



July 26, 2020 at 9:30am - 8th Sunday after Pentecost
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(bold = in unison)

ENTRANCE

Prelude "What the World Needs Now Is Love" by David and Bacharach
 Welcome Rev. Nate Melcher

Call to Worship (based on Revelation 7:16-17, 21:1A)

Let us hunger and thirst no more.
May the sun not strike us with scorching heat.
 The Lamb at the center of the throne is our shepherd.
May we be guided to springs of the water of life.
 God will wipe away every tear from our eyes.
May the Holy Spirit reveal a new heaven and a new earth.

Gathering Hymn "My Soul In Stillness Waits" by Marty Haugen

Refrain:
 For you, O Lord, my soul in stillness waits, truly my hope is in you.

- O Lord of Light, our only hope of glory,
 Your radiance shines in all who look to you,
 Come, light the hearts of all in dark and shadow. (Refrain)
- O Spring of Joy, rain down upon our spirits,
 Our thirsty hearts are yearning for your Word,
 Come, make us whole, be comfort to our hearts. (Refrain)

O Supreme Power, in the beginning you ordered the waters to gather in one place and become pools for the irrigation of your creation. Bless, O Lord, the waters of this land by your grace and mercy. Remove from them all impurities that cause illness and harm and make them a source of help and health for all, so that your name may be glorified forever. Hear us now in our Breakthrough Prayer to you...

Breakthrough Prayer

Loving God of all, renew our hearts and minds.
Reveal your wildest dreams, break through to each of us.
Unite us in your vision, equip us for your work.
Transform us by your song, create our harmony.
May we embrace your future, and be your loving church. Amen.

Please join your church in praying the Breakthrough Prayer daily at 8:35.

Time with Children

Sharing the Peace

May the peace of God be with you.
And also with you.

Please greet your neighbor with a sign of peace.

Lighting Our Conflux Candles

You are invited to safely light a candle or lamp to celebrate the moments this week where your life's journey met God's heart.

Celebration of Music

Sonata No. 11, Op. 22 in B flat Major, Mvt 1
Abigail Arkley, piano
Groth Scholarship recipient

by L. van Beethoven

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Scripture in Context

Scripture Reading

Revelation 21:1-7

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "See, the home of God is among mortals. God will dwell with them; they will be his peoples, and God will be with them; God will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away."

And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new." Also God said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true." Then the Holy One said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life. Those who conquer will inherit these things, and I will be their God and they will be my children."

The Word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Soul Surfer: "How do we move on?"
"Summer at the Movies!" Worship Series

Rev. Nate Melcher

Prayers of the People

LORD in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

The LORD's Prayer

Our God, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Giving Our Tithes, Offerings, and Ourselves

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Thank you for your extravagant generosity.*

Offertory

"Breathe"

by Marie Barnett

Doxology

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Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God, the source of all our gifts!
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Prayer of Gratitude

Holy Spirit, you search the recesses of our minds and the depths of our hearts. You call us to be not only givers but also receivers of your gift of grace. We believe that you will multiply our gifts to draw us nearer to your side. As we offer these financial gifts, we are grateful to be joined to the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

THANKSGIVING

Celebrating Our Conflux Moments

Gracious and loving God, thank you for the precious moments in which we felt you close to us this week. Continue to break through to each of us with your Holy Spirit and reveal your amazing love to as many people as possible. In the name of Jesus we pray. Amen.

SENDING FORTH

Sending Hymn

[“What a Wonderful World”](#)

by Weiss and Thiele

Benediction

...And until we meet again, let us live...
in faith, justice, and joy! Amen.

Postlude

“Forgiveness”

by Susan Werner



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We hope you had a good experience. Worship is over. Service begins.

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Worship Team:

Ministers: All Members of the Congregation

Musicians: Greg Locke, Victor Zupanc

Liturgists: Garrett Johnson, Rev. Nate Melcher

Tech: Bill Johnson, TY Moore, Dale Olson

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Community Joys and Concerns

Celebrations:

- Congratulations Groth Scholarship recipient Abigail Arkley! Abigail will be a junior at The University of Wisconsin - Madison. She is studying piano performance and graduated as a PSEO student from Normandale Community College and as an accredited home school student.

