

Order of Worship + July 12, 2020
Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

Prelude

“Be Still My Soul”

Welcome and Announcements

Confession and Forgiveness

P: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen**

P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: **Amen**

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Please take a few moments for silent reflection.

P: Most merciful God,

C: **we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. 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. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen**

Announcement of God’s Forgiveness

P: Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister

of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Opening Song

“Lift Every Voice and Sing”

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1 Lift ev - 'ry voice and sing Till earth and heav - en
2 Ston - y the road we trod, Bit - ter the chas - t'ning
3 God of our wea - ry years, God of our si - lent

ring, Ring with the har - mo - nies of lib - er -
rod, Felt in the days when hope un - born had the
tears, Thou who hast brought us thus far on the

ty. Let our re - joic - ing rise High as the lis - t'ning
died; Yet, with a stead - y beat, Have not our wea - ry
way; Thou who hast by thy might Led us in - to the

skies; Let it re - sound loud as the roll - ing sea.
feet Come to the place for which our par - ents sighed?
light: Keep us for - ev - er in the path, we pray.

Salutation

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

C: **And also with you.**

P: Let us pray...

C: **Heavenly Father, scatter the seed of your word in our hearts. Grant that it may be received in joy, sprout and bear the fruits of your mercy as we grow in faith, hope, and love. Then send us into your world to scatter the seeds of your love; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

First Lesson

Isaiah 55:10-13

As the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return to it without watering the earth and making it bud and flourish, so that it yields seed for the sower and bread for the eater, so is my word that goes out from my mouth: It will not return to me empty, but will accomplish what I desire and achieve the purpose for which I sent it.

¹² You will go out in joy and be led forth in peace; the mountains and hills will burst into song before you, and all the trees of the field will clap their hands. ¹³ Instead of the thorn bush will grow the juniper, and instead of briers the myrtle will grow. This will be for the Lord's renown, for an everlasting sign, that will endure forever."

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God**

Psalm 65:1-8

L: Praise awaits you, our God, in Zion; to you our vows will be fulfilled.

C: **You who answer prayer, to you all people will come.**

L: When we were overwhelmed by sins, you forgave our transgressions.

C: Blessed are those you choose and bring near to live in your courts! We are filled with the good things of your house, of your holy temple.

L: You answer us with awesome and righteous deeds, God our Savior, the hope of all the ends of the earth and of the farthest seas,

C: who formed the mountains by your power, having armed yourself with strength,

L: who stilled the roaring of the seas, the roaring of their waves, and the turmoil of the nations.

C: The whole earth is filled with awe at your wonders; where morning dawns, where evening fades, you call forth songs of joy.

Second Lesson

Romans 8:12–17

¹² Therefore, brothers and sisters, we have an obligation—but it is not to the flesh, to live according to it. ¹³ For if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the misdeeds of the body, you will live.

¹⁴ For those who are led by the Spirit of God are the children of God. ¹⁵ The Spirit you received does not make you slaves, so that you live in fear again; rather, the Spirit you received brought about your adoption to sonship. And by him we cry, “*Abba, Father.*” ¹⁶ The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God’s children. ¹⁷ Now if we are children, then we are heirs - heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ, if indeed we share in his sufferings in order that we may also share in his glory.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God

Gospel Announcement

Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

P: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the thirteenth chapter.

C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat by the lake. ² Such large crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat in it, while all the people stood on the shore. ³ Then he told them many things in parables, saying: “A farmer went out to sow his seed. ⁴ As he was scattering the seed, some fell along the path, and the birds came and ate it up. ⁵ Some fell on rocky places, where it did not have much soil. It sprang up quickly, because the soil was shallow. ⁶ But when the sun came up, the plants were scorched, and they withered because they had no root. ⁷ Other seed fell among thorns, which grew up and choked the plants. ⁸ Still other seed fell on good soil, where it produced a crop—a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was sown. ⁹ Whoever has ears, let them hear.”

¹⁸ “Listen then to what the parable of the sower means: ¹⁹ When anyone hears the message about the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what was sown in their heart. This is the seed sown along the path. ²⁰ The seed falling on rocky ground refers to someone who hears the word and at once receives it with joy. ²¹ But since they have no root, they last only a short time. When trouble or persecution comes because of the word, they quickly fall away. ²² The seed falling among the thorns refers to someone who hears the word, but the worries of this life and the deceitfulness of wealth choke the word, making it unfruitful. ²³ But the seed falling on good soil refers to someone who hears the word and understands it. This is the one who produces a crop, yielding a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was sown.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Children’s Sermon

