



August 23, 2020
 12th Sunday after Pentecost
 Peace Lutheran Church of Plymouth
The joy of sharing

PRELUDE

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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

GATHERING SONG
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Holy Time/Won't You Dance With Me

Greg

*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:*

*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?*

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

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 6: 25-27


“Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? ²⁶ Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? ²⁷ And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life?

ONE: Holy Wisdom, Holy Word.



MANY: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

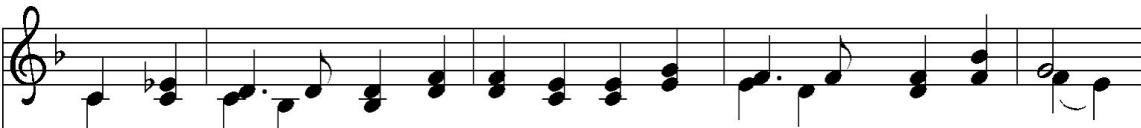

Pastor Lee Yarger





1 God, whose giv - ing knows no end - ing, from your rich and end - less store:
2 Skills and time are ours for press - ing toward the goals of Christ, your Son:
3 Trea - sure, too, you have en - trust - ed, gain through pow'rs your grace con - ferred;




na - ture's won - der, Je - sus' wis - dom, cost - ly cross, grave's shat - tered door,
all at peace in health and free - dom, rac - es joined, the church made one.
ours to use for home and kin - dred, and to spread the gos - pel word.



gift - ed by you, we turn to you, of - f'ring up our - selves in praise;
Now di - rect our dai - ly la - bor, lest we strive for self a - lone;
O - pen wide our hands in shar - ing, as we heed Christ's age - less call,



thank - ful song shall rise for - ev - er, gra - cious do - nor of our days.
born with tal - ents, make us ser - vants fit to an - swer at your throne.
heal - ing, teach - ing, and re - claim - ing, serv - ing you by lov - ing all.



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,

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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,

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: Please share a sign of God's peace with those around you, and consider calling or texting someone to wish them the peace of Christ.

OFFERING

Morning Has Broken

trad. Gaelic tune,
arr. Catherine McMichael

PRAYER JESUS TAUGHT US

ONE: Filled with joy, hope, and peace through the power of the Holy Spirit, we pray,

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

You shall go out with joy — and be led forth with peace, — and the

6 moun-tains and the hills will break forth be - fore you. There'll be shouts of joy

11 — and all the trees of the field will clap, will clap their hands.

17 And all the trees of the field will clap their hands. — The trees of the

23 field will clap their hands. — The trees of the field will clap their hands,

29 — while you go out with joy. —

DISMISSAL

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MANY: Thanks be to God!

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