

Pilgrim Lutheran Church

8th Sunday after Pentecost

July 26, 2020



Photo by Carol Tomer



WORSHIP AT HOME

All are Welcome at Pilgrim Lutheran Church!

*We've been expecting you, because we are always expecting pilgrims —
the people of God on the journey of faith and life!*

Welcome to Worship at Home!

In this extraordinary time in our world, as we follow public health guidelines, for the care of the neighbor and ourselves, we are keeping our physical distance. But we are still connected in the body of Christ. As a Pilgrim community, we will not be gathering in the flesh for worship for an unknown period of time, but we are seeking ways to provide support for worshipping at home, for caring for one another, and for nurturing our journeys of faith.

This online bulletin is a guide to what we are offering to support you in worshipping at home on this Sunday. We invite you to participate in this experience of the good news of the gospel in whatever ways make most sense for you. It might mean pushing the pause button at any point, or journeying through this experience repeatedly in the coming days. We offer this as one way to support you in feeling connected to God and to the Pilgrim body of Christ and to the body of Christ around the world.

This online bulletin is not filled with our usual announcements in the back of the bulletin. We commend you to Pilgrim community emails (always posted on the Pilgrim website homepage), as well as the Pilgrim monthly newsletter (posted on the Pilgrim website), where we will continue to share updates.

Today, we conclude our July worship series, titled: **Lessons from Nature in a Time of Trial: Meeting Christ in Creation, Parables, and Crisis**. Each Sunday's service is paired with a field trip. Details can be found in the July Pilgrim newsletter on the Pilgrim website. The focus for today's worship service is: Nature's Instruction for Living in Trust, and the scripture focus is: The Gospel of the Lilies and Birds.

In these challenging days in our world, we are grateful for the gift of worship, that invites us to bring the fullness of our personal and community sorrows and joys to the God who holds us all, in all, through all.

PILGRIM is...

*...A Home for Hungry
Minds and Souls*

*...An inclusive Christian
worshipping community
that seeks, nurtures, and
empowers hungry minds
and souls to live gener-
ously in response to God's
love.*

*...A Reconciling in Christ
Congregation*

*...A Caring for Creation
Congregation*

...An ELCA Congregation

*Before the service,
speak to God;*

*During the service,
let God speak to you;*

*After the service,
speak to one another.*

Lessons from Nature in a Time of Trial: Meeting Christ in Creation, Parables, and Crisis

L: = Leader
Regular Print

C: = Congregation
Bold Print

PRELUDE
The text may be read on
pg. 10.

GATHERING

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

PRELUDE All Things Bright and Beautiful Arnold Sherman
Choral Scholars and choir members

SILENCE *The singing bowl invites us into a few moments of silence and reflection.*

CENTERING SONG **Hey, Ho** based on a Hungarian round

1. 2. 3. 4. Last time

Hey, ho, God speaks here — In each tree and ev'-ry-where! Hey!

The image shows a musical staff with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody is written in a simple, folk-like style. It consists of four measures, each with a number above it (1, 2, 3, 4). The first measure starts with a repeat sign. The second measure has a fermata over the final note. The third measure has a fermata over the final note. The fourth measure has a fermata over the final note. The melody ends with a double bar line and repeat dots. Below the staff, the lyrics are written in a bold, sans-serif font. The lyrics are: "Hey, ho, God speaks here — In each tree and ev'-ry-where! Hey!". The words "Hey, ho," are under the first measure, "God speaks here" under the second, "— In each tree and ev'-ry-where!" under the third, and "Hey!" under the fourth. The word "Last time" is written in a box above the final measure.

CENTERING SONG
text adapted from
Martin Luther,
by Carol Tomer

*“God writes the gospel
not in the Bible alone,
but on trees and flow-
ers and clouds and
stars.”*
— Martin Luther

GATHERING PRAYER
by Carol Tomer

WELCOME AND WORSHIP ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING PRAYER

- L: Gracious God, you proclaim your grace throughout creation — in trees and flowers and clouds and stars. You teach us through the parables of Jesus. You guide us through the crises of these very days.
- C: In field trips, in scripture, in prayer, in life, you are speaking and moving among us.**
- L: In the parables of Jesus — of soils, weeds, the Good Samaritan, and birds and lilies — you are present, speaking on the ground and in the mystery of it all. In creeks and rushing waters, in playing and running in open fields, in gardens and neighborhoods, in animals of every amazing kind, you are present, speaking on the ground and in the mystery of it all. In community and tragedy, in sickness and wholeness, in justice-making and healing, you are present, speaking on the ground and in the mystery of it all.
- C: Gracious God, in all of this — in creation, in scripture, in crisis — thank you for coming to us, proclaiming the gospel and grace of the risen Christ. In you, we live and move and have our being, with gratitude. Amen.**



