



Sunday, May 9, 2021  
The Sixth Sunday of Easter  
Peace Lutheran Church of Plymouth

PRELUDE

*Your River, O God*

Hans Peterson & Larry Olson

**Refrain**

Your riv - er, O God, is full of wa - ter, wa - ter a -  
live with jus - tice and grace. Your riv - er, O God, it  
flows with mer - cy for ev' - ry child through ev' - ry  
time and place.

**Verse**

Ev' - ry birth on this earth speaks the  
Come and hear all who fear, you are  
As we grow may we know waves of  
mys - ter - y. Ev' - ry heart,  
not a lone. Come and see,  
hope sur - round. As we live

**to Refrain**

from the start, light for all to see.  
be set free, rest here in your home.  
may we give love that has no bounds.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

ONE: God of abundance, the land we walk on is holy ground.

Send forth your grace to help us heal the wounds of this world.

Open up the soil of our hearts to your word of life.

May we be strengthened by this time together and grow into who you are creating us to be.

**MANY: AMEN**

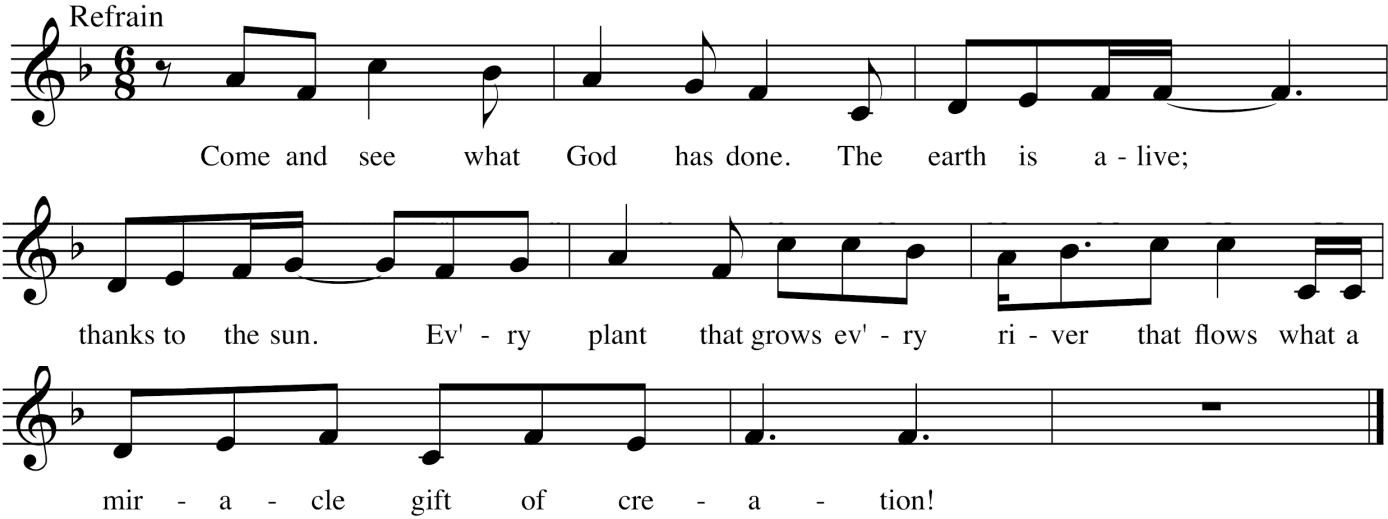
# OPENING SONG

*Come and See*

Hans Peterson & Larry Olson

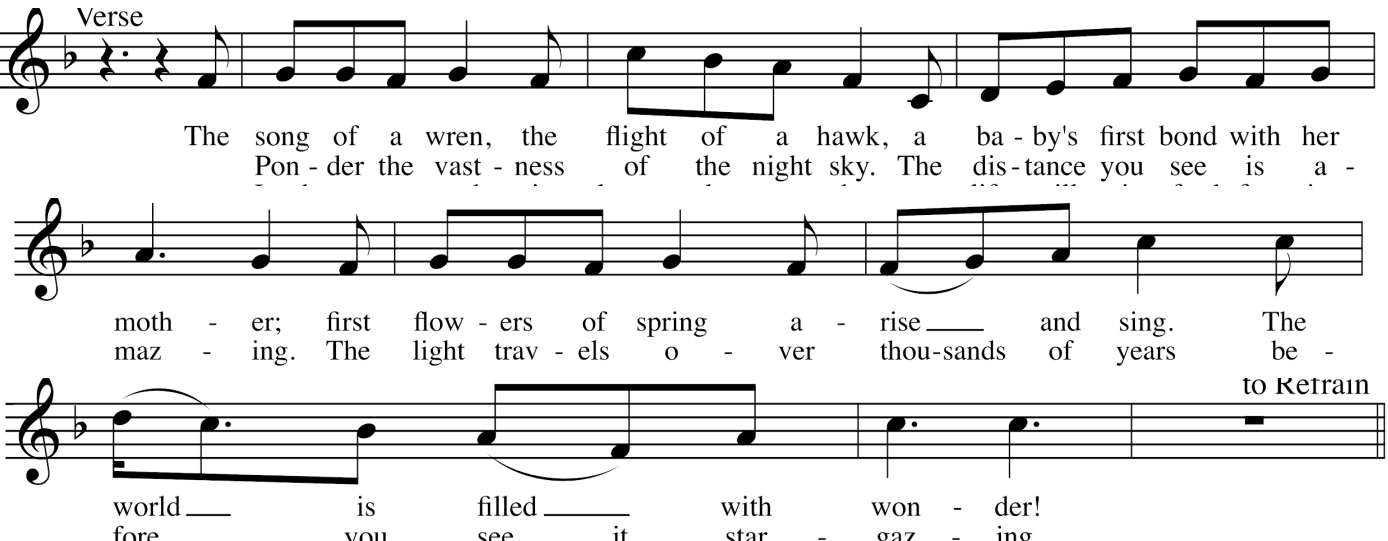
verse 1 and 2

**Refrain**



Come and see what God has done. The earth is a - live;  
 thanks to the sun. Ev' - ry plant that grows ev' - ry ri - ver that flows what a  
 mir - a - cle gift of cre - a - tion!

**Verse**



The song of a wren, the flight of a hawk, a ba - by's first bond with her  
 Pon - der the vast - ness of the night sky. The dis - tance you see is a -  
 moth - er; first flow - ers of spring a - rise and sing. The  
