

Worship Leader Edition
Summer of Blessings

August 29, 2021

8:30 AM

GATHERING

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS *{Front Center}* (Rob)

+LITANY – BLESSINGS (Rob)

L: For the marvels of your creation,

C: we praise you, O God.

L: For the opportunity to explore and study,

C: we praise you, O God.

L: For those who guide us, teachers and mentors,

C: we praise you, O God.

L: Teach us your ways and guide us in your path, for you are the creator of all that is, seen and unseen.

C: Amen.

+GATHERING HYMN

“This Is My Father’s World”

ELW #824

Verse 1

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;
He shines in all that’s fair.
In the rustling grass
I hear him pass;
He speaks to me ev’ry-where.

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.

Verse 3
This is my Father’s world;
Oh, let me not forget
That, though the wrong
Seems oft so strong,
God is the ruler yet.

Verse 2

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;
Why should my heart be sad?
The Lord is king,
Let the heaven ring;
God reigns, let the earth be glad!

+PRAYER OF THE DAY *{Front Center}* (Britt Halaas)

L: Source and sustainer of life, we cherish the myriad works of your hands. Water, earth, and sky are yours, as are all their inhabitants, wild and tame. We thank you for creatures that nourish and serve us, befriend, enrich, entertain, and protect us. May we, who are made in your image, care for them well. And may your groaning yet wondrous creation rally and thrive, revealing to all who come after us your wise, redemptive, transfiguring love; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

WORD

FIRST READING *{Lectern}* (Pat Lair)

Job 12:7-10

‘But ask the animals, and they will teach you; the birds of the air, and they will tell you; ask the plants of the earth, and they will teach you; and the fish of the sea will declare to you. Who among all these does not know that the hand of the LORD has done this? In his hand is the life of every living thing and the breath of every human being.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

+THE HOLY GOSPEL *{Pulpit}*

Matthew 6:25-27

‘Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life?’

L: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

SERMON *{Pulpit & Lectern}*

Pastor Rob Norris-Weber

+HYMN OF THE DAY

“God of the Sparrow”

ELW #740

Verses 1, 2 & 6

Verse 1

God of the sparrow God of the whale

God of the swirling stars.

How does the creature say Awe

How does the creature say Praise

How does the creature cry Woe

How does the creature cry Save

Verse 6

God of the ages God near at hand

God of the loving heart

How do your children say Joy

How do your children say Home

Verse 2

God of the earthquake God of the storm

God of the trumpet blast

+THE APOSTLES’ CREED *{Front Center}* *(Britt Halaas)*

C: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s only Son our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

+THE PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION *{Front Center}* *(Britt Halaas)*

L: Gracious Lord of love, we affirm our vital connection with all living creatures. Empower us to seek their welfare, intervening where needed, defending and tending your world with grace, compassion, and dignity.

L: Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

L: Hear our prayers, gracious God, for the sake of Jesus, our good shepherd.

C: Amen.

+THE LORD’S PRAYER *{Front Center}*

C: 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.

TIME OF REFLECTION AND RESPONSE *{Musicians}*

SENDING

SHARING OF THE PEACE *{Front Center}* *(Rob)*

L: The peace of the Lord be with you all.

C: And also with you!

Please share of wave of peace with one another.

+BENEDICTION {*Front Center*} (*Rob*)

L: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine upon you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

C: **Amen.**

+CLOSING HYMN

"How Great Thou Art"

ELW #856

Verse 1

O Lord my God,
When I in awesome wonder
Consider all the works thy hand hath made,
I see the stars,
I hear the mighty thunder,
Thy pow'r throughout
The universe displayed;

Refrain

Then sings my soul,
My Savior God, to thee,
How great thou art!
How great thou art!
Then sings my soul,
My Savior God, to thee,
How great thou art!
How great thou art!

Verse 2

When through the woods
And forest glades I wander,
I hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;
When I look down
From lofty mountain grandeur
And hear the brook
And feel the gentle breeze;

+DISMISSAL {*Front Center*} (*Britt Halaas*)

L: Go in peace. Share the Good News.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

Refrain

Verse 3

But when I think
That God, his Son not sparing,
Sent him to die,
I scarce can take it in,
That on the cross
My burden gladly bearing
He bled and died
To take away my sin;

Refrain

Verse 4

When Christ shall come,
With shout of acclamation,
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!
Then I shall bow
In humble adoration
And there proclaim,
"My God, how great thou art!"

Refrain