

July 19, 2020
Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

WELCOME/IN MEMORIAM

PRELUDE: *Day By Day (Cindy Perry)*

MEDITATION PSALM

PSALM 19

The sky tells the glory of God,
tells the genius of God's work.
Day carries the news to day,
night brings the message to night,
without a word, without a sound,
without a voice being heard,
yet their message fills the world,
their news reaches its rim.

There God has pitched a tent
for the sun to rest and rise renewed
like a bridegroom rising from bed,
an athlete eager to run the race.

It springs from the edge of the earth,
runs a course across the sky
to win the race at heaven's end.
Nothing on earth escapes its heat.

God's perfect law
revives the soul.

God's stable rule
guides the simple.

God's just demands
delight the heart.

God's clear commands
sharpen vision.

God's faultless decrees
stand for ever.

God's right judgements
keep their truth.

Their worth is more than gold,
the purest gold;
their taste richer than honey,
sweet from the comb.

Keeping them guides me,
they bring me light;
yet faults hide within us,
forgive me mine.

Keep my pride in check,
break its grip;
I shall be free
of its hold on me.

Keep me, thought and word,
in your good grace.

Lord, you are my savior,
you are my rock.

GATHERING SONG: *God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens* (ELW 771)



1 God, who stretched the span - gled heav - ens in - fi - nite in time and place,
2 We have ven - tured worlds un - dreamed of since the child-hood of our race;
3 As each far ho - ri - zon beck - ons, may it chal-lenge us a - new:



flung the suns in burn-ing ra - diance through the si - lent fields of space:
known the ec - sta - sy of wing-ing through un - trav-eled realms of space;
chil - dren of cre - a - tive pur - pose, serv - ing oth - ers, hon - 'ring you.



we, your chil - dren in your like-ness, share in - ven - tive pow'rs with you;
probed the se - crets of the at - om, yield-ing un - i - mag - ined pow'r,
May our dreams prove rich with prom-ise; each en-deav-or well be - gun;



great Cre - a - tor, still cre - at - ing, show us what we yet may do.
fac - ing us with life's de - struc - tion or our most tri - um-phant hour.
great Cre - a - tor, give us guid - ance till our goals and yours are one.

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GREETING/PRAYER OF THE DAY - *Ann Aagaard*

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

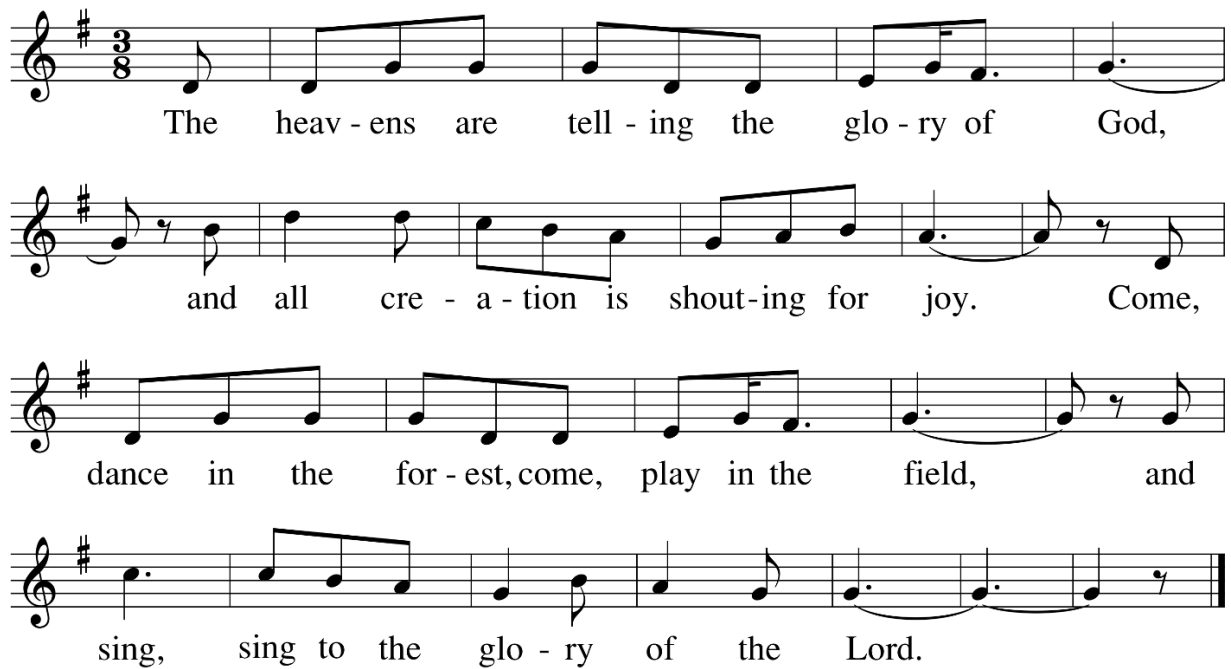
Let us pray.

