

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

July 12, 2020 10:30 a.m.



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Order of Worship

The Bells of Taizé

Taizé
Music of Unity & Peace

Carry It On

Music Down in My Soul
Midcoast Community Chorus

There's a task that lies before us
We are strong when we're together
There's a word that's needin' saying
Carry it on, carry it on.

Look with pride at where we've come from
And with hope to where we're going
Ev'ry vict'ry brings another
Carry it on, carry it on.

All our mothers sang before us,
All our children sing the chorus
Come on, sisters, lift your voices
Carry it on, carry it on.

For the dream is never ending
You can hear the voices blending
Loud and clear, their echoes sending
Carry it on, carry it on.

Thru the air the song is winging
Down the years, hope keeps springing
No more tears! We're still singing
Carry it on, carry it on.

There's a task that lies before us
We are strong when we're together
There's a word that's needin' saying
Carry it on, carry it on, carry it on, carry it on.

Text: Traditional; **Music:** J. David Moore, arr.; Lead sheet by Sean Fleming.

Greeting

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

Response

And also with you.

Introduction to This Day

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray:

Almighty God, we thank you for planting in us the seed of your word. By your Holy Spirit help us to receive it with joy, live according to it, and grow in faith and hope and love, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**



Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty

ELW 533

Open now thy gates of beauty,
Zion, let me enter there,
Where my soul in joyful duty
Waits for God who answers prayer.
Oh, how blessed is this place,
Filled with solace, light, and grace!

Gracious God, I come before thee;
Come thou also unto me;
Where we find thee and adore thee,
There a heav'n on earth must be.
To my heart, oh, enter thou,
Let it be thy temple now!

Here thy praise is gladly chanted,
Here thy seed is duly sown;
Let my soul, where it is planted,
Bring forth precious sheaves alone,
So that all I hear may be
Fruitful unto life in me.

Thou my faith increase and quicken,
Let me keep thy gift divine;
How so e'er temptations thicken,
May thy word still o'er me shine
As my guiding star through life,
As my comfort in all strife.

Speak O God, and I will hear thee,
Let thy will be done in deed;
May I undisturbed draw near thee
While thou dost thy people feed.
Here of life the fountain flows;
Here is balm for all our woes.

Text: Benjamin Schmolck; tr. Catherine Winkworth, alt.; **Music:** Joachim Neander.

Psalm 65:1-13

Praise is due to you, O God, in Zion; and to you shall vows be performed,

O you who answer prayer! To you all flesh shall come.

When deeds of iniquity overwhelm us, you forgive our transgressions.

Happy are those whom you choose and bring near to live in your courts. We shall be satisfied with the goodness of your house, your holy temple.

By awesome deeds you answer us with deliverance, O God of our salvation; you are the hope of all the ends of the earth and of the farthest seas.

By your strength you established the mountains; you are girded with might.

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You silence the roaring of the seas, the roaring of their waves, the tumult of the peoples.

Those who live at earth's farthest bounds are awed by your signs; you make the gateways of the morning and the evening shout for joy.

You visit the earth and water it, you greatly enrich it; the river of God is full of water; you provide the people with grain, for so you have prepared it.

You water its furrows abundantly, settling its ridges, softening it with showers, and blessing its growth.

You crown the year with your bounty; your wagon tracks overflow with richness.

The pastures of the wilderness overflow, the hills gird themselves with joy,

the meadows clothe themselves with flocks, the valleys deck themselves with grain, they shout and sing together for joy.

Gospel of Matthew 13:1-9; 18-23

That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. And he told them many things in parables, saying: *Listen! A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them*

up. Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away. Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Let anyone with ears listen!

Hear then the parable of the sower. When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; yet such a person has no root, but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty.

Sermon

Pr. Kristine



Almighty God, Your Word Is Cast

LBW 234

Almighty God, your word is cast
Like seed into the ground;
Now let the dew of heav'n descend
And righteous fruits abound.

Let not the sly satanic foe
This holy seed remove,
But give it root in ev'ry heart
To bring forth fruits of love.

Let not the world's deceitful cares
The rising plant destroy,
But let it yield a hundredfold
The fruits of peace and joy.

Oft as the precious seed is sown,
Your quick'ning grace bestow,
That all whose souls the truth receive,
Its saving pow'r may know.

