



TO BE HIS LIGHT THAT TRANSFORMS LIVES

*Fourteenth Sunday After  
Pentecost  
September 11, 2022*



For the nations of the world, that they may live in peace with one another and promote justice for all. God our strength:

**Change us by your grace.**

For all people, that we may be good stewards of the earth. God our strength:

**Change us by your grace.**

For the people of our society, that we may be transformed to live as caring neighbors to each other. God our strength:

**Change us by your grace.**

For the sick and suffering, that they may be transformed by your healing presence. God our strength:

**Change us by your grace.**

For all families and households, that their struggles and joys may find their fulfillment in your love. God our strength:

**Change us by your grace.**

For the dying, that they may be comforted by your presence. God our strength:

**Change us by your grace.**

For THIS church, THESE people, our community, our nation:

**Lord, stand in our midst and grant us unity and peace. Amen.**

**\*Invocation**

**\*Gloria Patri**

*(Greater)*

**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.**

## **Scripture Lesson: Psalm 14 [NRSV]**

Fools say in their hearts, "There is no God." They are corrupt, they do abominable deeds; there is no one who does good.

The LORD looks down from heaven on humankind to see if there are any who are wise, who seek after God. They have all gone astray, they are all alike perverse; there is no one who does good, no, not one. Have they no knowledge, all the evildoers who eat up my people as they eat bread, and do not call upon the LORD?

There they shall be in great terror, for God is with the company of the righteous. You would confound the plans of the poor, but the LORD is their refuge.

O that deliverance for Israel would come from Zion! When the LORD restores the fortunes of his people, Jacob will rejoice; Israel will be glad.

## **Gathering Together in Prayer**

### **Prayer Concerns – Silent Prayer – 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, for ever and ever. Amen.**

#### **Offertory Invitation**

As we prepare to share from our lives, we recall: "How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help?" (1 John 3:17)

## Offertory

### *Then Sings My Soul (How Great Thou Art)* *Arr. By Mary McDonald*

Oh Lord, my God, when I in awesome wonder  
Consider all the worlds Thy hands have made.  
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder  
Thy power throughout the universe displayed.

When through the woods, and forest glades I wander  
And 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.

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.

And 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.

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"

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.

## **Scripture Lesson: Luke 15:1-32 [NRSV]**

Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to him. And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, "This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them." So he told them this parable: "Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it? When he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices. And when he comes home, he calls



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# 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,

The first system of music consists of a treble and bass staff. The treble staff has a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 3/4 time signature. The bass staff has a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#) and a 3/4 time signature. The lyrics are placed between the two staves.

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.

The second system of music continues the melody and accompaniment from the first system. It also features a treble and bass staff with the same key signature and time signature. The lyrics are placed between the two staves.

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