O God of all cre - a - tion, most ho - ly One - in - Three,
O God of lib - er - a - tion who breaks the pris - on bars,
u - nit - ing per - fect whole - ness with rich di - ver - si - ty,
un - chain our earth - bound spir - its to reach out for the stars.
be - yond all creeds and dog - mas, a - bove all class and race,
Re - lease us from en - slave - ment in nar - row - ness of mind,
pour out up - on your peo - ple the rich - es of your grace:
from all that stops us search - ing for fear of what we find.
the love that dares to ques - tion, the cour - age to ex - plore,
Let faith join hands with knowl - edge, and wis - dom set us free
the faith to tread where no - one but Christ has gone be - fore.
to - cel - e - brate with won - der the depths of mys - ter - y.

WORD

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

POINT FOR PILGRIMS

Kaydee Kirk

READING "Only a Flower" by Toyohiko Kagawa, in *Songs from the Slums* (1935)

REFLECTION

Pastor Carol Tomer

Sung once, then in a round

He - le - lu - yan, he - le - lu - yan; he - le, he - le - lu - yan;



he - le - lu - yan, he - le - lu - yan; he - le, he - le - lu - yan.

GOSPEL
ACCLAMATION
Music: Muscogee
(Creek) Indian

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 6:26-34 (NRSV, adapted)

²⁶Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet our God in heaven feeds them. Are you not of more value than they?

²⁷And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? ²⁸And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, ²⁹yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. ³⁰But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will God not much more clothe you—you of little faith? ³¹Therefore do not worry, saying, ‘What will we eat?’ or ‘What will we drink?’ or ‘What will we wear?’ ³²For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things; and indeed God knows that you need all these things. ³³But strive first for the reign of God and God’s righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. ³⁴‘So do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring worries of its own. Today’s trouble is enough for today.

L: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

REFLECTION

Pastor Carol Tomer

SERMON HYMN

The Earth is the Lord's

1. "The earth is the Lord's and the ful - ness there - of."
 2. Your rain - for - ests nur - ture the world that we share.
 3. Too of - ten, O God, we a - buse your good earth.
 4. May we be good stew - ards of all that you give,

Cre - a - tion re - minds us, O God, of your love.
 Your wet - lands give an - i - mals shel - ter and care.
 We fail to re - mem - ber its beau - ty and worth.
 pro - tect - ing cre - a - tion wher - ev - er we live.

By grace we are learn - ing, as year leads to year,
 Your cor - al reefs cra - dle the life of the sea.
 We take from cre - a - tion much more than we need,
 May we be a church that re - news and re - stores

we're called to be stew - ards, your care - tak - ers here.
 You've shown us, in love, what your good world can be.
 We threat - en your world through in - dif - ference and greed.
 and lov - ing - ly cares for this earth that is yours.

WORDS: Carolyn Winfrey Gillette, 2001

MUSIC: Welsh melody from John Roberts's *Canadau y Cyssegr*, 1839

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PRAYER

We give thanks for the Word proclaimed and for all the gifts of God, and we pray for all of God's creation

PEACE

The peace of Christ is with us now and always.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

