

## Call to Worship

### America, the Beautiful

Oh, 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

## Responsive Reading

From Psalm 8

### Leader

O LORD, our Lord,  
How majestic is Your name in all the earth,  
Who have displayed Your splendor above the heavens!

### Response

From the mouth of infants and nursing babes You have established strength  
Because of Your adversaries, To make the enemy and the revengeful cease.

### Leader

When I consider Your heavens, the work of Your fingers,  
The moon and the stars, which You have ordained;

### Response

What is man that You take thought of him,  
And the son of man that You care for him?

### Leader

Yet You have made him a little lower than God,  
And You crown him with glory and majesty!

### Response

You make him to rule over the works of Your hands;  
You have put all things under his feet,

### Leader

All sheep and oxen,  
And also the beasts of the field,

### Response

The birds of the heavens and the fish of the sea,  
Whatever passes through the paths of the seas.

### Unison

O LORD, our Lord,  
How majestic is Your name in all the earth!

## Trustworthy

<sup>33</sup> “Again, you have heard that our fathers were told, ‘**Do not break your oath,**’ and ‘**Keep your vows to the LORD**’ <sup>34</sup> But I tell you not to swear at all—not ‘by **heaven,**’ because it is **GOD’s throne;** <sup>35</sup> not ‘by **the earth,**’ because it is **HIS footstool;** and not ‘by Jerusalem,’ because it is **the city of the Great King.** <sup>36</sup> And don’t swear by your head, because you can’t make a single hair white or black. <sup>37</sup> Just let your ‘Yes’ be a simple ‘Yes,’ and your ‘No’ a simple ‘No’; anything more than this has its origin in evil.

**Matthew 5:33-37**

Jesus taught his disciples to be truthful and honest in all things. This quote comes from the Sermon on the Mount. Did you ever hear someone say “I swear its true!”? Why did they have to say that? Probably because we should have good reason to doubt them.

However, if we always are truthful – even when it is hard to admit the truth – then people will learn that we are trustworthy.

Trustworthy, that is to be worthy (or deserving) of trust. If you are trustworthy, you can look forward to Jesus saying to you the same thing the master in Jesus’s parable said:

<sup>23</sup> His master said to him, ‘Excellent! you are a good and trustworthy servant. You have been faithful with a small amount, so I will put you in charge of a large amount. Come and join in your master’s happiness!’

**Matthew 25:23**

## Benediction

Now to Him who is able to keep you from stumbling, and to make you stand in the presence of His glory blameless with great joy, to the only God our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion and authority, before all time and now and forever. Amen

**Jude 24-25**