

August 9, 2020 10th Sunday after Pentecost Peace Lutheran Church of Plymouth Seeking God's presence

Welcome to Outdoor Worship

This symbol + *indicates for the congregation to stand as able.*

GATHERING

Sanctuary

John W. Thompson, Randy Scruggs

Refrain: Lord, prepare me, to be a sanctuary Pure and holy, tried and true With thanksgiving, I'll be a living Sanctuary for you

Lord, I know that I'm not worthy But you love me just the same So I'll go on Where you lead me Till the whole world shines your name (*refrain*)

Holy Time/Won't You Dance With Me

Greg Evans

This is holy time We're gathered together to worship you To love one another And as we pray And as we sing And as we dance And as we dream Oh Lord I beg of you, just this one thing:

(cont'd)

WELCOME!

We are glad you are here! Thank you for maintaining physical distance throughout the service as we worship together in person.

Please stay for fellowship after worship.

PRELUDE

Won't you dance with me? Throughout the heavens and below the sea And upon the mountaintops Flow with the breeze Come carry me Lord, won't you dance with me?

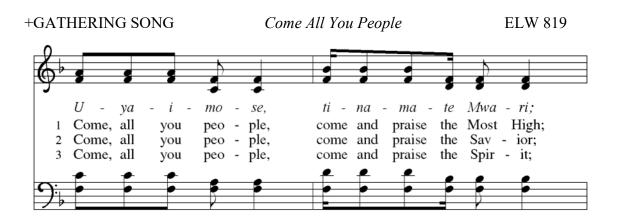
ANNOUNCEMENTS

+CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

ONE: Reconciling God, we thank you for making one human family of all the peoples of the earth. We have assigned the notion of race to human beings created in God's own divine image. We have judged God's beautiful diversity by our flawed and artificial standards. We have accepted practices in our church and society that privilege whiteness over diversity and equity. We have sinned against God and one another. Trusting in the mercy of God, let us confess our sin.

silence for reflection

ONE: God, who is rich in mercy, loves us even when we are dead in sin, and makes us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of +Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that you might walk in newness of life. MANY: AMEN





+PRAYER OF THE DAY

ONE: You are great, O God, and greatly to be praised. You have made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless until they rest in you. Grant that we may believe in you, call upon you, know you, and serve you, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **MANY: AMEN**

WORD

SCRIPTURE Matthew 11: 28-30 "Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. ²⁹ Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰ For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light." the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

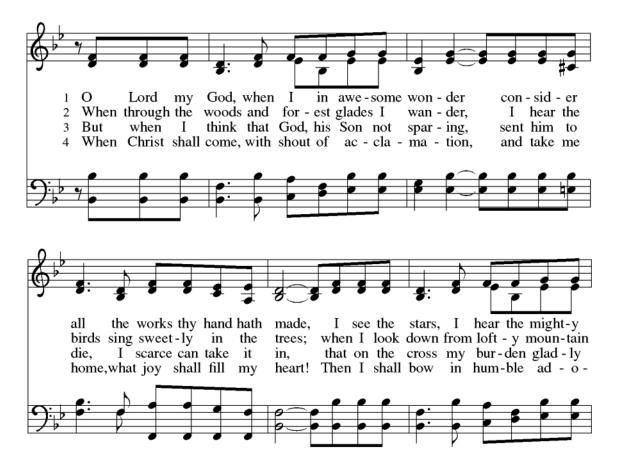
ONE: Holy Wisdom, Holy Word. **MANY: Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

+SONG OF THE DAY

How Great Thou Art

ELW 856



Rev. Kjell M. Ferris



+APOSTLES' CREED ONE: With the whole church, let us confess our faith in the Triune God. MANY: 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 Christ rose again; he ascended into heaven. he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and 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 THE PEOPLE

ONE: Called into unity with one another and the whole creation, let us pray for our shared world.

silence

ONE: We pray for the church. Sustain us as we share your word. Embrace us as we struggle to find our common ground. Lift up leaders with powerful and prophetic voices. Free us from stagnant faith. Hear us, O God, **MANY: your mercy is great.**

ONE: We pray for the well-being of creation. Protect the air, water, land and living things from abuse and pollution. Direct us toward sustainable living. Hear us, O God, **MANY: your mercy is great.**

ONE: We pray for the nations. Guide leaders in developing just policies and guide difficult conversations. Free us from partisanship that hinders relationship-building. Lead us to expansive love for our neighbor. Hear us, O God, **MANY: your mercy is great.**

ONE: We pray for all in need. For all who are tired, feeling despair, sick, or oppressed.

Take their yoke upon you and ease their burdens. Give your consolation and free us from all that keeps us bound. Hear us, O God, **MANY: your mercy is great.**

ONE: We pray for all churches. Bless pastors, deacons, and congregational leaders. Energize children's ministry volunteers, church administrators, and those who maintain our buildings. Especially guide and strengthen all people of faith as the COVID pandemic keeps us from gathering together in beloved and familiar ways. Hear us, O God,

MANY: your mercy is great.

ONE: Welcome all who have died into your eternal rest and comfort us in our grief until we are joined with them in new life. Receive these prayers, O God, and those too deep for words; through Jesus Christ our Savior, **MANY: AMEN**

+SHARING OF CHRIST'S PEACE

ONE: The peace of Christ be with you always.

MANY: And also with you.

ONE: Let us share a sign of God's peace with one another.

OFFERING

When Morning Gilds the Skies

Robert Bridges, Joseph Barnby

+OFFERTORY PRAYER

ONE: Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: our selves, our time, and our possessions.

MANY: Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. AMEN

+PRAYER JESUS TAUGHT US

ONE: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us, **MANY: 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

BENEDICTION

Romans 15:13

ONE: May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. MANY: AMEN SENDING SONG

The Trees of the Field

LS 109



DISMISSAL ONE: Go in Peace, serve the Lord. MANY: Thanks be to God!



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