

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

July 4, 2021 10:30 a.m.



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Order of Worship

This life is not righteousness,
but growth in righteousness;
not health, but healing; not being, but becoming;
not rest, but exercise.

We are not yet what we shall be, but we are
growing toward it; the process is not yet finished,
but it is going on.

This is not the end, but it is the road;
all does not gleam in glory, but all is being purified.

~ Martin Luther

The Bells of Taizé

Taizé
Music of Unity & Peace

Prelude

America the Beautiful
Simple Gifts

Marilyn J.

Greeting & Response

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and
the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

Words of Welcome and Introduction

Blessing of Deacons: *Phyllis Maring and Peter Ramseth*

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of Creation

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise him, for he is your health and salvation!
Let all who hear now to his temple draw near,
Joining in glad adoration!

Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things is wondrously reigning
And, as on wings of an eagle, uplifting, sustaining.
Have you not seen all that is needful has been
Sent by his gracious ordaining?

Praise to the Lord, who will prosper your work and defend you;
Surely his goodness and mercy shall daily attend you.
Ponder anew what the Almighty can do
If with his love he befriend you.

Praise to the Lord! Oh, let all that is in me adore him!
All that has life, and breath, come now with praises before him!
Let the amen sound from his people again.
Gladly forever adore him!

LBW 543: Text: Joachim Neander; tr. Catherine Winkworth, alt.; **Music:** Erneuertem Gesangbuch, Stralsund



Ezekiel 2:1-5

He said to me: *O mortal, stand up on your feet, and I will speak with you.* And when he spoke to me, a spirit entered into me and set me on my feet; and I heard him speaking to me. He said to me, *Mortal, I am sending you to the people of Israel, to a nation of rebels who have rebelled against me; they and their ancestors have transgressed against me to this very day. The descendants are impudent and stubborn. I am sending you to them, and you shall say to them, "Thus says the Lord God." Whether they hear or refuse to hear (for they are a rebellious house), they shall know that there has been a prophet among them.*

Gospel of Mark 6:1-13

He left that place and came to his hometown, and his disciples followed him. On the sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astounded. They said, *Where did this man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been given to him? What deeds of power are being done by his hands! Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon, and are not his sisters here with us?* And they took offense at him. Then Jesus said to them, *Prophets are not without honor, except in their hometown, and among their own kin, and in their own house.* And he could do no deed of power there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and cured them. And he was amazed at their unbelief. Then he went

about among the villages teaching. He called the twelve and began to send them out two by two, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits. He ordered them to take nothing for their journey except a staff; no bread, no bag, no money in their belts; but to wear sandals and not to put on two tunics.

He said to them, *Wherever you enter a house, stay there until you leave the place. If any place will not welcome you and they refuse to hear you, as you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them.* So they went out and proclaimed that all should repent. They cast out many demons, and anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them.

Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service

ELW 712



Lord, whose love in humble service
Bore the weight of human need,
Who upon the cross, forsaken,
Worked your mercy's perfect deed:
We, your servants, bring the worship
Not of voice alone, but heart;
Consecrating to your purpose
Ev'ry gift which you impart.

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Still your children wander homeless;
Still the hungry cry for bread;
Still the captives long for freedom;
Still in grief we mourn our dead.
As you, Lord, in deep compassion
Healed the sick and freed the soul,
By your Spirit send your power
To our world to make it whole.

As we worship, grant us vision,
Till your love's revealing light
In its height and depth and greatness
Dawns upon our quickened sight,
Making known the needs and burdens
Your compassion bids us bear,
Stirring us to ardent service,
Your abundant life to share.

Called by worship to your service,
Forth in your dear name we go.
To the child, the youth, the aged,
Love in living deeds to show;
Hope and health, goodwill and comfort,
Counsel, aid, and peace we give,
That your servants, Lord, in freedom
May your mercy know and live.

