



August 09, 2020 at 9:30am - 10th Sunday after Pentecost
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(bold = in unison)

ENTRANCE

Prelude

“Star Vicino”
Lauren Senden, soloist
Groth Scholarship recipient

attrib. to Salvatore Rosa

Welcome

Rev. Nate Melcher

Gathering Hymn

“All Who Hunger”

by Sylvia Dunstan and Bob Moore

- 1. All who hunger, gather gladly; holy manna is our bread.
Come from wilderness and wand’ring. Here in truth, we will be fed.
You that yearn for days of fullness, all around us is our food.
Taste and see the grace eternal, taste and see that God is good.**
- 2. All who hunger, never strangers, seeker, be a welcome guest.
Come from restlessness and roaming. Here in joy we keep the feast.
We that once were lost and scattered, in communion’s love have stood.
Taste and see the grace eternal. Taste and see that God is good.**
- 3. All who hunger, sing together; Jesus Christ is living bread.
Come from loneliness and longing. Here in peace, we have been led.
Blest are those who from this table live their lives in gratitude.
Taste and see the grace eternal. Taste and see that God is good.**

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

“Children Will Listen”
Lauren Senden, soloist
Groth Scholarship recipient

by Bernadette Peters

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Scripture in Context

Scripture Reading

Matthew 13:24-33, 44-53

Nick Dewey

Jesus put before them another parable: “The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field; but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away. So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. And the servants of the householder came and said to him, ‘Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?’ He answered, ‘An enemy has done this.’ The servants said to him, ‘Then do you want us to go and gather them?’ But he replied, ‘No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. Let both of them grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.’”

He put before them another parable: “The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches.”

He told them another parable: “The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened.”

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

Sermon

“What does the Bible say about heaven?”
“So Many Questions!” Worship Series

Rev. Nate Melcher

Giving Our Tithes, Offerings, and Ourselves

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Offertory

“Have I Told You Lately”

by Van Morrison

Prayer of Gratitude

Loving God, your grace provides us with secure shelter even amid our times of doubt and despair. Our lives periodically seem adrift from the refuge of your unwavering love. Lift us from the depths of selfishness and greed. Restore our hope and help us to find contentment in you so that we may offer these financial gifts as devoted disciples of Jesus, who taught us to pray...

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.

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

“Morning Has Broken”

traditional

1. Morning has broken like the first morning,
Blackbird has spoken like the first bird.
Praise for the singing! Praise for the morning!
Praise for them, springing fresh from the Word!
2. Sweet the new fall sunlit from heaven,
Like the first dewfall on the first grass.
Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden,
Sprung in completeness where his feet pass.
3. Mine is the sunlight! Mine is the morning,
Born of the one light Eden saw play.
Praise with elation, praise every morning,
God’s re-creation of the new day!

Benediction

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

Postlude

“Stand By Me”

by Ben E. King



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

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Ministers: All Members of the Congregation

Musicians: Greg Locke, Victor Zupanc

Liturgists: Nick Dewey, Rev. Hope Hutchison, Rev. Nate Melcher

Tech: Bill Johnson, TY Moore

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Community Joys and Concerns

Celebrations:

- Congratulations Groth Scholarship recipient Lauren Senden! Lauren will be a sophomore at Baldwin Wallace University, Ohio and she will be studying vocal performance and musical theatre. Lauren is graduate Mankato East High School, Mankato.

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, Southern Hills UMC in Sioux Falls, SD.
- Our church’s teams, elected leaders, and paid and unpaid servants.
- Our Regathering Taskforce as we look toward our next steps during this pandemic.
- Our beloved saints whom we love and miss and let go to God.
- Our beloveds in the midst of surgery, treatment, and other tender health care.
- Our nation on its journey forward through viruses like pandemic, racism, and poverty.
- Our neighbors in other nations confronting pandemic and other challenges.
- 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 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:

- **Today: CAFÉ-O-RAMA**, Second Sundays at 10:45am
After worship, hop on the video call for a relaxed, inviting opportunity to spend time with new and old friends after months apart! It's like Coffee in the Commons... except you bring your own coffee! Today, Café-O-Rama at 10:45 am (Meeting ID: 893-4482-8014, Passcode: 5835)
- **Next Sunday: Summer worship Series #3, "So Many Questions, Part 2" Continues**
If you have wondered about these topics, be sure to mark your calendar and experience worship. The question next Sunday is, **What does the Bible say about hell?**
- **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](#). (Note: No session on Aug. 15)
- 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](#).
- Your generous giving matters for your church in these unprecedented times. Please give online at richfieldumc.org/give or contact [Kathy Gertsema](#).

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