

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

August 29, 2021 10:30 a.m.



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Order of Worship

Prelude

This Is My Father's World

Rhonda R.

Words of Welcome and Introduction

This Is My Father's World

ELW 824

This is my Father's world, and to my list'ning ears
All nature sings, and round me rings the music of the spheres.
This is my Father's world; I rest me in the thought
Of rocks and trees, of skies and seas;
His hand the wonders wrought.

This is my Father's world; the birds their carols raise;
The morning light, the lily white, declare their Maker's praise.
This is my Father's world; he shines in all that's fair.
In the rustling grass I hear him pass;
He speaks to me ev'rywhere.

This is my Father's world; oh, let me not forget
That, though the wrong seems oft so strong,
God is the ruler yet.
This is my Father's world; why should my heart be sad?
The Lord is king, let heaven ring;
God reigns, let the earth be glad!

Text: Maltbie D. Babcock; **Music:** Franklin L. Sheppard, adapt.

Greeting

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.

Canticle of Praise

ELW, pages 149-150

Refrain:

**This is the feast of victory for our God.
Alleluia.**

Worthy is Christ the Lamb who was slain,
Whose blood set us free to be people of God.
Power and riches and wisdom and strength,
And honor and blessing and glory are his. **Refrain:**

Sing with all the people of God
And join in the hymn of all creation:
Blessing and honor and glory and might
To God and the Lamb forever. Amen.

This is the feast of victory for our God,
For the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign.
Alleluia. Alleluia.

Prayer of the Day

O God our strength, without you we are weak and wayward creatures. Protect us from all dangers that attack us from the outside, and cleanse us from all evil that arises from within ourselves, that we may be preserved through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

First Reading – Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9

So now, Israel, give heed to the statutes and ordinances that I am teaching you to observe, so that you may live to enter and occupy the land that the Lord, the God of your ancestors, is giving you. You must neither add anything to what I command you nor take away anything from it, but keep the commandments of the Lord your God with which I am charging you. You must observe them diligently, for this will show your wisdom and discernment to the peoples, who, when they hear all these statutes, will say, "Surely this great nation is a wise and discerning people!" For what other great nation has a god so near to it as the Lord our God is whenever we call to him? And what other great nation has statutes and ordinances as just as this entire law that I am setting before you today? But take care and watch yourselves closely, so as neither to forget the things that your eyes have seen nor to let them slip from your mind all the days of your life; make them known to your children and your children's children—

Word of God, Word of Life.

Thanks be to God!

Psalm 15

O Lord, who may abide in your tent?
Who may dwell on your holy hill?

Those who walk blamelessly, and do what is right,
and speak the truth from their heart;

who do not slander with their tongue,
and do no evil to their friends,
nor take up a reproach against their neighbors;

in whose eyes the wicked are despised,
but who honor those who fear the Lord;

who stand by their oath even to their hurt;
who do not lend money at interest,
and do not take a bribe against the innocent.

Those who do these things shall never be moved.

Second Reading – James 1:17-27

Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. In fulfillment of his own purpose he gave us birth by the word of truth, so that we would become a kind of first fruits of his creatures.

You must understand this, my beloved: let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger; for your anger does not produce God's righteousness. Therefore rid yourselves of all sordidness and rank growth of wickedness, and welcome with meekness the implanted word that has the power to save your souls. But be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves. For if any are hearers of the word and not

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doers, they are like those who look at themselves in a mirror; for they look at themselves and, on going away, immediately forget what they were like. But those who look into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and persevere, being not hearers who forget but doers who act—they will be blessed in their doing. If any think they are religious, and do not bridle their tongues but deceive their hearts, their religion is worthless. Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world.

Word of God, Word of Life.

Thanks be to God!

Gospel Acclamation

ELW, page 151

Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?
You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.

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Gospel – Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

Now when the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around him, they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is, without washing them. (For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they thoroughly wash their hands, thus observing the tradition of the elders; and they do not eat anything from the market unless they wash it; and there are also many other traditions that they observe, the washing of cups, pots, and bronze kettles.) So the Pharisees and the

scribes asked him, *Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?* He said to them, *Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written,*

*“This people honors me with their lips,
but their hearts are far from me;
in vain do they worship me,
teaching human precepts as doctrines.”*

You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition.

Then he called the crowd again and said to them, *Listen to me, all of you, and understand: there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile. For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come: fornication, theft, murder, adultery, avarice, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander, pride, folly. All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person.*

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

The Spirit Gives Life

Pr. Mandsager

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.

Refrain:

**Jesus lives again, earth can breathe again,
 Pass the Word around: loaves abound!**

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:**

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Prayers of the Church

Christian Care Communities, alt.

Take My Life, and Let It Be

L. Daehlin

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HOLY COMMUNION SERVICE



Invitation and Instruction for Communion at Home

Words of Institution

The Lord's Prayer

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Let us pray.

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Our Father, 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 and ever. Amen.

Communion Distribution

Communion Song

Lamb of God

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Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
Have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
Have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
Grant us peace, grant us peace.

Prayer

Oh, grant us then, well-strengthened with heav'nly food while here, our course on earth is lengthened, to serve you free from fear; and bring us home to praise you where none can peace destroy, where we will ever raise you glad songs in endless joy. **Amen.**

Oh, That the Lord Would Guide My Ways

ELW 772

Oh, that the Lord would guide my ways
To keep his statutes still!
Oh, that my God would grant me grace
To know and do his will!

Order my footsteps by your Word
And make my heart sincere;
Let sin have no dominion, Lord,
But keep my conscience clear.

Assist my soul, too apt to stray,
A stricter watch to keep;
And should I e'er forget your way,
Restore your wand'ring sheep.

Make me to walk in your commands,
'Tis a delightful road;
Nor let my head or heart or hands
Offend against my God.

Text: Isaac Watts, alt. **Music:** William H. Havergal

Blessing

Almighty God, who raised our Lord Jesus from death,
lift you up and restore you to wholeness. Jesus Christ,
Word of Life, bless you and send you to be his witness.

God the Holy Spirit, who renews the whole earth,
refresh you and comfort you. **Amen.**

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Dismissal

Go in peace. Live in love, as Christ loved us.
Thanks be to God.

Postlude *Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ* Rhonda R.

**We extend a warm welcome and our gratitude to
Lisa Daehlin and Rhonda Reece
who share their ministry of music with us this morning.**



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