Prayer of the Day

Book of Common Prayer

O God, who taught us to keep all your commandments by loving you and our neighbor: Grant us the grace of your Holy Spirit, that we may be devoted to you with our whole heart, and united to one another with pure affection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the same Spirit, one God, forever and ever. **Amen.**

Sermon

The Reverend Gayle M. Marsh

Faith of Our Fathers and Mothers

ELW 812/813

Faith of our fathers! living still
 In spite of dungeon, fire, and sword.
 Oh, how our hearts beat high with joy
 Whene'er we hear that glorious word.
 Faith of our fathers, holy faith,
 We will be true to thee till death.

Faith of our mothers, daring faith,
 Thy work for Christ is love revealed,
 Spreading God's word from pole to pole,
 Making love known and freedom real.
 Faith of our mothers, holy faith,
 We will be true to thee till death.

Faith of our fathers! We will love
 Both friend and foe in all our strife;
 Proclaim thee too, as love knows how,
 By saving word and faithful life.
 Faith of our fathers, holy faith,
 We will be true to thee till death.

Liturgy of Leave-Taking

Pr. Kristina: *At the beginning of my ministry, you gave me many things in trust and a charge to use them. Now, I leave these and other things with you, all the ministers of Northfield Retirement Community, the new chaplain, and all those who gather to worship:*

Bibles and worship booklets

Hymnals

Stoles

Communion ware

Candles

Keys

Let all these be signs and symbols of the ministry that is yours and all of God's Church. **Amen.**

Prayers of the Church

Let us pray.

Eternal God, creator and preserver of all, and provider of grace to all who toil together in the hope of meaningful living: continue your saving work through your Spirit in our midst.

Give grace to your servants, O Lord.

Grant that our lives, and Pastor Kristina's in retirement, may continue to be gifts for serving the common good, with time for leisure, for new growth and service.

Give grace to your servants, O Lord.

Grant Pastor Kristina, as she leaves the blessings and trials of NRC and its Chapel, a sense of gratitude for those who have shared this journey at NRC Chapel, in this community, the Church, and the world.

Give grace to your servant, O Lord.

Give her thankfulness for all who have supported her life's journey, especially her parents, Hazel and Arndt Braaten, and her husband, Arland, as well as for all those who have shared in her spiritual journey, that she may continually use insights from her path to help others know and serve God.

Give grace to your servant, O Lord.

Grant her wisdom and understanding in the ordering of retirement life, that she may be blessed with a hopeful and grateful perspective, so that future years may be valued and productive, in service to you.

Give grace to your servant, O Lord.

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Give forgiveness to us and to Pastor Kristina for all things done and left undone in our common life.

Give grace to your people, O Lord.

Grant to the people of NRC and its Chapel the vision to continue on God's journey, to fulfill the mission of NRC, that all people might know God and serve each other through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Give grace to your people, O Lord.

Grant to this gathering of your people the awareness of those who have gone before us, a thankfulness for their abiding faith, and a willingness to ever seek the kingdom of God, both in this place and beyond its walls.

Give grace to your people, O Lord.

To you, O Lord, be the power and glory, now and forever.
Amen.

The Peace

The peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you.

Offering/Offertory *When Peace Like a River* Marilyn J.

Offering Prayer

Blessed are you, O God, ruler of heaven and earth,
Day by day you shower us with blessings
As you have raised us to new life in Christ,
give us glad and generous hearts,
ready to praise you and to respond to those in need,
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Confession

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

**Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.**

**We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

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Absolution

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

HOLY COMMUNION



The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Invitation

The disciples knew the Lord Jesus in the breaking of the bread.
Come to this table where you are known and loved. **Amen.**

Words of Institution

Lord's Prayer

THE MEAL

Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ

ELW 674

Let us talents and tongues employ,
Reaching out with a shout of joy:
Bread is broken, the wine is poured,
Christ is spoken and seen and heard.