 maz - ing. The light trav - els o - ver thou - sands of years be -  
 world is filled with won - der!  
 fore you see it star - gaz - ing.

to Refrain

## CONFESSION

ONE: Sisters and brothers, we come to the God of mercy mindful that the creation upon which we all depend is suffering. The immense beauty surrounding us, the complex web of life supporting us has been broken by our hands. Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and one another.

*silence for reflection*

Loving God, you have placed us as stewards within your creation. But we have poisoned the waters, exhausted the soils and polluted the air. By our own hand we have spoiled the life giving resources upon which we all depend.

As Jesus' disciples, we are called to feed the hungry, clothe the naked and tend to the sick. Instead, we take the wealth of the world into our own houses and leave your children in need. God of all life,

**MANY: we confess our part in a broken world.**

## WORDS OF ASSURANCE

ONE: As surely as the rain comes forth to water the earth, God's mercy comes to us as a gift, abundant and freely given. The same God who created the cosmos and raised Jesus from death to life brings healing and forgiveness to the world today. You are loved, you are restored. In Christ, you are forgiven.

**MANY: Thanks be to God.**


## SONG OF PRAISE

*Praise to You*


Hans Peterson &amp; Larry Olson

verse 1

**Refrain**




Praise to you, O Great Cre - a - tor, Ma - ker of the land and sky.




Praise to you, O Liv - ing Wat - er, hope and breath of ev' - ry life.

