

September 6, 2020  
14th Sunday after Pentecost

GATHERING

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

WELCOME

PRELUDE: *My Faith Looks Up to Thee* (L. Larson)

MEDITATION:

*Hug 'O War*  
Shel Silverstein

*I will not play at tug o' war.  
I'd rather play at hug o' war.  
Where everyone hugs  
Instead of tugs,  
Where everyone giggles  
And rolls on the rug,  
Where everyone kisses,  
And everyone grins,  
And everyone cuddles,  
And everyone wins.*



## GATHERING SONG: *Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer* (ELW 618)



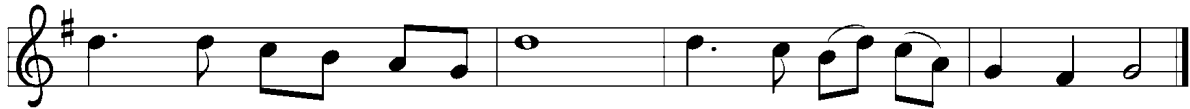
1 Guide me ev - er, great Re - deem - er, pil - grim through this  
2 O - pen now the crys - tal foun - tain where the heal - ing  
3 When I tread the verge of Jor - dan, bid my anx - ious



bar - ren land. I am weak, but you are might - y; hold me  
wa - ters flow; let the fire and cloud - y pil - lar lead me  
fears sub - side; death of death and hell's de - struc - tion, land me



with your pow'r - ful hand. Bread of heav - en, bread of heav - en,  
all my jour - ney through. Strong de - liv - 'rer, strong de - liv - 'rer,  
safe on Ca - naan's side. Songs and prais - es, songs and prais - es



feed me now and ev - er - more, feed me now and ev - er - more.  
shield me with your might - y arm, shield me with your might - y arm.  
I will raise for - ev - er - more, I will raise for - ev - er - more.

Text: William Williams, 1717–1791; tr. William Williams and Peter Williams, 1722–1796, alt.  
Music: CWM RHONDDA, John Hughes, 1873–1932

## GREETING/PRAYER OF THE DAY - *Marilyn Iverson*

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.

O Lord God, enliven and preserve your church with your perpetual mercy.  
Without your help, we mortals will fail; remove far from us everything  
that is harmful, and lead us toward all that gives life and salvation,  
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

CANTICLE OF PRAISE: *Oh, Sing to the Lord: Cantad al Señor* (ELW 822)



1 *Can - tad al Se - ñor un cán - ti - co nue - vo.*  
 1 Oh, sing to the Lord, oh, sing God a new song.  
 2 For God is the Lord, and God has done won - ders.  
 3 So dance for our God and blow all the trum - pets.  
 4 Oh, shout to our God, who gave us the Spir - it.  
 5 For Je - sus is Lord! A - men! Al - le - lu - ia!



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Text: Brazilian folk song; tr. Gerhard M. Cartford, b. 1923, Spanish and English  
 Music: CANTAD AL SEÑOR, Brazilian folk tune  
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## WORD

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

### **THE WORD: Hebrews 11:1-40; 12:1-2 - Nora Strothman**

<sup>1</sup>Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. <sup>2</sup>Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. <sup>3</sup>By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible.

By faith Abel offered to God a more acceptable sacrifice  
By faith Enoch was taken so that he did not experience death  
By faith Noah built an ark to save his household  
By faith Abraham and Sarah obeyed God

All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, <sup>14</sup>for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. <sup>15</sup>If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. <sup>16</sup>But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

By faith Abraham, when put to the test, offered up Isaac.  
By faith Isaac invoked blessings for Jacob and Esau.  
By faith Jacob blessed each of the sons of Joseph  
By faith Moses was hidden by his parents  
By faith they fled Egypt  
By faith they kept the Passover  
By faith the people passed through the Red Sea as if it were dry land  
By faith the walls of Jericho fell  
By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had received the spies in peace.

And what more should I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets ...

<sup>1</sup>Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us

run with perseverance the race that is set before us, <sup>2</sup>looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

Word of God,  
word of life.

