SUNDAY, OCTOBER 12 - 18TH PENTECOST

Prelude - "Trumpet Voluntary in G" (Patricia Lou Harris)

Welcome | Call to Worship

Pastor: O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good,

Congregation: ... his steadfast love endures forever. (Psalm 136:1)

Resurrection Choir - "Speak to Me, My Lord" (Roger Emerson; dir. Kent Keating)

Brief Order of Confession

Pastor: My friends, in Jesus Christ we have a Lord who knows us and understands the challenges we face. Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find the strength we need to move forward in faith. (Hebrews 4)

....silence for reflection...

Congregation: Most merciful God, we confess that we often dismiss the faith that lives within us and wander away from the truth. We are quick to use the gifts of creation without care or concern for those yet to come. We often ignore the struggles, loneliness and vulnerability of others in favor of our own wants and desires. For the sake of 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.

Pastor: God who is rich in mercy has revealed his love for us in Jesus Christ. We no longer stand separated from God, but in Christ we receive forgiveness and by the Holy Spirit we are strengthened by his presence. Your sins are forgiven in the name of Jesus.

Congregation: Thanks be to God! | ALL: Amen

Gathering Song - "Earth and All Stars" (ELW #731, v. 1, 4, 5)

Greeting

Pastor: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you always.

Congregation: And also with you.

Hymn of Praise - "O Christ, Our Hope" (ELW #604, v. 1, 5)

Prayer of the Day

Pastor: Almighty and most merciful God, your bountiful goodness fills all creation. Keep us safe from all that may hurt us, that, whole and well in body and spirit, we may with grateful hearts accomplish all that you would have us do, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Congregation: Amen

Children's Message

First Reading - Psalm 8:3-5; Psalm 19:1-4: Hebrews 1:1-4

Gospel Acclamation - "Christ, Be Our Light" (ELW #715, refrain only)

Gospel - John 1:1-18

Message - Dr. Grace Wolf-Chase

Hymn of the Day - "Lord of Light" (ELW #688; alt. tune ELW #631)

Apostles' Creed | Prayers of the People

Pastor: Lord in your mercy... Congregation: Hear our prayer.

Sharing the Peace | Thanksgiving for Offerings

Holy Communion | Words of Institution | Lord's Prayer

All: 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

Communion Blessing

Pastor: Now may the body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, strengthen you now and for life everlasting.

Congregation: Amen

Canticle - "How Firm a Foundation" (ELW #796 vs. 1-2)

Announcements | Benediction

Sending Song - "God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens" (ELW #771)

Dismissal

Pastor: "Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, 'Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?' Congregation: And I said, 'Here am I; send me!'"

Postlude - "Postlude on 'O Zion, Haste" (Matthew McConnell, arr. James Walch)

THANKS TO THOSE SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY!

Worship Team: Pastor Jeff Frohner, Pastor Nate Montover Cantor: Julie Jensen | Organ & Piano: Tracy Qian Greeters: Jim & Linda Cornally, Marv & Diane Peters | Ushers: Daryl Lang, Dennis Lang **Tech Team:** Wes, Kara, Erik Lovseth | **Nursery:** Melody Eiben Café Hosts: Mary Jo & Roger Carlson | Donut Runner: Zach Thompson

Counters: Curt Duwe, Greg Meier

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Gathering Song "EARTH AND ALL STARS!"

Earth and all stars! Loud rushing planets!
Sing to the Lord a new song!
Hail, wind, and rain! Loud blowing snowstorm!
Sing to the Lord a new song!

chorus:

God has done marvelous things. I too sing praises with a new song!

Classrooms and labs! Loud boiling test tubes!
Sing to the Lord a new song!
Athlete and band! Loud cheering people!
Sing to the Lord a new song!

~ chorus ~

Knowledge and truth! Lord sounding wisdom!
Sing to the Lord a new song!
Daughter and son! Loud praying members!
Sing to the Lord a new song!

~ chorus ~

Hymn of Praise "O CHRIST, OUR HOPE"

O Christ, our hope, our hearts' desire creation's mighty Lord, redeemer of the fallen world, by holy love outpoured, by holy love outpoured:

All praise to you, ascended Lord; all glory ever be to Father, Son, and Spirit blest through all eternity, through all eternity!

Gospel Acclamation "CHRIST, BE OUR LIGHT"

Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts.
Shine through the darkness.
Christ, be our light!
Shine in your church gathered today.

Hymn of the Day "LORD OF LIGHT"

Lord of Light, your name outshining all the stars and suns of space, use our talents in your kingdom as the servants of your grace; use us to fulfill your purpose in the gift of Christ your Son.

chorus:

Father, as in highest heaven, so on earth your will be done.

By the toil of faithful workers in some far outlying field, by the courage where the radiance of the cross is still revealed, by the victories of meekness, through reproach and suff'ring won:

~ chorus ~

Grant that knowledge, still increasing, at your feet may lowly kneel; with your grace our triumphs hallow, with your charity our zeal; lift the nations from the shadows to the gladness of the sun:

~ chorus ~

By the prayers of faithful watchers, never silent day or night; by the cross of Jesus, bringing peace to all and healing light; by the love that passes knowledge, making all your children one:

~ chorus ~

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Canticle "How Firm a Foundation"

How firm a foundation, O saints of the Lord, is laid for your faith in Christ Jesus, the Word! What more can he say than to you he has said who unto the Savior for refuge have fled?

"Fear not, I am with you, oh, be not dismayed, for I am your God and will still give you aid;
I'll strengthen you, help you,
and cause you to stand,
upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand."

Sending Song "GOD, WHO STRETCHED THE SPANGLED HEAVENS"

God, who stretched the spangled heavens infinite in time and place, flung the suns in burning radiance through the silent fields of space: we, your children, in your likeness, share inventive pow'rs with you; great Creator, still creating, show us what we yet may do.

We have ventured worlds undreamed of since the childhood of our race; known the ecstasy of winging through untraveled realms of space; probed the secrets of the atom, yielding unimagined pow'r, facing us with life's destruction or our most triumphant hour.

As each far horizon beckons,
may it challenge us anew:
children of creative purpose,
serving others, hon'ring you.
May our dreams prove rich with promise;
each endeavor well begun;
great Creator, give us guidance
'til our goals and yours are one.