Faithful God, most merciful judge, you care for your children with
firmness and compassion. By your Spirit nurture us who live in your
kingdom, that we may be rooted in the way of your Son, Jesus Christ, our
Savior and Lord.

Amen.

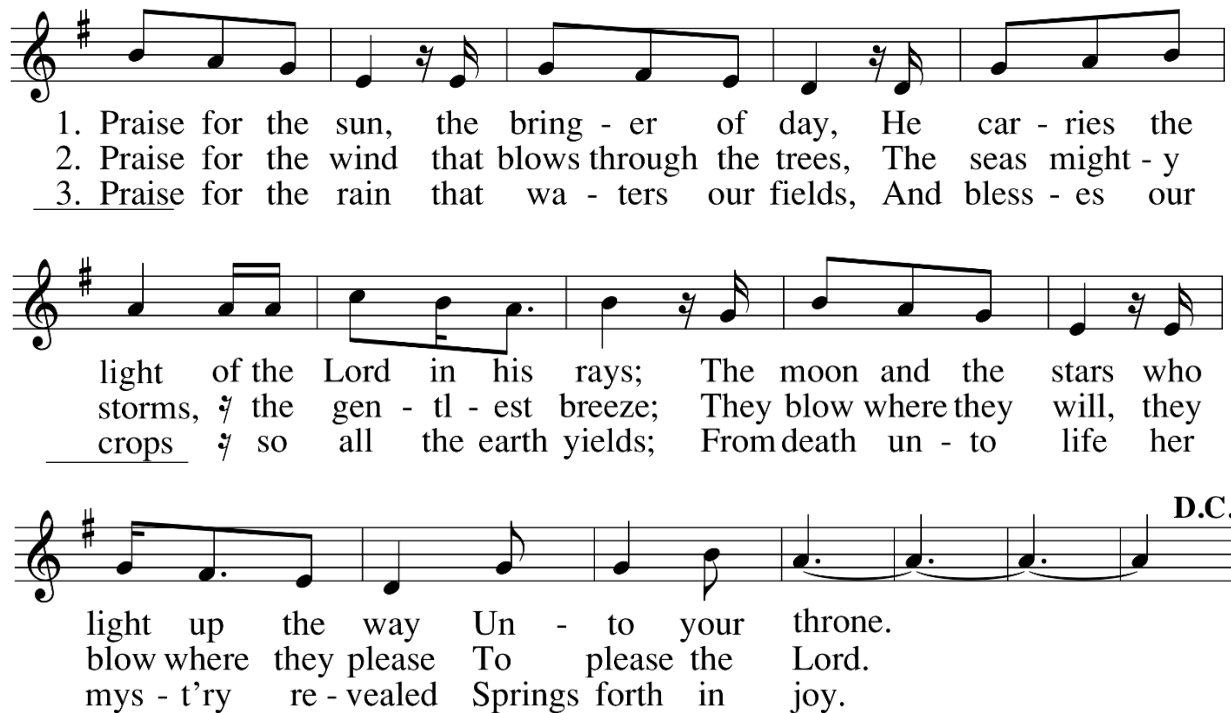
CANTICLE OF PRAISE: *Canticle of the Sun* (Congregation sings refrain)

Refrain



The heav - ens are tell - ing the glo - ry of God,
and all cre - a - tion is shout - ing for joy. Come,
dance in the for - est, come, play in the field, and
sing, sing to the glo - ry of the Lord.

