

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

July 11, 2021

10 am

Prelude

Canticle

Jeanne Klusewitz

~Cesar Franck

Welcome

Call to Worship

All creation reveals the glory of God:

**the star-spangled heavens and rushing rivers,
the snow-capped peaks and delicate flowers.**

Every detail bears witness to God's power and goodness.

We, too, have been called to reveal God's glory:

Jesus calls us the salt of the earth and the light of the world.

Siblings in Christ, come, let us worship and give glory to God Almighty!

Opening Hymn

I Sing the Almighty Power of God

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Verse 1

I sing the almighty power of God, that made the mountains rise

That spread the flowing seas abroad and built the lofty skies

I sing the wisdom that ordained the sun to rule the day

The moon shines full at God's command, and all the stars obey

Verse 2

I sing the goodness of the Lord, who filled the earth with food

Who formed the creatures thru the Word, and then pronounced them good

Lord, how thy wonders are displayed, where'er I turn my eye

If I survey the ground I tread, or gaze upon the sky

Verse 3

There's not a plant or flower below, but makes thy glories known

And clouds arise, and tempests blow, by order from thy throne

While all that borrows life from thee is ever in thy care

And everywhere that we can be, thou, God, art present there

Opening Prayer (*unison*)

We praise You, almighty God, for the power You have shown in creating the world. We thank You, too, for Your love in redeeming us from sin and creating us anew in Christ Jesus. In Christ, You have called us into a new community - to live in love with one

another as citizens of Your Kingdom. Grant us strength to honor You both in worship and in witness, so that Your Kingdom might continue to come on earth. We ask this in the name of Jesus, our Lord. Amen.

A Message for Young Disciples

Linda Morrison

Proclamation and Response

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Gospel Reading

Matthew 5:13-16; 6:1-8

The Scripture reading is from the Gospel of Matthew, chapter 5, beginning in verse 13, then continuing in chapter 6, verse 1:

¹³ "You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled under foot.

¹⁴ "You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. ¹⁵ No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. ¹⁶ In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

6 "Beware of practicing your piety before others in order to be seen by them; for then you have no reward from your Father in heaven.

² "So whenever you give alms, do not sound a trumpet before you, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, so that they may be praised by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. ³ But when you give alms, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, ⁴ so that your alms may be done in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

⁵ "And whenever you pray, do not be like the hypocrites; for they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and at the street corners, so that they may be seen by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. ⁶ But whenever you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

⁷ "When you are praying, do not heap up empty phrases as the Gentiles do; for they think that they will be heard because of their many words. ⁸ Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask him.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

Message

Jesus' Greatest Hits: Practicing Piety

Pastor Jen Eschliman

Holy Baptism

Mykai Michael Burton

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Response

Child of Blessing, Child of Promise

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Verse 1

Child of blessing, child of promise, baptized with the Spirit's sign
With this water God has sealed you unto love and grace divine

Verse 2

Child of love, our love's expression, love's creation, loved indeed!
Fresh from God, refresh our spirits, into joy and laughter lead

Verse 3

Child of joy, our dearest treasure, God's you are, from God you came
Back to God we humbly give you; live as one who bears Christ's name

Verse 4

Child of God your loving Parent, learn to know whose child you are
Grow to laugh and sing and worship, trust and love God more than all

Prayers of the People

Joys & Concerns

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. Amen.

Offering Ourselves and Our Gifts to God

Offertory

Offertory Prayer

Closing Song

I Saw the Light with This Little Light of Mine

Northside Chapel

Hank Williams Sr. | Traditional

Praise Band

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Verse 1

I wandered so aimless life filled with sin

I wouldn't let my dear Savior in
Then Jesus came like a stranger in the night
Praise the Lord I saw the light

Chorus

I saw the light I saw the light
No more in darkness no more in night
Now I'm so happy no sorrow in sight
Praise the Lord I saw the light

Verse 2

Just like a blind man I wandered along
Worries and fears I claimed for my own
Then like the blind man that God gave back his sight
Praise the Lord I saw the light

Chorus

Verse 3

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine (x3)
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine

Everywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine (x3)
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine

All through the night, I'm gonna let it shine (x3)
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine

Verse 4

I was a fool to wander and stray
Straight is the gate and narrow the way
Now I have traded the wrong for the right
Praise the Lord I saw the light

Chorus

Sending Forth

Announcements

Benediction

Postlude

Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ
~ John Behnke

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