



September 20, 2020
Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Peace Lutheran Church of Plymouth

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

GATHER

Community -- An Unexpected Family

PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

+GATHERING SONG

Rise Up and Sing!

DATH 7

Leader

Congregation

O God, o - pen my lips, and my

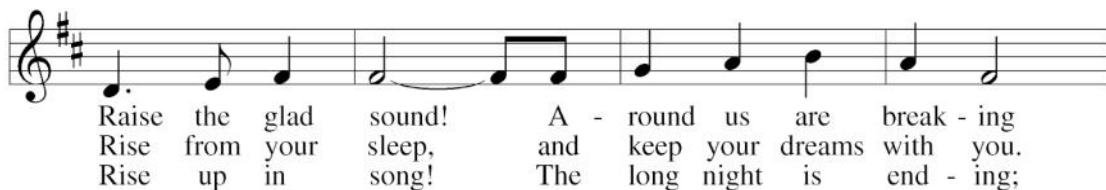
mouth will de - clare your praise.

1 Rise up and sing! Bring in the morn - ing;
2 Rise up, good friends! Now is the hour; . . .
3 Rise with the world, curled up a - wait - ing

dawn is a - born - ing, day has be - gun.
sun - light will show - er hope for the day.
end to the hat - ing, day full of grace.

WELCOME!

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



CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

ONE: We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you take delight.

It is you, O God, who fashioned and made us, and all living things. To Abraham you gave descendants, as numerous as the stars. Your spirit was present in the actions of Joseph's brothers against him, and you delivered your people in Egypt at the first passover. When the Israelites constructed a golden calf to worship, Moses and his prayers allowed for your mercy to prevail. You heard Hannah's prayers, and sent her a son, Samuel, and she exalted you.

As in days of old, you are present as we wrestle with life's daily struggles, as our

decisions affect those around us. We have used our words and our actions against other people, in our community and in our world at large. Our actions and our inactions perpetuate systems that favor some of your beloved humans more than others.

Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Silence for reflection

ONE: Merciful God,

MANY: we confess that we have sinned in thought, word and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone.

We repent of all of our sins, known and unknown.

We are truly sorry, and we pray for forgiveness.

We firmly intend to amend our lives, and to seek help in mending what is broken.

We ask for strength to turn from sin and to serve you in newness of life.

ONE: We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give us new birth, cleanse us from sin, and raise us to eternal life. You cleanse us and give us the power to proclaim your mighty acts, out of darkness and into your marvelous light.

As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

MANY: AMEN

WORD

Worship -- Seeking God's Presence

Prayer -- Oriented toward God

SONG OF THE WORD

Open Our Lives to the Word

DATH 8

The musical notation is written on two staves in G-clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody consists of eighth and quarter notes. Below the first staff are three lines of lyrics, and below the second staff are three lines of lyrics.

1 May our words, may our songs, may our wor - ship this day
2 May our griefs, may our woes, may the sor - rows we share
3 May our joys, may our smiles, may the gifts that we bring

fill up our hearts and show us the way. May our
fill up our hearts and call forth our care. May our
fill up our hearts and stir us to sing. May we

prayers, may our praise give us light for our days, and
tears, may our fears be ac - cept - ed right here, and
serve, may we dance, may we all take that chance; and

o - pen our lives to the Word.
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O - pen our hearts to the truth we have heard. May our
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+PRAYER OF THE DAY

ONE: God of dreams and hope, You spoke to Joseph in his dreams, and those dreams led him to great danger. Yet you used the challenges in his life to save the lives of others. In you, no good thing is accidental. You work in us and through us, even when we are not aware of your presence.

MANY: Help us to know that you are with us, and that only you are capable of turning all evil to good. AMEN

SCRIPTURE

Genesis 15:1-6

After these things the word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision, "Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." 2 But Abram said, "O Lord God, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" 3 And Abram said, "You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir." 4 But the word of the Lord came to him, "This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir." 5 He brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your descendants be." 6 And he believed the Lord; and the Lord reckoned it to him as righteousness.

ONE: Holy Wisdom, Holy Word.