Verses



1. Praise for the sun, the bring - er of day, He car - ries the
2. Praise for the wind that blows through the trees, The seas might - y
3. Praise for the rain that wa - ters our fields, And bless - es our
light of the Lord in his rays; The moon and the stars who
storms, the gen - tl - est breeze; They blow where they will, they
crops so all the earth yields; From death un - to life her
light up the way Un - to your throne.
blow where they please To please the Lord.
mys - t'ry re - vealed Springs forth in joy.

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

THE WORD: Proverbs 8:1-11; 8:22-36 - Allen Glenn

¹Does not wisdom call,
and does not understanding raise her voice?
²On the heights, beside the way,
at the crossroads she takes her stand;
³beside the gates in front of the town,
at the entrance of the portals she cries out:
⁴"To you, O people, I call,
and my cry is to all that live.
⁵O simple ones, learn prudence;
acquire intelligence, you who lack it.
⁶Hear, for I will speak noble things,
and from my lips will come what is right;
⁷for my mouth will utter truth;
wickedness is an abomination to my lips.
⁸All the words of my mouth are righteous;
there is nothing twisted or crooked in them.
⁹They are all straight to one who understands
and right to those who find knowledge.
¹⁰Take my instruction instead of silver,
and knowledge rather than choice gold;
¹¹for wisdom is better than jewels,
and all that you may desire cannot compare with her.
²²The LORD created me at the beginning of his work,
the first of his acts of long ago.
²³Ages ago I was set up,
at the first, before the beginning of the earth.
²⁴When there were no depths I was brought forth,
when there were no springs abounding with water.
²⁵Before the mountains had been shaped,
before the hills, I was brought forth —
²⁶when he had not yet made earth and fields,
or the world's first bits of soil.
²⁷When he established the heavens, I was there,
when he drew a circle on the face of the deep,
²⁸when he made firm the skies above,

when he established the fountains of the deep,
²⁹when he assigned to the sea its limit,
 so that the waters might not transgress his command,
 when he marked out the foundations of the earth,
³⁰then I was beside him, like a master worker;
 and I was daily his delight,
 rejoicing before him always,
³¹rejoicing in his inhabited world
 and delighting in the human race.
³²"And now, my children, listen to me:
 happy are those who keep my ways.
³³Hear instruction and be wise,
 and do not neglect it.
³⁴Happy is the one who listens to me,
 watching daily at my gates,
 waiting beside my doors.
³⁵For whoever finds me finds life
 and obtains favor from the LORD;
³⁶but those who miss me injure themselves;
 all who hate me love death."

Word of God,
 word of life.

RESPONSE TO THE WORD: *O Beauty Exceeding the Stars* (Cherwien/Farlee)

Rachel Jackman, soloist

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| <p>1. O beauty exceeding the stars; O radiant, unfading appearance: Fair Wisdom, you step in our path And graciously beckon our presence. So teach us to seek after you That all the people may flourish.</p> | <p>3. O sweeter than honey's delight; O image of goodness most subtle: Sweet Wisdom, you mingle your wine And bid us to sit at your counsel. So teach us to share at your feast That all may eat at your table.</p> |
| <p>2. O first of the acts of our God; O glorious and graceful creation: Pure Wisdom, you sing from the gate And call to the city to listen. So teach us to hear and attend That all may live with your vision.</p> | <p>4. O insight more precious than gold; O pleasant and manifold power: Good Wisdom, you enter the heart And raise there a tent for your bower. So teach us in you to find life That all our handwork may prosper.</p> |

CHILDREN'S SERMON: Roger Steinke

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY: *Day By Day* (ELW 790)



