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ORDER FOR WORSHIP THE SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST JULY 19, 2020

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Give thanks to the Lord, for God is good.
God's steadfast love endures forever.

Surely the Lord is in this place!
This is the house of God.

Let us worship God.

HYMN – “Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty”

**Praise ye the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise Him, for He is thy health and salvation!
All ye who hear, Now to His temple draw near;
Join me in glad adoration!**

**Praise ye the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,
Shelters thee under His wings, yea, so gently sustaineth!
Hast thou not seen How thy desire e'er have been
Granted in what He ordaineth?**

**Praise ye the Lord! O let all that is in me adore Him!
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before Him!
Let the amen Sound from His people again;
Gladly for aye we adore Him.**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**O Lord, you have searched us and known us.
You know when we cultivate kindness
and our lives bear fruit that blesses the world.
You know, too, when our words sow seeds of discord
and our actions choke out generosity and grace.
When we produce more weed than wheat, forgive us.
As we wait with eager longing
for your reign to be revealed in our midst,
plant within us gifts of love and mercy,
so that we might live as children of the kingdom
and bear fruit that enriches your harvest. AMEN**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

RESPONSE TO PARDON – “Gloria Patri”

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. AMEN, AMEN.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

**Living God, help us so to hear your holy Word
that we may truly understand;
that, understanding, we may believe,
and, believing, we may follow
in all faithfulness and obedience,
seeking your honor and glory in all that we do;
through Christ our Lord. AMEN**

FIRST LESSON – Romans 8:12-25

SECOND LESSON – Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

SERMON – “Longing for the Kingdom” – Rev. Lorenz

HYMN – “All Things Bright and Beautiful”

(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.**

(Repeat Refrain)

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

(Repeat Refrain)

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

(Repeat Refrain)

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

(Repeat Refrain)

THE APOSTLES' CREED (traditional)

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried;
he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Ghost; 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 & THE LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERING

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

**Merciful and gracious God,
you abound in steadfast love and faithfulness.
With gratitude, we bring our gifts to you.
Bless these gifts and bless our lives
that together we may share your mercy and grace
for the world you dearly love. AMEN**

HYMN – “Bring Forth the Kingdom”

**You are salt for the earth, O people: salt for the kingdom of God!
Share the flavor of life, O people: life in the kingdom of God!
(Refrain)
Bring forth the kingdom of mercy; pray for the kingdom of peace;
Work for the kingdom of justice; hope for the city of God!**

**You are a light on a hill, O people: light for the city of God!
Shine so holy and bright, O people: shine for the kingdom of God!
(Repeat Refrain)**

**You are a seed of the Word, O people: live for the kingdom of God!
Seeds of mercy and seeds of justice, grow in the kingdom of God!
(Repeat Refrain)**

BENEDICTION

CLOSING RESPONSE – “God Be With You ‘Til We Meet Again”

**God be with you till we meet again;
Loving counsels guide, uphold you,
with a Shepherd's care enfold you:
God be with you till we meet again.**

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Today's Worship Service Participants are:
The Rev. Anthony Lorenz, Pastor; The Rev. Bill Beck, worship assistant;
Arthur Thompson, organist; Kari Kornish, vocalist; Joe Shane, camera