**GOSPEL RESPONSE:** *Be My Home* (Handt Hanson/Paul Murakami)  
Rachel Jackman, Soloist

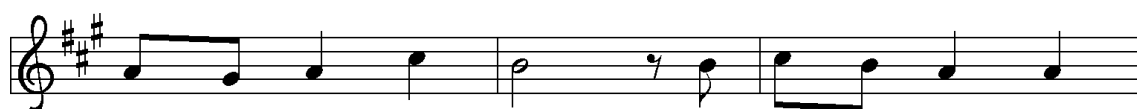
**CHILDREN'S SERMON:** Roger Steinke

**SERMON**

**HYMN OF THE DAY:** *We Walk by Faith* (ELW 635)



1 We walk by faith and not by sight; with  
2 We may not touch your hands and side, nor  
3 Help then, O Lord, our un - be - lief; and  
4 For you, O res - ur - rec - ted Lord, are  
5 And when our life of faith is done, in



gra - cious words draw near, O Christ, who spoke as  
fol - low where you trod; but in your prom - ise  
may our faith a - bound to call on you when  
found in means di - vine: be - neath the wa - ter  
realms of clear - er light may we be - hold you



none e'er spoke: "My peace be with you here."  
we re - joice, and cry, "My Lord and God!"  
you are near and seek where you are found:  
and the word, be - neath the bread and wine.  
as you are, with full and end - less sight.

**APOSTLES' CREED - *Kristin Smith***

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.  
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
    who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary,  
    suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
    was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead.  
    On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven,  
    he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
    and he will come to judge the living and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church,  
    the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,  
    the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

**PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION - *Renee and Mike Markert***

Drawn together in the compassion of God, we pray for the church, the world, and all those in need.

Unite your church, O God. Grant us the gifts of repentance and reconciliation. Bless the cooperative work of people of faith in this community, especially Bothell United Methodist, Islamic Center of Bothell, Northlake Lutheran, Bothell Stake of the Church of Latter Day Saints, the Sikh Center of Seattle, and Church of the Redeemer. Strengthen ecumenical partnerships; guide the work of the Lutheran World Federation and the World Council of Churches. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

Protect your creation, O God. Teach us ways that do not harm what you have entrusted to our care. Renew and enliven places suffering from drought, flood, storms, or pollution especially California and Louisiana. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

Turn nations and leaders from ways that lead to death. Shape new paths toward peace and cooperation, teaching us to recognize one another as neighbors. Guide legislators, civil servants, judges, and police toward laws that protect the well-being of all. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

Tend to all in need of your compassion. Hear the cries of those awaiting justice and those yearning for forgiveness. Give community to the lonely

and neighbors to the outcast. Shelter all who are vulnerable in body, mind, or spirit. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

Sustain us in our work, O God, and give work to those who need it. Shape societies to ensure fair treatment for all who labor. Help us to love our neighbors in and through our work. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

We remember with thanksgiving those who have died in faith. As you equipped them, equip us with your protection and power, until with them we see your salvation. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

All these things and whatever else you see that we need, we entrust to your mercy; through Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

## **OFFERING/ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**OFFERTORY:** *This Is My Father's World (Craig Curry)*

### **OFFERING PRAYER**

God of goodness and growth, all creation is yours, and your faithfulness is as firm as the heavens. Water and word, wine and bread: 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 - Andrew Phelps**

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

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: *Lord of All Hopefulness* (ELW 765)



1 Lord of all hope - ful - ness, Lord of all joy,  
2 Lord of all ea - ger - ness, Lord of all faith,  
3 Lord of all kind - li - ness, Lord of all grace,  
4 Lord of all gen - tle - ness, Lord of all calm,



whose trust, ev - er child - like, no cares could de - stroy:  
whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe:  
your hands swift to wel - come, your arms to em - brace:  
whose voice is con - tent - ment, whose pres - ence is balm:



be there at our wak - ing, and give us, we pray,  
be there at our la - bors, and give us, we pray,  
be there at our hom - ing, and give us, we pray,  
be there at our sleep - ing, and give us, we pray,



your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.  
your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.  
your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.  
your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.



## **DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Christ is with you.

Thanks be to God.

**POSTLUDE:** *All Things Bright and Beautiful (David Cherwien)*

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