Today and throughout this week you are invited to pray for:

- People in need of a loving church.
- Openness to the “conflux moments” of experiencing God.
- The spiritual journey of our fellow MCCI church, First UMC: Windom.
- Our church’s newest elected leaders, continuing elected leaders, and those who served well in their terms for the mission of this church.
- Our church’s teams, elected leaders, and paid and unpaid servants.
- Our Regathering Taskforce as we look toward our next steps during this pandemic.
- The courage to confront racism in all of its forms and places.
- A renewed system of justice and anti-racism in all aspects of our society.
- Families caught in the struggle of how to proceed safely
- Teachers, students, families, staff, and administrators who look to authorities to help them discern how to responsibly and safely move forward for school this fall.
- All who face challenges of inequities, poverty, loneliness, racism, complex family systems, toxic politics, and all the other pressing issues that are being amplified by the Covid-19 pandemic.
- The children.

Prayers for Births:

- Kirsten and Steve Klosinski welcomed their first child, Georgia, to the world!

Prayers for Healing:

Paula Milani, Marybeth Stull, James Wegscheid, Marylee Fithian, Inez Gustafson, Bonnie Freese, Bev Crandall, Margaret Kersteter, Elaine Peterson, Sharon Morrow, Maxene Schwanke, Dan Freese, father of Bonnie Freese, Liam B., neighbor of Michele Wegscheid, and John Darling.

Prayers for Comfort:

Jan Hansen, Hans Olson, father of Dale Olson, and all those in hospice and their families.

Announcements - Community Connections:

- **Summer Movie Series** You're invited to watch the movie used as sermon illustrations on DVD, Blu-ray, or Netflix (sign up for a free 30-day trial) for August 2 ([Spider-Man: Into the Spideverse](#)).
- **School Supply Collection—Drop-off items at RUMC on Sun. 8/2, 11am-12pm, & Fri. 8/7, 5-6pm.** Now through August 7, we are collecting supplies for VEAP's back to school drive! While we had planned to do our own drive, VEAP's network will allow us to reach a much wider network of families than we would have been able to on our own. **You can make a financial donation for school supplies by Wednesday, August 5.** Please [give online](#), or by mailed check (arriving at the church by 8/5) with school supply drive on the memo line. You can order school supplies online and have them shipped to the church or your home or buy supplies at a local retailer. **Drop-off supplies at the church building on Sunday, August 2nd, 11am-12pm, or Friday, August 7th, 5-6pm.** All traditional supplies are needed, such as: pens, pencils, notebooks, and paper; however the most needed supplies are backpacks and scientific calculators. Please make sure that any ordered supplies are delivered by Fri., Aug. 7th. All supplies will be delivered to VEAP by Sun., Aug. 9th.
- **SAVE THE DATE: August 16th Doc-O-Rama, [Hellbound?](#)** The filmmaker Kevin Miller joins our discussion of his documentary about the wide variety of viewpoints about the existence of hell.
- Brené Brown Study, Saturdays, 10:30am. Contact [Gail Johnson](#).
- Women's Bible Study, Tuesdays at 9:30am. Contact [Molly Recko](#).
- Men's Bible Study, Wednesdays at 9:00am. Contact [Kent Johnson](#).
- Men's Support Group, Saturdays at 8:30am. Contact [Kent Johnson](#).
- Children's Ministry, public and sign-up content. Contact [Rev. Hope Hutchison](#).
- Youth Group, various content throughout the summer. Contact [Garrett Johnson](#).
- Pastor Care, by phone or electronically. Contact [Kay Bergeland](#).
- Worship by touch tone phone. Friends and family not online can listen to worship live. Call toll-free at 1.888.650.5835 and "press 1" to opt-in to get automatic calls as worship begins.
- Please keep reaching out to one another, it matters!

Announcements - Campus and Administration:

- In-person worship and gatherings are suspended through at least September 6.
- Campus is closed until further notice, thank you.
- God's Hands is closed until further notice. No donations at this time, thank you.
- You can still reach out by phone and also to paid staff by email.
- If you have church communications needs, contact [Linda Schmidt](#).
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