MANY: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Rev. Kjell M. Ferris

+SONG OF THE DAY

Great is Thy Faithfulness

ELW 733

1 Great is thy faith - ful - ness, O God my Fa - ther; there is no
2 Sum - mer and win - ter and spring - time and har - vest, sun, moon, and
3 Par - don for sin and a peace that en - dur - eth, thine own dear

shad - ow of turn - ing with thee; thou chang - est not, thy com -
stars in their cours - es a - bove join with all na - ture in
pres - ence to cheer and to guide; strength for to - day and bright

pas-sions they fail not; as thou hast been, thou for - ev - er wilt be.
 man - i - fold wit-ness to thy great faith - ful - ness, mer - cy, and love.
 hope for to - mor-row, bless-ings all mine, with ten thou-sand be - side!

Refrain

Great is thy faith-ful-ness! Great is thy faith-ful-ness! Morn-ing by
 morn-ing new mer - cies I see; all I have need - ed thy
 hand hath pro - vid - ed; great is thy faith-ful-ness, Lord, un - to me.

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 to unity, let us pray for our shared world.

silence

ONE: God of all creation, you know how easily we give in to our desires for comfort, privilege, and power. Strengthen us to care more deeply for all your beautiful creation, that deserts and wetlands, rivers and oceans, people and plants--all creation--might know your restoration. Lord in your mercy,

MANY: hear our prayer.

ONE: Sustain all workers and business owners who suffer loss of livelihood due to the COVID-19 pandemic and protect all those who must continue to go out for work. Lord in your mercy,

MANY: hear our prayer.

ONE: We pray that politicians would engage in difficult conversations and develop just policies, especially around racial injustice. Lead us to expansive love for our neighbors of all colors. Lord in your mercy,

MANY: hear our prayer.

ONE: Inspiring God, breathe life into your church that we would be strengthened by our community, so that we might strengthen our greater communities. Make people of faith leaders in the creation of beloved communities. Lord in your mercy,

MANY: hear our prayer.

ONE: We pray for all who are in need, those who are tired, feeling despair, sick, or oppressed. Take their yoke upon you and ease the burdens of those we name aloud and in our hearts... 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.

MEAL

Money -- The Joy of Sharing

Food -- Eating with Jesus

Sacraments -- A Tapestry of Traditions

OFFERING

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

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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

WELCOME TO THE TABLE

1 Just as I am, with - out one plea, but that thy blood was
 2 Just as I am, though tossed a - bout with man - y a con - flict,
 3 Just as I am, thou wilt re - ceive, wilt wel - come, par - don,
 4 Just as I am; thy love un-known has bro - ken ev - 'ry

shed for me, and that thou bidd'st me come to thee,
 man - y a doubt, fight - ings and fears with - in, with - out,
 cleanse, re - lieve; be - cause thy prom - ise I be - lieve,
 bar - rier down; now to be thine, yea, thine a - lone,

O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

SEND
Service -- The Needs Right Around You

BENEDICTION

ONE: Let us pray together the Prayer of Good Courage. O God,

MANY: you have called your servants to ventures of which we cannot see the ending, by paths as yet untrodden, through perils unknown. Give us faith to go out with good courage, not knowing where we go, but only that your hand is leading us and your love supporting us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN

+SENDING SONG

Make Me a Servant

LS 137

Sing twice.

Make me a servant, humble and meek.
Lord, let me lift up those who are weak.
And may the prayer of my heart always be:
Make me a servant, make me a servant,
Make me a servant today.

DISMISSAL

ONE: Go in Peace, serve the Lord.

MANY: Thanks be to God!

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Welcome to worship!

As we gather for outdoor worship in this time when the dangers of COVID-19 continue to be a reality, we do so with an emphasis on safety and on caring for one another.

Scripture teaches us to place the needs of those who are vulnerable first. In this spirit, all are expected to be mindful of the needs of others. Please read this guide carefully before you come to outdoor worship.



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Stay home if you feel sick. The worship service will be viewable on youtube as usual. If you have any symptoms or aren't feeling well, do not participate in outdoor worship.



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Bring a face mask. Plan to wear a mask if you are nearer than 6 feet to other people, or in case you need to go inside the building. Disposable masks are available if you forget to bring one.

Maintain physical distance. Physical distancing is important between family groups. Please maintain 6' distance. Respect each other's space. Parents are expected to limit the interaction of their children to only other consenting individuals.



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Building access is limited to emergencies only. Restrooms will not be available.



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Come for worship and fellowship.

We have not worshipped together in person since March! Though we cannot do all of our rituals, we can still have a spirit of worship. Come with an open heart, and **bring your own chair.**