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SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST July 12, 2020

* Those who are able, please stand. Congregation responds in bold.

WE APPROACH GOD

WELCOME Ruth Chadwick Moore

PRELUDE Simple Gifts arr. Mary Hayes
(born 1958)
Krista Wright, Flute

*CALL TO WORSHIP

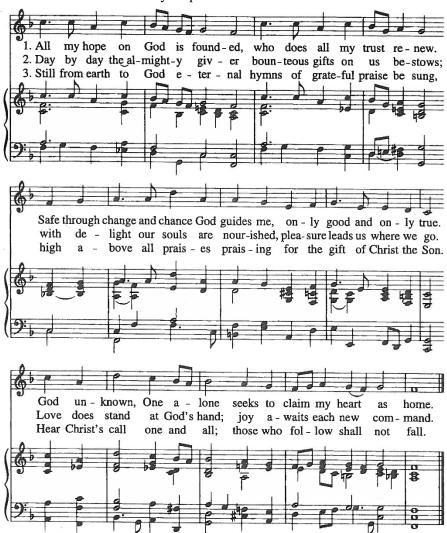
John Wright

Come, worship God, who is worthy of honor.

We enter God's presence with thanks and a song!
You are the rock of your people's salvation —
to You our jubilant praises belong.

We are your people, the sheep of your pasture.
You are our Maker and to you we pray.
Gladly we come in obedience before You.

Great is the One whom we worship this day!
Let us worship God!



*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, in your gracious presence we confess our sin and the sin of this world.

Although Christ is among us as our peace,

we are a people divided against ourselves

as we cling to the values of a broken world.

The profit and pleasures we pursue lay waste the land and pollute the seas.

The fears and jealousies that we harbor set neighbor against neighbor and nation against nation.

We abuse your good gifts of imagination and freedom, of intellect and reason, and have turned them into bonds of oppression.

Lord, have mercy upon us; heal and forgive us.

Set us free to serve you in the world

as agents of your reconciling love in Jesus Christ.

*SILENT CONFESSION

*ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

Sisters and brothers – all of us together have received God's mercy in Christ.

In Christ we are forgiven, freed, and made to be a community united in faith.

Praise God for new beginnings.





*SHARING THE PEACE (Worshippers may greet one another with words of Christ's peace.)

The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

come

and help

And also with you.

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD PROCLAIMED

CHILDREN'S TIME

The Higgins Family

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

PSALM 62

Hal Hopson (born 1933)

Krista Wright, Cantor

you



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in

EPISTLE READING

Ephesians 2: 11-22

(please sing in English)



MEDITATION Dr. Bill Dynes

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Made in God's image to live in loving communion with our Maker, we are appointed earthkeepers and caretakers to tend the earth, enjoy it, and love our neighbors.

God uses our skills for the unfolding and well-being of his world so that creation and all who live in it may flourish.

Together, male and female, single and married, young and old— every hue and variety of humanity— we are called to represent God, for the Lord God made us all. Life is God's gift to us, and we are called to foster the well-being of all the living, protecting from harm the unborn and the weak, the poor and the vulnerable.

Even now, as history unfolds in ways we know only in part, we are assured that God is with us in our world, holding all things in tender embrace and bending them to his purpose. The confidence that the Lord is faithful gives meaning to our days and hope to our years.

The future is secure, for our world belongs to God.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

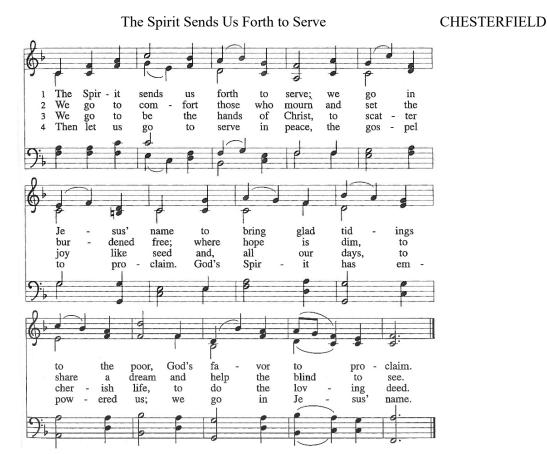
THE LORD'S PRAYER

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors. 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

WE ARE SENT INTO THE WORLD

*HYMN



* BLESSING AND CHARGE

Go now into the world.

Lift every voice and sing!

We go, singing a song full of faith!

We go, singing a song full of hope!

Go now into the world.

Let all rejoice who have voices to raise!

May God give us faith to sing always:

Alleluia! Alleluia!

RESPONSE

I've Just Seen the Rock of Ages

Ralph Stanley (1927-2016) John and Krista Wright



IN WORSHIP

Today's Affirmation of Faith, from "Our World Belongs to God," second edition, was approved by Synod 2008 of the Christian Reformed Church in North America. The first edition was adopted by Synod 1986. The affirmation presents a hymn-like expression of our faith within the heritage of the Reformed confessions, especially addressing issues that confront the church today.

This morning's flute solo, "Lyric Andante," was originally composed for String Orchestra by German composer, organist, pianist, teacher, and conductor, Max Reger (1873-1916). Although Reger is known primarily for his organ works, he wrote in almost every genre, including orchestral works, chamber music, and songs. In 1907-1908 he served as music director for the University of Leipzig. In 1907 he became professor of composition at the Leipzig Conservatory until his death. Among his students there were Joseph Haas and George Szell. From 1911 he conducted the court orchestra at Meiningen until it was disbanded in 1914. Although Reger was a very prolific composer, few of his compositions are well known today.

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