1 Day by day, your mer - cies, Lord, at - tend me, bring - ing com - fort
2 Day by day, I know you will pro - vide me strength to serve and
3 Oh, what joy to know that you are near me when my bur - dens



to my anx - ious soul. Day by day, the bless - ings, Lord, you send me
wis - dom to o - bey; I will seek your lov - ing will to guide me
grow too great to bear; oh, what joy to know that you will hear me



draw me near - er to my heav'n - ly goal. Love di - vine, be - yond all
o'er the paths I strug - gle day by day. I will fear no e - vil
when I come, O Lord, to you in prayer. Day by day, no mat - ter



mor - tal mea - sure, brings to naught the bur - dens of my quest; Sav - ior,
of the mor - row, I will trust in your en - dur - ing grace. Sav - ior,
what be - tide me, you will hold me ev - er in your hand. Sav - ior,



lead me to the home I trea - sure, where at last I'll find e - ter - nal rest.
help me bear life's pain and sor - row till in glo - ry I be - hold your face.
with your pres - ence here to guide me, I will reach at last the prom - ised land.

AN AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We believe in God:

who has created and is creating,
who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh,
to reconcile and make new,
who works in us and others by the Spirit.

We trust in God.

We are called to be the Church:

to celebrate God's presence, to live with respect in Creation,
to love and serve others, to seek justice and resist evil,
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope.

In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us.

We are not alone. Thanks be to God.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION - *The Coles*

Confident of your care and helped by the Holy Spirit, we pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

God of the harvest, you sow the good seed of the gospel of Jesus Christ into your field. Help your church throughout the world to be both diligent and patient, full of resolve and gentleness, that our witness may be faithful to your intentions. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

God of all space and time, your whole creation groans in labor pains, awaiting the gift of new birth. Renew the earth, sky, and sea, so that all your creation experiences freedom from the bondage of decay. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

God of the nations, teach us your ways, that we may walk in your truth. Mend the fabric of the human family, now torn apart by our fearful and destructive ways. We especially pray for our nation and its inability to speak with one voice about the dangers that are killing and maiming her people. Guide us by your mercy, grace, and steadfast love. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

God of hope, you accompany those who suffer and are near to the brokenhearted. Open our hearts to your children who are lonely and abandoned, who feel trapped by despair, and all who suffer in any way. We lift up those who are suffering from COVID-19 and those who are aiding them in their healing. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

God of the seasons, in the midst of summer, give us refreshment, renewal, and new opportunities. We pray for the safety of those who travel. We pray for those who cannot take the rest they need. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

God of life, those who have died in you shine like the sun in your endless kingdom. We remember with thanksgiving the saints of all times and places and saints close to us. Gather us with them on the day of salvation. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

In the certain hope that nothing can separate us from your love, we offer these prayers to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

OFFERING/ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERING ANTHEM: *Bornene Spiller* or *“The Children Are Playing”* (C. Nielson)
Patty Weston, Flute

OFFERING PRAYER

God of goodness and growth, all creation is yours, and your faithfulness is as firm as the heavens. Clean water from our taps and the word we read from the Bible, the drink and food placed on our tables: these are signs of your abundant grace. Nourish us through these gifts, that we might proclaim your steadfast love in our communities and in the world, through Jesus Christ, our strength and our song.
Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER - Ryan Mass

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

BLESSING

Neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus. God, the creator, Jesus, the Christ, and the Holy Spirit, the comforter, bless you and keep you in eternal love.
Amen.

SENDING SONG: *On Our Way Rejoicing* (ELW 537)

1 On our way re - joic - ing glad - ly let us go.
2 Un - to God the Fa - ther joy - ful songs we sing;

Christ our Lord has con - quered; van - quished is the foe.
un - to God the Sav - ior thank - ful hearts we bring;

Christ with - out, our safe - ty; Christ with - in, our joy;
un - to God the Spir - it bow we and a - dore,

who, if we be faith - ful, can our hope de - stroy?
on our way re - joic - ing now and ev - er - more.

Refrain

On our way re - joic - ing; as we for - ward move,

hear - ken to our prais - es, O blest God of love!

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Christ is with you.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE: *God Who Stretched The Spangled Heavens (Aaron David Miller)*

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