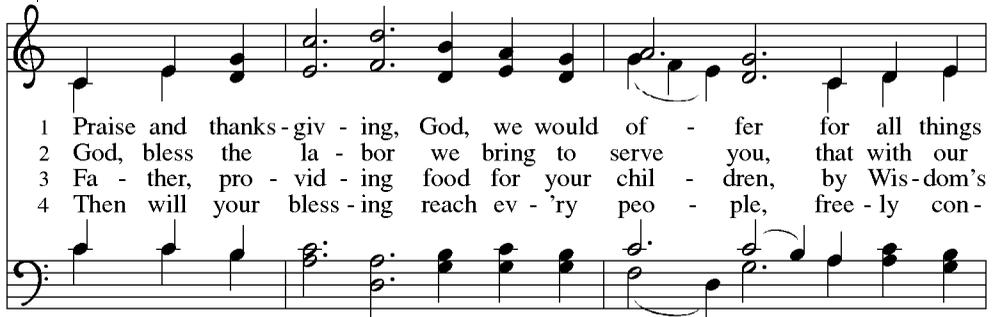
OFFERING INVITATION

*During this time, we invite you to share of your God-given blessings.
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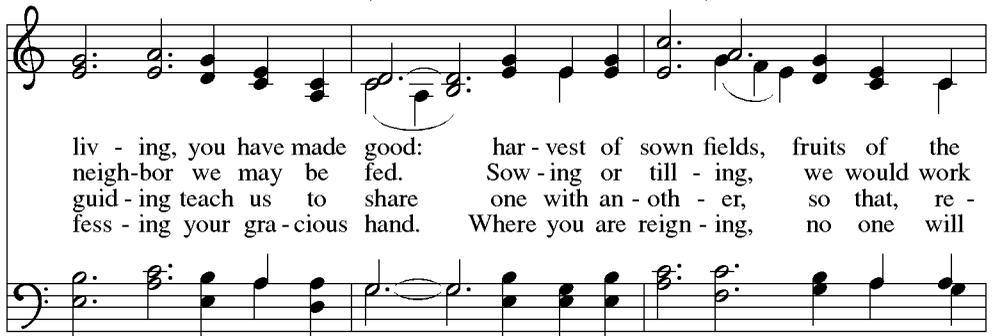
OFFERING HYMN

Praise and Thanksgiving

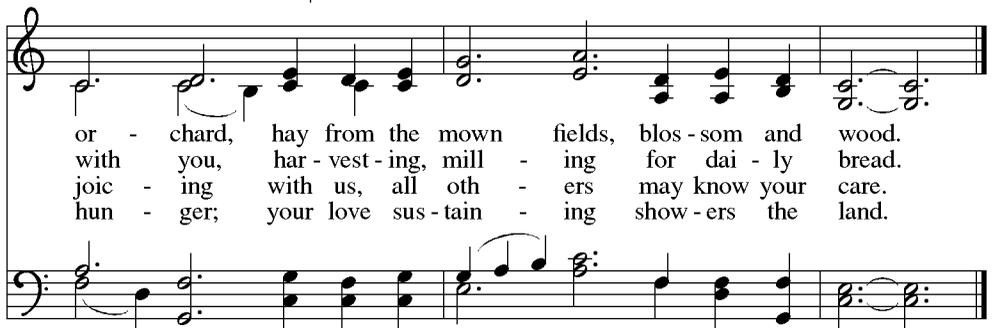
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1 Praise and thanks-giv-ing, God, we would of-fer for all things
2 God, bless the la-lor we bring to serve you, that with our
3 Fa-ther, pro-vid-ing food for your chil-dren, by Wis-dom's
4 Then will your bless-ing reach ev-ry peo-ple, free-ly con-



liv-ing, you have made good: har-vest of sown fields, fruits of the
neigh-ber we may be fed. Sow-ing or till-ing, we would work
guid-ing teach us to share one with an-oth-er, so that, re-
fess-ing your gra-cious hand. Where you are reign-ing, no one will



or-chard, hay from the mown fields, blos-som and wood.
with you, har-vest-ing, mill-ing for dai-ly bread.
joic-ing with us, all oth-ers may know your care.
hun-ger; your love sus-tain-ing show-ers the land.

LORD'S PRAYER

This version of the Lord's Prayer, with the words "save us in the time of trial," is from the Iona Community in Scotland.

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE — after each petition:

L: God of mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

LORD'S PRAYER

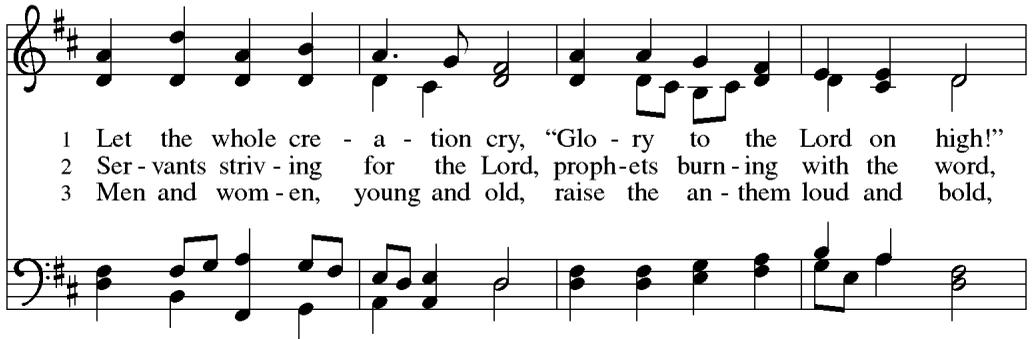
L: Our Creator, Our Mother,

C: 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 in the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