Text: John Cawood, alt.; **Music:** J. Day, Psalter.

Prayers of the Church

Ronan Scully
in *Sacred Ordinary Days:*
Walking in Grace;
adapted by Christiana Adams

My God How Wonderful Thou Art

LBW 524

My God, how wonderful Thou art,
Thy majesty how bright!
How beautiful thy mercy seat
In depths of burning light!

How wonderful, how beautiful
The sight of thee must be—
Thine endless wisdom, boundless pow'r,
And awesome purity!

No earthly father loves like thee;
No mother, e'er so mild,
Bears and forbears as thou hast done,
With me, thy sinful child.

Yet, I may love thee too, O Lord,
Almighty as thou art;
For thou hast stooped to ask of me
The love of my poor heart!

My God, how wonderful thou art,
Thou everlasting friend!
On thee I stay my trusting heart
Till faith in vision end.

Text: Frederick W. Faber; **Music:** Psalter, Edinburgh 1615.

Confession

Blessed be the Holy Trinity, one God,
who calls us beloved children,
who gathers us into one flock,
who guides us into all truth. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sins, trusting that God forgives us and
cleanses us from all unrighteousness.

Faithful and just God,

**We confess that we are captive to doubt and fear,
bound by the ways that lead to death. We have not
loved our sisters and brothers as you have loved us.
Forgive us, God of mercy. May your Holy Spirit work
in us to change us, that we may know your abundant
life in Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. Amen.**

Absolution

In this is love, not that we loved God but that God
loved us and sent Jesus to save us. In the name
of Jesus Christ I announce to you that your sins
are forgiven. Let the perfect love of God cast out fear,
fill you with joy, and inspire you to live for others. **Amen.**





HOLY COMMUNION

Invitation

The bread and wine of God comes down from heaven
and gives life to the world.

Come, eat and live! **Amen.**

Words of Institution

Lord's Prayer

The Meal

As the Grains of Wheat

ELW 465

Refrain:

**As the grains of wheat once scattered on the hill
Were gathered into one to become our bread;
So may all your people from all the ends of earth
Be gathered into one in you.**

As this cup of blessing
Is shared in our midst,
May we share
The presence of your love. **Refrain:**

Let this be a foretaste
Of all that is to come
When all creation
Shares this feast with you. **Refrain:**

Text: Didache, 2nd cent.; Marty Haugen; **Music:** Marty Haugen . Text and music © 1990 GIA Publications, Inc.

Prayer*Anglican Church*

Eternal Father,
we thank you for nourishing us
with these heavenly gifts:
may our communion strengthen us in faith,
build us up in hope,
and make us grow in love;
for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Let All Things Now Living

LBW 557

Let all things now living a song of thanksgiving
 To God the creator triumphantly raise,
 Who fashioned and made us, protected and stayed us,
 Who still guides us on to the end of our days.
 God's banners are o'er us, his light goes before us,
 A pillar of fire shining forth in the night,
 Till shadows have vanished and darkness is banished,
 As forward we travel from light into light.

His law he enforces, the stars in their courses.
 And sun in its orbit obediently shine;
 The hills and the mountains, the rivers and fountains,
 The deeps of the ocean proclaim him divine.
 We too should be voicing our love and rejoicing;
 With glad adoration a song let us raise
 Till all things now living unite in thanksgiving:
 "To God in the highest, hosanna and praise."

Text: Katherine K. Davis; **Music:** Welsh folk tune

Announcements & Thank You

Thank you to our host congregation, All Saints Episcopal Church in Northfield, Minnesota. Thank you also to worship leader, Christiana Adams, and pianist, Rhonda Reece.

Every Friday, our Sunday bulletin is published online, on the NRC website:

<https://northfieldretirement.org/chapel-services>

The NRC Chapel 10:30 a.m. Sunday services will be broadcast on **Channel 102**, until further notice.

Blessing & Dismissal

Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age. **Amen.**

Song of Simeon

Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace,
according to thy word:
For mine eyes have seen thy salvation,
which thou hast prepared before the face of all people;
a light to lighten the Gentiles, and the glory of thy
people Israel.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,
world without end. **Amen.**

Postlude

In the Bulb There Is a Flower

Rhonda Reece



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