**Verse**



We are lost and we are long-ing, wand'-ring in the wild - er - ness,  
Hear the cries of all cre - a - tion, how the tears like ri - vers flow  
May we live your way of jus-tice, may we walk your way of peace.



search - ing for your hol - y pres-ence and the rea - son we ex - ist.  
for your touch of grace and heal - ing and the love that leads us home.  
May we see your sac - red vi - sion, may we know your sweet re - lease.

to Refrain

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

**ONE:** Let us pray. The eyes of all look to you, O God. Turn our hearts and minds to your open hand that provides for every living thing, so that we may know your generosity and participate in the healing and restoration of all that you have made, in Jesus' name we pray.

**MANY: AMEN**

## SCRIPTURE

Galatians 1:13-17, 2:11-2

You have heard, no doubt, of my earlier life in Judaism. I was violently persecuting the church of God and was trying to destroy it. <sup>14</sup>I advanced in Judaism beyond many among my people of the same age, for I was far more zealous for the traditions of my ancestors. <sup>15</sup>But when God, who had set me apart before I was born and called me through his grace, was pleased <sup>16</sup>to reveal his Son to me, so that I might proclaim him among the Gentiles, I did not confer with any human being, <sup>17</sup>nor did I go up to Jerusalem to those who were already apostles before me, but I went away at once into Arabia, and afterwards I returned to Damascus. <sup>11</sup>But when Cephas came to Antioch, I opposed him to his face, because he stood self-condemned; <sup>12</sup>for until certain people came from James, he used to eat with the Gentiles. But after they came, he drew back and kept himself separate for fear of the circumcision faction. <sup>13</sup>And the other Jews joined him in this hypocrisy, so that even Barnabas was led astray by their hypocrisy. <sup>14</sup>But when I saw that they were not acting consistently with the truth of the gospel, I said to Cephas before them all, "If you, though a Jew, live like a Gentile and not like a Jew, how can you compel the Gentiles to live like Jews?" <sup>15</sup>We ourselves are Jews by birth and not Gentile sinners; <sup>16</sup>yet we know that a person is justified not by the works of the law but through faith in Jesus Christ. And we have come to believe in Christ Jesus, so that we might be justified by faith in Christ, and not by doing the works of the law, because no one will be justified by the works of the law. <sup>17</sup>But if, in our effort to be justified in Christ, we ourselves have been found to be sinners, is Christ then a servant of sin? Certainly not! <sup>18</sup>But if I build up again the very things that I once tore down, then I demonstrate that I am a transgressor. <sup>19</sup>For through the law I died to the law, so that I might live to God. I have been crucified with

Christ; <sup>20</sup>and it is no longer I who live, but it is Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me. <sup>21</sup>I do not nullify the grace of God; for if justification comes through the law, then Christ died for nothing.

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

SERMON

Rev. Kjell M. Ferris

SONG OF THE DAY

*Your Love is Everlasting*

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Since time be - gan, through cent - ur - ies God's  
A moth - ers womb, a brand new life God's  
Signs of hope, a voice of peace God's

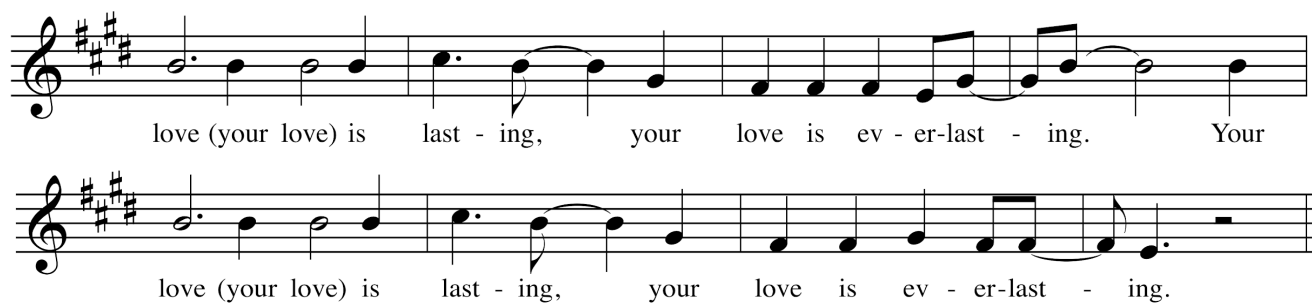
love is ev - er - last - ing. To dis - tant un - known  
love is ev - er - last - ing. An emp - ty tomb, the  
love is ev - er - last - ing. The pro - phet's cry for

gal - ax - ies God's love is ev - er - last - ing.  
ri - sen Christ God's love is ev - er - last - ing.  
war to cease God's love is ev - er - last - ing. For the

