

# ***Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost***

**September 6, 2020      10:30 a.m.**



**Baltic Heart ~~ Julia ~~ (A Heart of Amber)**

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# Order of Worship

***The Bells of Taizé***

Taizé  
*Music of Unity & Peace*

***Lord Jesus, You Shall Be My Song***

ELW 808

Lord Jesus, you shall be my song as I journey;  
I'll tell ev'rybody about you wherever I go:  
You alone are our life and our peace and our love.  
Lord Jesus, you shall be my song as I journey.

Lord Jesus, I'll praise you as long as I journey.  
May all of my joy be a faithful reflection of you.  
May the earth and the sea and the sky join my song.  
Lord Jesus, I'll praise you as long as I journey.

As long as I live, Jesus, make me your servant,  
To carry your cross and to share all your burdens and tears.  
For you saved me by giving your body and blood.  
As long as I live, Jesus, make me your servant.

I fear in the dark and the doubt of my journey;  
But courage will come with the sound of your steps by my side.  
And with all of the fam'ly you saved by your love,  
We'll sing to your dawn at the end of your journey.

**Text:** Les Petites Sœurs de Jésus and L'Arche Community; tr. Stephen Somerville; **Music:** Les Petites Sœurs de Jésus and L'Arche Community © 1987 Les Petites Sœurs de Jésus, Tr. © 1970 Stephen Somerville

## **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.**

## Opening Words

### ***Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me***

LBW 333

Lord, take my hand and lead me upon life's way;  
 Direct, protect, and feed me from day to day.  
 Without your grace and favor I go astray;  
 So take my hand, O Savior, and lead the way.

Lord, when the tempest rages, I need not fear;  
 For you, the Rock of Ages, are always near.  
 Close by your side abiding, I fear no foe,  
 For when your hand is guiding, in peace I go.

Lord, when the shadows lengthen and night has come,  
 I know that you will strengthen my steps toward home,  
 Then nothing can impede me, O blessed Friend!  
 So, take my hand and lead me unto the end.

**Text:** Julie von Hausmann; tr. *Lutheran Book of Worship*; **Music:** Friedrich Silcher; Text © 1978 *Lutheran Book of Worship*, admin. Augsburg Fortress.

## Prayer of Confession

God has given us the ministry of reconciliation. Therefore, let us be reconciled to God and to one another.

**Gracious God, have mercy on us. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone. Uphold us by your Spirit so that we may love and serve you, to the honor and glory of your holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## **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.**

## **Psalm 119: 33-40**

Teach me, O Lord, the way of your statutes, and I will observe it to the end.

**Give me understanding, that I may keep your law and observe it with my whole heart.**

Lead me in the path of your commandments, for I delight in it.

**Turn my heart to your decrees, and not to selfish gain.**

Turn my eyes from looking at vanities; give me life in your ways.

**Confirm to your servant your promise, which is for those who fear you.**

Turn away the disgrace that I dread, for your ordinances are good.

**See, I have longed for your precepts; in your righteousness give me life.**

## Gospel of Matthew 18: 15-20

*If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.*

## Prayer of the Day

O Lord God, enliven and preserve your church with your perpetual mercy. Without your help, we mortals will fail; remove far from us everything that is harmful, and lead us toward all that gives life and salvation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

## Sermon

Pr. Kristine



***Oh, That the Lord Would Guide My Ways***

LBW 480

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

**Prayers of the Church**

Nanette Sawyer  
 Fourth Presyterian Church, Chicago, IL

**Offering/Offertory***Be Not Afraid*

*Elijah Oratorio*  
 Felix Mendelssohn

## Offering Prayer

Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things.  
You have set before us these gifts of your good creation.  
Prepare us for your heavenly banquet,  
nourish us with this rich food and drink,  
and send us forth to set tables in the midst of a suffering world,  
through the bread of life, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.  
**Amen.**



## HOLY COMMUNION

### Invitation

Come to the banquet table  
Where Christ gives himself as food and drink.

### Words of Institution

### Lord's Prayer

## The Meal

### *We Plow the Fields and Scatter*

LBW 362

We plow the fields and scatter  
The good seed on the land,  
But it is fed and watered  
By God's almighty hand.  
He sends the snow in winter,  
The warmth to swell the grain,  
The breezes, and the sunshine,  
And soft, refreshing rain.

#### **Refrain:**

**All good gifts around us  
Are sent from heav'n above.  
Then thank the Lord, oh, thank the Lord,  
For all His love.**

He only is the Maker  
Of all things near and far;  
He paints the wayside flower,  
He lights the evening star.  
The winds and waves obey Him;  
By Him the birds are fed.  
Much more to us, His children,  
He gives our daily bread.     **Refrain:**



We thank you, our Creator,  
 For all things bright and good,  
 The seedtime and the harvest,  
 Our life, our health, our food.  
 No gifts have we to offer  
 For all your love imparts,  
 But what you most would treasure—  
 Our humble, thankful hearts.   **Refrain:**

**Text:** Matthias Claudius; tr. Jane M. Campbell, alt.; **Music:** Johann A. P. Schulz

## **Post-Communion Prayer**

O God, the giver of all that is true and lovely and gracious:  
 We give you thanks for binding us together in these holy  
 mysteries of the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ.  
 Grant that by your Holy Spirit we may become one in heart  
 and soul, live in fidelity and peace, and obtain those eternal  
 joys prepared for all who love you; for the sake of Jesus Christ  
 our Lord. **Amen.**

## ***Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee***

LBW 551

Joyful, joyful we adore thee, God of glory, Lord of love!  
 Hearts unfold like flow'rs before thee,  
 Praising thee, their sun above.  
 Melt the clouds of sin and sadness,  
 Drive the gloom of doubt away.  
 Giver of immortal gladness,  
 Fill us with the light of day.

**(Turn page)**

All thy works with joy surround thee,  
Earth and heav'n reflect thy rays,  
Stars and angels sing around thee,  
Center of unbroken praise.  
Field and forest, vale and mountain,  
Flow'ry meadow, flashing sea,  
Chanting bird, and flowing fountain  
Call us to rejoice in thee.

Thou art giving and forgiving,  
Ever blessing, ever blest,  
Well-spring of the joy of living,  
Ocean-depth of happy rest!  
Thou our Father, Christ our brother,  
All who live in love are thine;  
Teach us how to love each other,  
Lift us to the joy divine!

**Text:** Henry van Dyke; **Music:** Ludwig van Beethoven, adapt.

## **Announcements and Thank You**

**Diane Snyder and Tim Nerud  
invite you to share their joy  
by joining with them  
in prayer  
as they are united in Holy Matrimony  
at 3:00 p.m. today.**

**Their wedding service will be broadcast  
next Sunday, September 13, at 10:30 a.m. on  
NRC Channel 102.**

**We extend our deepest gratitude to  
All Saints Episcopal Church  
for their hospitality and assistance  
in bringing worship services to our  
NRC community.**

## **Blessing & Dismissal**

Jesus says, *I am with you always, to the end of the age.*

The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you; the Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.

**Postlude**    *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee*    Rhonda Reece

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The Order of Worship for September 13  
will be published on the NRC website

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