

# FirstFruits Gathering At Harvest Christian Church

## Sweet Land of Liberty June 29, 2021 Suzi Armstrong

"My Country, 'Tis of Thee", sweet land of liberty is a familiar song (written in 1831 by Samuel Francis Smith, a Baptist minister). The fourth verse talks specifically about liberty.

Our fathers' God to thee,  
Author of liberty,  
To thee we sing.  
Long may our land be bright,  
With freedom's holy light,  
Protect us by thy might  
Great God our King!

### Prophetic Word:

This is a time to surrender to Me, says the Spirit of the Lord. Just like the founders of this nation surrendered their reputations, their finances, their time and their lives to bring the birthing of this nation. So again this is a time to surrender to Me for this nation. Once again birth pains are on your nation. As you surrender to Me in the fire of My presence you will be saturated in the aroma of My being and filled with My heart and desire for this time in your history. I will give you a keen sense of discernment for these days, and I will fill you with strength for the battle. I will put vision in your heart for the future and the words in your mouth to speak the future and pull it into the now.

Surrender to Me, for in the place of surrender you will step into the future. Be strong! Do not turn to the left or to the right, set your eyes and your heart upon Me and I will level the mountains that are before you. I will open the brass gates and I will cut through the bars of iron – for nothing is impossible with Me. Surrender what holds you to the past and reach out for My hand. I will take hold of you with My righteous right hand and lead you into a new level of freedom and liberty, a new place of victory. Do not be afraid of the devil because he is already defeated. Stir your faith. Release My roar! Take your place in history through the door of surrender.

Freedom is one of the most precious gifts given. Freedom is the state of not being imprisoned or enslaved – it is the ability to move about without restraint; the ability to choose. Our flag is a symbol of freedom in this nation. Our nation was birthed for freedom – specifically freedom from religious persecution and tyrannical governments. As a nation we host freedom and hold freedom to be a God-given right. Patrick Henry said, "Give me liberty or give me death!" Thomas Jefferson said, "How little do my countrymen know what precious blessings they are in possession of, and which no other people on earth enjoy!"

Freedom encourages and gives a platform for destiny to be fulfilled. It is an atmosphere of creativity and a place of birthing. In freedom, hindrances are removed – dynamics of oppression and control are broken off. In freedom there is joy and celebration. In freedom there is a wind of the Spirit of God that removes all artificial boundaries. In freedom, bondages are broken and false identity has no place in your life. In freedom there is increase and great hope.

This platform for freedom is stated in Preamble of our Constitution:

We the People of the United States, in order to form a more perfect union, establish justice, insure domestic tranquility, provide for the common defense, promote the general welfare, and **secure the blessings of liberty** to ourselves and our posterity, do ordain and establish this Constitution for the United States of America.

## These are days of once again securing the blessings of liberty!!

In our nation we recognize and value the blessings of liberty and freedom. We are a nation where bondages to men, ideals, religion and governments are broken allowing the people freedom of choice. The Bill of Rights further details specific freedoms that are a blessing to the citizens of the United States.

The founding fathers of our nation were confident in whom God was and the freedom that comes through Jesus Christ. The Gospel message is a message of freedom. Jesus quoted Isaiah 61 saying that the Spirit of the Lord is upon me to preach good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom...

True freedom only comes from God. When God created man He gave man freedom to choose how they would live; freedom to choose life or death. Adam sinned putting the bondage that comes with sin on mankind. Jesus said that He whom the Son sets free is free indeed. The freedom that comes through Jesus Christ sets us free from the bondages of our past, free from the bondage of sin, free from the voice of accusation, free to live and move and have our being in Him.

### Galatians 5.1 NIV

<sup>1</sup> **It is for freedom that Christ has set us free.** Stand firm, then, and do not let yourselves be burdened again by a yoke of slavery.

### Galatians 5.13 NIV

<sup>13</sup> You, my brothers and sisters, were called to be free. But do not use your **freedom** to indulge the flesh; rather, serve one another humbly in love.

### James 1.25 NIV

<sup>25</sup> But whoever looks intently into **the perfect law that gives freedom**, and continues in it—not forgetting what they have heard, but doing it—**they will be blessed in what they do.**

### 1 Peter 2.15-17 TPT

<sup>15</sup> For it is God's will for you to silence the ignorance of foolish people by doing what is right.

<sup>16</sup> As God's *loving* servants, you **should live in complete freedom, but never use your freedom as a cover-up for evil.** <sup>17</sup> **Recognize the value of every person and continually show love to every believer.** Live your lives with great reverence and in holy awe of God. Honor your rulers.

### Prayer:

Father, we thank You for freedom and liberty. We thank You that the freedom and liberty that comes from You was made part of our Constitution as a nation. We hold freedom in high regard. Freedom comes from You alone God, freedom flows out of Your mercy and kindness toward us. Freedom is part of the identity of our nation and us as a people. Again, we thank You for our freedoms and abundant blessings that we enjoy.

As a nation we are in a battle for the basic freedoms that this nation has stood for from its inception. However, we believe that You are going to turn this around. We ask You to intervene in America's government. We ask for complete exposure of evil agendas and intentions, and that Your Light will be shed on darkness. We ask for the removal of those who oppose Your ways and principles, especially to freedom. We pray for honest leaders and righteous leaders and servant leaders. Give us leaders who honor You, Your scriptures and Your ways. We pray for an awakening of Your people. Awaken the ekklesia. Break off deception, lies and artificial boundaries that we as believers have been operating under.

**We decree FREEDOM and LIBERTY over the ekklesia, the church and over the people, over families, over Michigan and over our nation!**