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Refrain:

**Jesus lives again,
Earth can breathe again,
Pass the Word around:
Loaves abound! (2x)**

Christ is able to make us one,
At the table he sets the tone,
Teaching people to live to bless,
Love in word and in deed express. **Refrain:**

Jesus calls us in, sends us out
Bearing fruit in a world of doubt,
Gives us love to tell, bread to share:
God (Immanuel) ev'rywhere! **Refrain:**

Text: Fred Kaan; **Music:** Jamaican folk tune; adapt. Doreen Potter.
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Prayer

Loving God,
By your Spirit we are born anew,
and you nourish us like newborns with this holy food.
Give us grace to live as your risen daughters and sons,
shining in the world with your marvelous light,
until you gather all creation to the heavenly table
where Christ reigns in glory forever. **Amen.**

Conclusion of Liturgy of Leave-Taking

Pastor Kristina:

On the 15th day of April, 2011, I started my ministry with NRC and its Chapel as your pastor-chaplain. I have, with God's help, exercised this trust, accepting its privileges and responsibilities.

After prayerful consideration and consultation, I am leaving this community of faith, and I state that my tenure as pastor-chaplain of NRC ends on July 8, 2021.

The Reverend Gayle Marsh:

Do you, the people of NRC, recognize and accept the conclusion of this pastoral relationship?

We do.



Beautiful Savior

LBW 518

Beautiful Savior,
 King of creation,
 Son of God and Son of Man!
 Truly I'd love thee, truly I'd serve thee,
 Light of my soul, my joy, my crown.

Fair are the meadows,
 Fair are the woodlands,
 Robed in flowers of blooming spring;
 Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer,
 He makes our sorrowing spirit sing.

Fair is the sunshine,
 Fair is the moonlight,
 Bright the sparkling stars on high;
 Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer,
 Than all the angels in the sky.

Beautiful Savior,
 Lord of the nations,
 Son of God and Son of Man!
 Glory and honor, praise, adoration,
 Now and forevermore be thine!

Text: Gesangbuch, Münster; tr. Joseph A. Seiss; **Music:** Silesian folk tune

Blessing	<i>The Lord Will Keep You</i>	Peter R.
Postlude	<i>Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing</i>	Marilyn J.
Recessional	<i>A Mighty Fortress</i>	Diane Bish The King's Brass

Excerpts from
Little Gidding

Four Quartets ~ T. S. Eliot

IV

The dove descending breaks the air
With flame of incandescent terror
Of which the tongues declare
The one discharge from sin and error.
The only hope, or else despair
Lies in the choice of pyre of pyre—
To be redeemed from fire by fire.
Who then devised the torment? Love.
Love is the unfamiliar Name
Behind the hands that wove
The intolerable shirt of flame
Which human power cannot remove.
We only live, only suspire
Consumed by either fire or fire.



V

What we call the beginning is often the end
And to make an end is to make a beginning.
The end is where we start from. And every phrase
And sentence that is right (where every word is at home,
Taking its place to support the others,
The word neither diffident nor ostentatious,
An easy commerce of the old and the new,
The common word exact without vulgarity,
The formal word precise but not pedantic,
The complete consort dancing together)
Every phrase and every sentence is an end and a beginning,
Every poem an epitaph. And any action

Is a step to the block, to the fire, down the sea's throat
Or to an illegible stone: and that is where we start.
We die with the dying:
See, they depart, and we go with them.
We are born with the dead:
See, they return, and bring us with them.
The moment of the rose and the moment of the yew-tree
Are of equal duration. A people without history
Is not redeemed from time, for history is a pattern
Of timeless moments. So, while the light fails
On a winter's afternoon, in a secluded chapel
History is now and England.
With the drawing of this Love and the voice of this Calling
We shall not cease from exploration
And the end of all our exploring
Will be to arrive where we started
And know the place for the first time.
Through the unknown, unremembered gate
When the last of earth left to discover
Is that which was the beginning;
At the source of the longest river
The voice of the hidden waterfall
And the children in the apple-tree
Not known, because not looked for
But heard, half-heard, in the stillness
Between two waves of the sea.
Quick now, here, now, always--
A condition of complete simplicity
(Costing not less than everything)
And all shall be well and
All manner of thing shall be well
When the tongues of flames are in-folded
Into the crowned knot of fire
And the fire and the rose are one.



CELEBRATING *50 years*

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