Splen - dor springs forth 'cross the land God's  
Weep - ing may last and for the night God's  
down and out and high and proud God's

love is ev - er - last - ing. A - bun - dance, shar - ing  
love is ev - er - last - ing. But joy breaks forth with  
love is ev - er - last - ing. Come all you peo - ple

hand in hand God's love is ev - er - last - ing. Your  
morn - ing light God's love is ev - er - last - ing.  
shout out loud God's love is ev - er - last - ing.



## 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

ONE: With the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation...

*silence*

ONE: Jesus, healer, continue to aid your people amidst pandemic. Speed the spread of vaccines and slow the spread of the virus. Heal those who are sick, protect frontline workers and aid those who are suffering economically. Lord in your mercy,

**MANY: hear our prayer.**

ONE: God of vocation, people all around the globe are giving of themselves on behalf of this world. Strengthen in them the sense of meaning and purpose that comes as we live out our faith in our daily lives. Lord in your mercy,

**MANY: hear our prayer.**

ONE: God of the Universe, your Creation sings songs of praise! Help us to notice miracles big and small, wonder in faith and science together, and understand our roles in this complex world. Inspire our joy to nurture God's creation: water, air, land and living things. Lord in your mercy,

**MANY: hear our prayer.**

ONE: Holy Spirit, you work among us in ways we do not understand. We name before you, aloud and in our hearts, those we know who are in need of your healing and comfort ...

ONE: Into your hands, O God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

**MANY: AMEN**

### SHARING OF CHRIST'S PEACE

ONE: The peace of Christ be with you always.

