



August 23, 2020 at 9:30am - 12th Sunday after Pentecost
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(bold = in unison)

ENTRANCE

Prelude

“This Is Peace”

by Holly Near

Welcome

Rev. Nate Melcher

Call to Worship

How wonderful, O Lord, are the works of your hands! The heavens declare your glory.
The arch of the sky displays your handiwork. The heavens declare the glory of God.
In your goodness you have made us able to hear the music of the world;
the raging of the winds, the whispering of the trees in the wood;
And the precious voices of loved ones reveal to us that you are in our midst.
A divine voice speaks through all creation.

1. In the midst of new dimensions, in the face of changing ways,
who will lead the pilgrim peoples wandering in their separate ways?

Refrain

God of rainbow, fiery pillar, leading where the eagles soar,
we your people, ours the journey now and ever, now and ever, now and ever more.

2. Through the flood of starving people, warring factions and despair,
who will lift the olive branches? Who will light the flame of care? (Refrain)
3. As we stand a world divided by our own self seeking schemes,
grant that we, your global village, might envision wider dreams. (Refrain)

Centering Prayer

Garrett Johnson

Loving God, you have called us to be present in your holy courts. Open our eyes to see where you are most actively present in your world. Open our lips to sing your praises jubilantly in this world you have made. Hear us now in our Breakthrough Prayer...

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

“Star of the County Down”
Tesslynn Lauer, flute
Groth Scholarship recipient

Irish Ballad

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Scripture in Context

Scripture Reading

John 21:15-25

When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, “Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?” He said to him, “Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.” Jesus said to him, “Feed my lambs.” A second time he said to him, “Simon son of John, do you love me?”

He said to him, “Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.” Jesus said to him, “Tend my sheep.” He said to him the third time, “Simon son of John, do you love me?” Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, “Do you love me?” And he said to him, “Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you.” Jesus said to him, “Feed my sheep. Very truly, I tell you, when you were younger, you used to fasten your own belt and to go wherever you wished. But when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will fasten a belt around you and take you where you do not wish to go.” (He said this to indicate the kind of death by which he would glorify God.) After this he said to him, “Follow me.”

Peter turned and saw the disciple whom Jesus loved following them; he was the one who had reclined next to Jesus at the supper and had said, “Lord, who is it that is going to betray you?” When Peter saw him, he said to Jesus, “Lord, what about him?” Jesus said to him, “If it is my will that he remain until I come, what is that to you? Follow me!” So the rumor spread in the community that this disciple would not die. Yet Jesus did not say to him that he would not die, but, “If it is my will that he remain until I come, what is that to you?”

This is the disciple who is testifying to these things and has written them, and we know that his testimony is true. But there are also many other things that Jesus did; if every one of them were written down, I suppose that the world itself could not contain the books that would be written.

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

Sermon

“Why aren’t there dinosaurs in the Bible?”
“So Many Questions!” Worship Series

Rev. Hope Hutchison
and Rev. Nate Melcher

Prayer 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.**

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Offertory

“Love One Another”

by Victor Zupanc

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

Merciful Lord, you have provided each of us with many similar, yet unique gifts. Thank you, Lord, for the talents and abilities of people within this congregation. We are a blessed people! Now, we unite as one body to share in this worshipful act of the offering. Giving is such a joy-filled experience! Thank you, Lord, for this opportunity to support the transformation of people's spiritual lives through the ministry and mission of this body of Christ. 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

“Loving and Forgiving”

by Scott Soper

Refrain

Loving and forgiving are you, O Lord;
slow to anger, rich in kindness, loving and forgiving are you.

1. All my being, bless the Lord, bless the holy name of God.
All my being, bless the Lord, rememb'ring the goodness of God. (Refrain)
2. God forgives us all our sins, healing those who live in pain,
saving us from final death, God fills us with goodness and love. (Refrain)
3. Good and gracious is the Lord, slow to anger, rich in love.
God remembers not our sins; forgiving and loving is God. (Refrain)
4. As heaven soars above the earth, so great the love of God for us.
As far as east is from the west, the Lord takes our sins from us. (Refrain)

A Special Birthday Celebration

Herb Doty is 100 years old!

Benediction

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

Postlude

“Shower the People”

by James Taylor



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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, Devon Olson, Victor Zupanc

Liturgists: Garrett Johnson, Rev. Hope Hutchison, Rev. Nate Melcher

Tech: TY Moore, Dale Olson

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Community Joys and Concerns

Celebrations:

- Congratulations Groth Scholarship recipient Tesslynn Lauer! Tesslynn will be a junior at The University of Michigan. She is studying flute performance and graduated from Eden Prairie High School, Eden Prairie.
- Special Happy Birthday to member Herb Doty. Herb turned 100 years old last Friday the 21st. Anyone wishing to send a birthday note may send it to: Herb Doty, 4300 West River Parkway #473, Minneapolis MN 55406

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, Camphor Memorial UMC in St. Paul, MN.
- Our church’s elected leadership and paid and unpaid servants.
- All who are in physical, emotional, and/or spiritual isolation.
- Public servants, care workers, and behind-the-scenes support people.
- The people of hope who care for those who have none.
- 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 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:

- **Saturday: Minnesota Annual Conference 2020, Saturday, August 29, 2020**
Each year an equal number of clergy members and lay members attend a gathering for worship, fellowship, and to conduct the business of the Annual Conference. Due to COVID-19, this year the conference is a one-day virtual session. The session will be streamed to the [Minnesota Conference Facebook page \(https://www.facebook.com/MinnesotaUMC/\)](https://www.facebook.com/MinnesotaUMC/) and visitors will be able to watch at no cost. A Facebook account is not necessary to access the livestream.
- **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, **How do we live with hope today?**
- 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](#).
- Friends and family who aren't online can listen to worship live by touchtone phone. Call toll-free at 1.888.650.5835. "Press 1" to opt-in to receive an automatic call on Sundays as worship begins.
- Please keep reaching out to one another, it matters!

Announcements - Campus and Administration:

- In-person worship and gatherings in the building are suspended through 2020 and we continue on an open-ended timeline. Read the latest statements at richfieldumc.org/statements.
- 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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