



TO BE HIS LIGHT THAT TRANSFORMS LIVES

Third Sunday after Pentecost
June 13, 2021

Welcome

Prelude

“This is My Father’s World” (arr. by Jeff Nelson)

(Dobin Park – Piano)

Introit

Tower Bell

Responsive Call to Worship

ONE: Praise be to you, God of life, for the shoot that breaks
through the earth,

**ALL: that strains toward the sun, that blossoms and makes
of its fruit an offering to the world.**

ONE: Praise be to you, God of life, for the seed that dies, and is
resurrected into a tree;

**ALL: for the tree whose longevity whispers a parable of
eternity.**

ONE: Praise be to you, God of life, for your presence and
purpose,

**ALL: that infuses all of creation, and calls us to follow,
to embrace life, to share life, and to offer the fruit of our
lives as worship to you.**

ONE: Bless our time together!

**ALL: And bless our work together, in the name of the Living
Christ!**

Responsive Prayer of Confession

ONE: Gracious God, I’m not really sure I want to admit it, but I am a
person with gifts. Oh, I’m not one of those super-talented, can-
do-it-all, people, but there are things I’m good at, things that might
even be useful to You and others.

ALL: But, here's the problem – if I admit it, then I have to do something; then there are no more excuses; no more comfortable inadequacies to hide behind. If I acknowledge the abilities and strengths You have placed in me I'm going to have to actually use them; I'm going to have to serve, and be accountable, and maybe even make commitments...and stick to them.

ONE: But, if I pretend that I'm not gifted at all, I lose something of myself,

ALL: I allow myself to be less than I really am, to experience less, to learn less, to be less alive. So, thank you, God, for making all of us gifted persons! And thank you that my gifts can make a difference, can, in some small way, help to make Your dream for my world a reality.

Words Of Assurance

ONE: Gracious, Loving God: we know that when we become disconnected from you, our lives become parched and unfruitful and our faith becomes stunted and dry. Bless and renew our lives, we pray!

ALL: We desire to remain connected to you at all times and in all places, strengthening our faith to expand, to keep growing stronger and more vigorous in bearing the fruit of your mercy, your love, your undying life. Amen.

***Gloria Patri**

(Creatorex)

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

Old Testament Lesson

Psalm 92:12-15

¹² The righteous flourish like the palm tree,
and grow like a cedar in Lebanon.
¹³ They are planted in the house of the LORD;
they flourish in the courts of our God.
¹⁴ In old age they still produce fruit;
they are always green and full of sap,
¹⁵ showing that the LORD is upright;
he is my rock, and there is no unrighteousness in him.

Anthem

“Ancient Words”

(Craig Courtney)

*Ancient words, ever true, ancient words, ever true.
Ancient words, long preserved, for our walk in this world,
they resound with God’s own heart. O let the ancient words impart.
Words of life, words of hope give us strength, help us cope,
in this world where-e’er we roam, ancient words will guide us home.*

*Ancient words, ever true, changing me and changing you,
we have come with open hearts. O let the ancient words impart.*

*Holy words of our faith handed down to this age, came to us through sacrifice.
O heed the faithful words of Christ.*

*Holy words long preserved for our walk in this world,
they resound with God’s own heart. O let the ancient words impart.*

*Ancient words, ever true, changing me and changing you,
we have come with open hearts. O let the ancient words impart.*

Old Testament Lesson

1 Samuel 15:34-16:13

³⁴ Then Samuel went to Ramah; and Saul went up to his house in Gibeah of Saul. ³⁵ Samuel did not see Saul again until the day of his death, but Samuel grieved over Saul. And the LORD was sorry that he had made Saul king over Israel.

16 The LORD said to Samuel, "How long will you grieve over Saul? I have rejected him from being king over Israel. Fill your horn with oil and set out; I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons." ² Samuel said, "How can I go? If Saul hears of it, he will kill me." And the LORD said, "Take a heifer with you, and say, 'I have come to sacrifice to the LORD.' ³ Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do; and you shall anoint for me the one whom I name to you." ⁴ Samuel did what the LORD commanded, and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling, and said, "Do you come peaceably?" ⁵ He said, "Peaceably; I have come to sacrifice to the LORD; sanctify yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice." And he sanctified Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice.

⁶ When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, "Surely the LORD's anointed is now before the LORD."^[a] ⁷ But the LORD said to Samuel, "Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for the LORD does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the LORD looks on the heart." ⁸ Then Jesse called Abinadab, and made him pass before Samuel. He said, "Neither has the LORD chosen this one." ⁹ Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, "Neither has the LORD chosen this one." ¹⁰ Jesse

made seven of his sons pass before Samuel, and Samuel said to Jesse, "The LORD has not chosen any of these." ¹¹ Samuel said to Jesse, "Are all your sons here?" And he said, "There remains yet the youngest, but he is keeping the sheep." And Samuel said to Jesse, "Send and bring him; for we will not sit down until he comes here." ¹² He sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, and had beautiful eyes, and was handsome. The LORD said, "Rise and anoint him; for this is the one." ¹³ Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the presence of his brothers; and the spirit of the LORD came mightily upon David from that day forward. Samuel then set out and went to Ramah.

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer:

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.

Offertory Invitation

These summer days, Earth produces of herself, first the stalk, then the ear, then the full grain. We celebrate the abundance of our loving God, and offer up a part of that abundance in thanksgiving!

Offertory

“Look at the World”

(John Rutter)

Look at the world, everything all around us;
Look at the world, and marvel every day.
Look at the world: so many joys and wonders,
So many miracles along our way.

*Praise to thee, O Lord, for all creation,
Give us thankful hearts, that we may see:
All the gifts we share, and every blessing,
All things come of thee.*

Look at the earth bringing forth fruit and flower;
Look at the sky, the sunshine and the rain;
Look at the hills, look at the trees and mountains,
Valley and flowing river, field and plain;

Think of the spring, think of the warmth of summer
Bringing the harvest before the winter's cold.
Everything grows, everything has a season,
Till it is gathered to the Father's fold:

Every good gift, all that we need and cherish
Comes from the Lord in token of his love;
We are his hands, stewards of all his bounty;
His is the earth, and his the heavens above.

Gospel Lesson

Mark 4:26-34

²⁶ He also said, “The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground, ²⁷ and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. ²⁸ The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. ²⁹ But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come.”

³⁰ He also said, “With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? ³¹ It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; ³² yet when it is

589 O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee

1 O Mas-ter, let me walk with thee in low - ly paths of ser - vice free;
2 Help me the slow of heart to move by some clear, win-ning word of love;
3 Teach me thy pa-tience—still with thee in clos - er, dear - er com - pa - ny,
4 In hope that sends a shin - ing ray far down the fu-ture's broad-ening way,

tell me thy se - cret: help me bear the strain of toil, the fret of care.
teach me the way-ward feet to stay, and guide them in the home-ward way.
in work that keeps faith sweet and strong, in trust that tri-umphs o - ver wrong;
in peace that on - ly thou canst give, with thee, O Mas-ter, let me live.

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