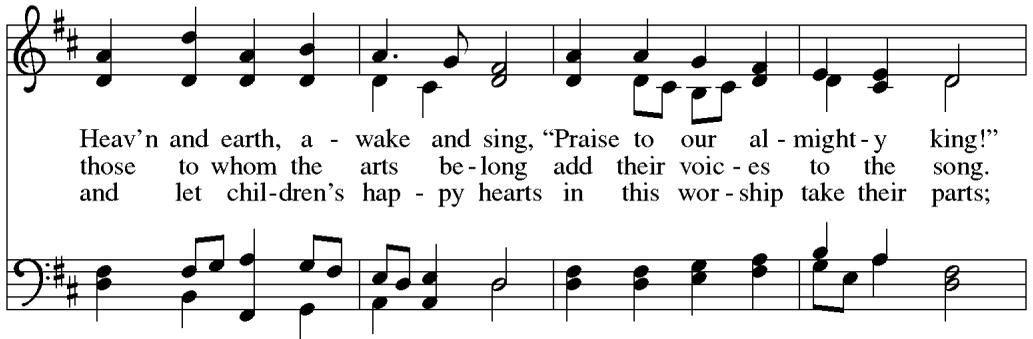
SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

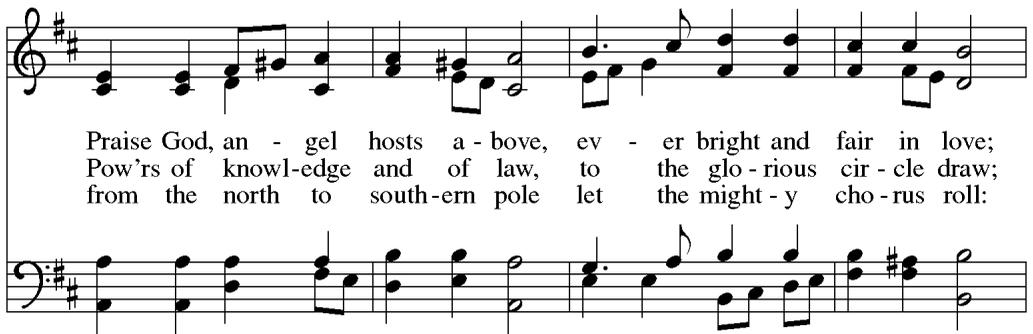
BLESSING



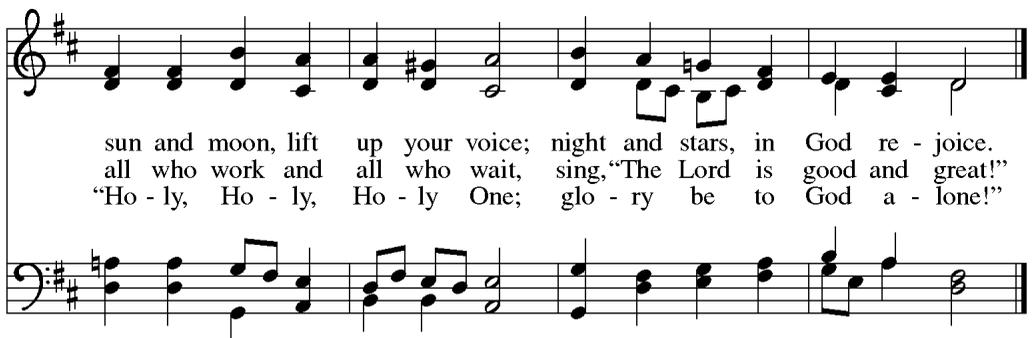
1 Let the whole cre - a - tion cry, "Glo - ry to the Lord on high!"
 2 Ser - vants striv - ing for the Lord, proph - ets burn - ing with the word,
 3 Men and wom - en, young and old, raise the an - them loud and bold,



Heav'n and earth, a - wake and sing, "Praise to our al - might - y king!"
 those to whom the arts be - long add their voic - es to the song,
 and let chil - dren's hap - py hearts in this wor - ship take their parts;



Praise God, an - gel hosts a - bove, ev - er bright and fair in love;
 Pow'rs of knowl - edge and of law, to the glo - rious cir - cle draw;
 from the north to south - ern pole let the might - y cho - rus roll:



sun and moon, lift up your voice; night and stars, in God re - joice.
 all who work and all who wait, sing, "The Lord is good and great!"
 "Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly One; glo - ry be to God a - lone!"

DISMISSAL

L: Go in peace...

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Earth and All Stars!

arr. David Cherwien

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Musicians — Choral Scholars and choir members

Prayers — Carl Hokanson

Point for Pilgrims — Kaydee Kirk

Reader — Kurt Schultz

PRELUDE

text by Cecil Francis Alexander, adapted

Refrain:

All things bright and beautiful,
All creatures great and small,
All things wise and wonderful,
The Lord God made them all.

Each little flower that opens,
Each little bird that sings,
God made their glowing colors,
God made their tiny wings.

Refrain

The purple headed mountain,
The river running by,
The sunset and the morning,
That brightens up the sky.

Refrain

The cold wind in the winter,
The pleasant summer sun,
The ripe fruits in the garden,
God made them every one.

God gave us eyes to see them
and lips that we might tell
How great is God Almighty
Who has made all things well.

Refrain



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