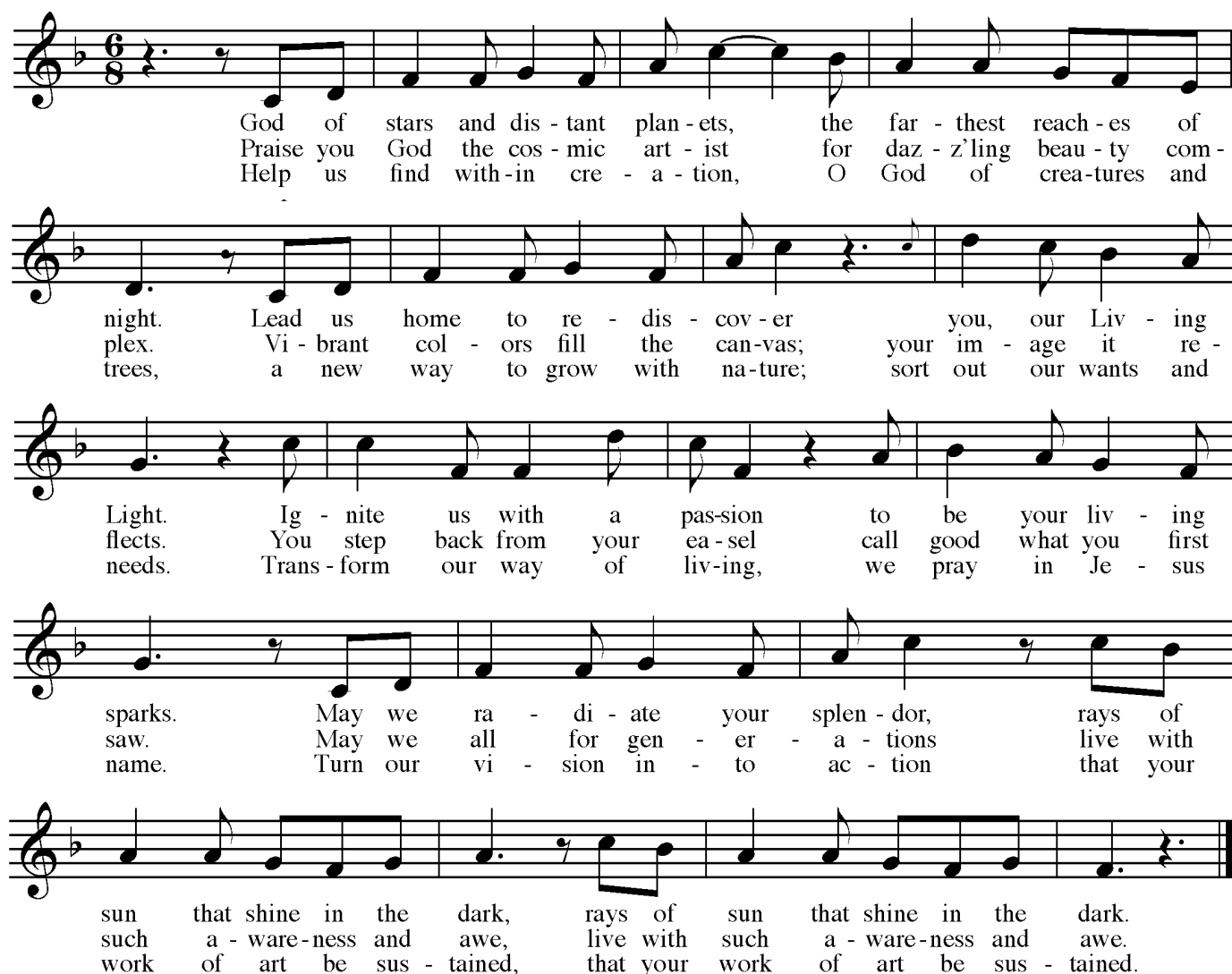
**MANY: And also with you.**

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

### OFFERING

*God of Stars and Distant Planets*

Hans Peterson and Larry Olson



God of stars and dis - tant plan - ets, the far - thest reach - es of  
Praise you God the cos - mic art - ist for daz - z'ling beau - ty com -  
Help us find with - in cre - a - tion, O God of crea - tures and

night. Lead us home to re - dis - cov - er you, our Liv - ing  
plex. Vi - brant col - ors fill the can - vas; your im - age it re -  
trees, a new way to grow with na - ture; sort out our wants and

Light. Ig - nite us with a pas - sion to be your liv - ing  
flects. You step back from your ea - sel call good what you first  
needs. Trans - form our way of liv - ing, we pray in Je - sus

sparks. May we ra - di - ate your splen - dor, rays of  
saw. May we all for gen - er - a - tions live with  
name. Turn our vi - sion in - to ac - tion that your

sun that shine in the dark, rays of sun that shine in the dark.  
such a - ware - ness and awe, live with such a - ware - ness and awe.  
work of art be sus - tained, that your work of art be sus - tained.

## 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

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

**MANY: O God, 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

*Go Now with God*

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vs. 1 Filled\_\_\_ with the Ho - ly\_\_\_ Spir - it  
vs. 1 *Lleno del Es - pi - ri - tu\_\_\_ San - to*  
vs. 2 Of - fer - ing a hand\_\_\_ to a stran - ger  
vs. 3 Wa - ters of mer - cy have found us  
vs. 4 Cross-ing ev' - ry bound'-ry, ev' - ry na - tion

go now with God,  
*va - mos con Dios,*



go now with God. In - to the world\_\_\_ as a serv - ant  
*va - mos con Dios. En-tran - do al mun - do pa - ra ser - vir*  
Trust-ing in the ris - en\_\_\_ sav - ior  
Grace\_\_\_ on the jour - ney sur - rounds us  
Danc-ing in the gift of lib - er - a - tion



go now with God,  
*va - mos con Dios,*

go now with God.  
*va - mos con Dios.*

Go\_\_\_ now,  
*Va - mos,*

go — now,                      go — now                      with                      God.  
va - - - mos,                      va - - mos                      con                      Dios.

Go — now,                      go — now,                      go — now                      with                      God.  
Va - - mos,                      va - - mos,                      va - - mos                      con                      Dios.

## DISMISSAL

ONE: Go in Peace, serve the Lord.

**MANY: Thanks be to God!**

## POSTLUDE

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