not until I went into the churches of America and heard her pulpits aflame with righteousness did I understand the secret of her genius and power:*

*America is great, because America is good, and if America ever ceases to be good, America will cease to be great.”*

6. Enjoyed by \_\_\_\_\_ - July 4, 1884

The \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_

7. Evidenced by \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_

#### II. GOD \_\_\_\_\_ AMERICA

1. Example of the \_\_\_\_\_

2. Experience of the \_\_\_\_\_

3. Expectation of the \_\_\_\_\_

#### III. \_\_\_\_\_ BLESS GOD

1. \_\_\_\_\_ - 2 Chron 7:14

2. \_\_\_\_\_ of

- \_\_\_\_\_

- The \_\_\_\_\_

- \_\_\_\_\_ - Prov. 13:24

**Conclusion:** *“The truth announced in the Holy Scripture, and proven by all history is that ‘those nations only are blessed whose God is the Lord’.”*

Abraham Lincoln