Mary Baumgartner

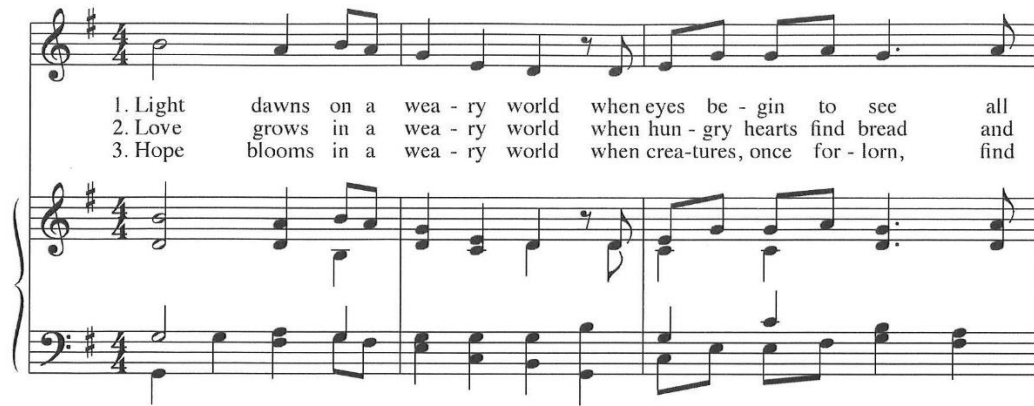
Sermon

Pastor Ken Nelson

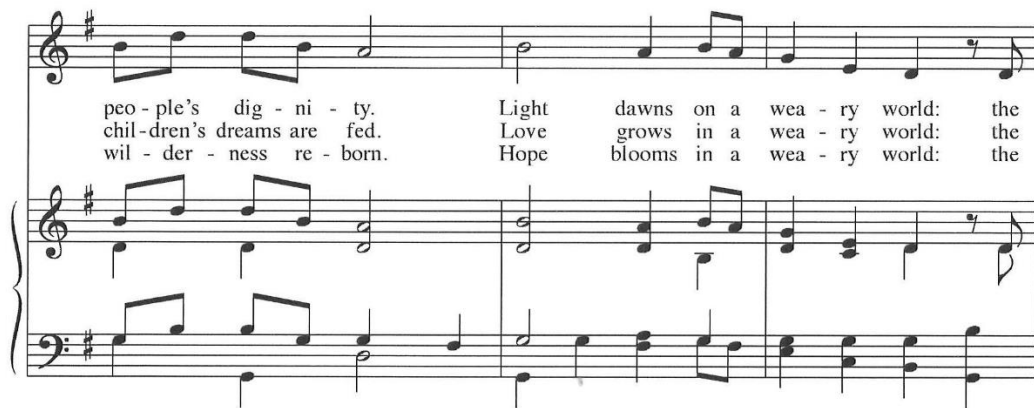
Sermon Song

“Light Dawns on a Weary World”

Light Dawns on a Weary World



1. Light dawns on a wea - ry world when eyes be - gin to see all
2. Love grows in a wea - ry world when hun - gry hearts find bread and
3. Hope blooms in a wea - ry world when crea - tures, once for - lorn, find



peo - ple's dig - ni - ty. Light dawns on a wea - ry world: the
chil - dren's dreams are fed. Love grows in a wea - ry world: the
wil - der - ness re - born. Hope blooms in a wea - ry world: the



prom - ised day of jus - tice comes. The trees shall clap their hands; the dry lands,
prom - ised feast of plen - ty comes.
prom - ised green of E - den comes.

gush with springs; the hills and moun-tains shall break forth with
sing - ing! We shall go out in joy, and be led
forth in peace, as all the world in won-der echo-es sha - lom.

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Apostles Creed

- A: Let us profess the faith of the Church with the words of the Apostles' Creed:
- C: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again 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.

Prayers of the Church

A: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs...

A: God of creation, we give you thanks for the rich bounty you daily provide for us. Thank you for rainfall, for sprouting seeds and budding flowers. May these be a sign to us that, just as you send rain to water the earth, so you send your Word to us that we may grow into a holy people who glorify your name.

A: Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

A: Heavenly Father, we pray for the peace of the whole world, that a spirit of respect and forbearance will grow among nations and peoples. And for people in positions of public trust, including our President, Governor, and Mayor, that they will serve justice and promote the dignity and freedom of all.

A: Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

A: We pray for all servants in your church, especially for our bishop Dan and for all clergy and teachers. Give them wisdom and clothe them in Christ's humility. May their ministry bear a rich harvest and may many more souls be brought into the kingdom of heaven.

A: Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

A: We give you thanks for joining Dinesh and Stacie in holy matrimony. Bless their union with your presence, fill them with joy and gladness

and may they overflow toward one another with the fruits of your Spirit.

A: Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

A: Gracious Father, you have promised to be with us always. Abide with us all, young and old, that we may continue to bear witness to your marvelous forgiveness and overflowing love. We give you thanks for the elderly in our congregation who have sought to faithfully pass on the faith; uphold them with strength and dignity. We pray for the young, especially for Elijah Huettl, as he receives the sacrament of holy baptism. May Elijah be surrounded by a family of faith who will help him grow as your precious and beloved child.

A: Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

The prayers conclude

P: Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen

Peace of Christ

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: And also with you.

Lord's Prayer

P: Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

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.**

Benediction

P The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor + and give you peace.

C **Amen**

O Blessed Spring

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1 O bless-ed spring, where Word and sign em-brace us
 2 Through sum-mer heat of youth-ful years, un-cer-tain
 3 When au-tumn cools and youth is cold, when limbs their
 4 As win-ter comes, as win-ters must, we breathe our
 5 Christ, ho-ly Vine, Christ, liv-ing Tree, be praised for

in-to Christ the Vine: here Christ en-joins each one to
 faith, re-bel-lious tears, sus-tained by Christ's in-fus-ing
 heav-y har-vest hold, then through us, warm, the Christ will
 last, re-turn to dust; still held in Christ, our souls take
 this blest mys-ter-y: that Word and wa-ter thus re-

be a branch of this life-giv-ing Tree.
 rain, the boughs will shout for joy a-gain.
 move with gifts of beau-ty, wis-dom, love.
 wing and trust the prom-ise of the spring.
 vive and join us to your Tree of Life.

Dismissal

- A: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.
- C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

“A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”

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Children's Sermon: Mary Baumgartner

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