



## Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

### July 4, 2021

\* *Please stand if you are able*

Prelude: "For the Beauty of the Earth"

arr: Alexander and Stevens

### Gathering

WELCOME & LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

Acolyte: May the Holy Spirit unite us in worship, point us toward Jesus Christ, and inspire us to love mercy, do justice, and walk humbly with God. Come, let us worship God.

\* CALL TO WORSHIP

Liturgist: We sing to the Lord a new song; we sing in our world a sure hope:

**All:** **Our God loves this world, God called it into being, God renews it through Jesus Christ, God governs it by the Spirit.**

Liturgist: God is the world's true hope.

*Our Song of Hope – Prelude*

**All Singing: 575 "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"**  
*Singing verses 1, 2, and 4*

GOD'S GREETING

GOD'S PEOPLE GREETING ONE ANOTHER

**All Singing: 26 "He's Got the Whole World in His Hands"**  
*Singing verses 1, 2, 4, 5, and 6*

*Children ages 4–7 may come forward for a blessing before they leave for "Children in Worship."*

## CHILDREN'S BLESSING

Children: The peace of Christ be with you.

**All:** **And also, with you.**

## Reconciliation

Liturgist: We know Christ to be our only hope.

**All:** **We have enmeshed our world in a realm of sin, rebelled against God, accepted inhuman oppression of humanity, and even crucified God's son.**

Liturgist: God's world has been trapped by our fall, governments entangled by human pride, and nature polluted by human greed.

*Our Song of Hope – Stanza 2*

### *Silent Confession and Lament*

**All Singing: 639 "Lord Have Mercy"**

Liturgist: Our only hope is Jesus Christ. After he refused to live in the image of God, he was born of the virgin Mary, sharing our genes and instincts, entering our culture, speaking our language, fulfilling the law of our God.

**All:** **Being united to Christ's humanity, we know ourselves when we rest in him.**

Liturgist: Jesus Christ is the hope of God's world. In his death, the justice of God is established; forgiveness of sins is proclaimed.

**All:** **On the day of resurrection, the tomb was empty; his disciples saw him; death was defeated; new life had come.**

Liturgist: God's purpose for the world was sealed.

*Our Song of Hope – Stanzas 3, 4*

Soloist: "Your Peace Will Make Us One"

Audrey Assad

*Congregation joining on last refrain*

Mine eyes have seen the glory of the coming of the Lord  
You are speaking truth to power, you are laying down our swords  
Replanting every vineyard 'til a brand new wine is poured  
Your peace will make us one

I've seen you in our home fires burning with a quiet light  
You are mothering and feeding in the wee hours of the night  
Your gentle love is patient, you will never fade or tire  
Your peace will make us one

Glory! Glory! Hallelujah!  
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Glory! Glory! Hallelujah!  
Your peace will make us one

In the beauty of the lilies, you were born across the sea  
With a glory in your bosom that is still transfiguring  
Dismantling our empires 'til each one of us is free  
Your peace will make us one

**Glory! Glory! Hallelujah!**  
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**Glory! Glory! Hallelujah!**  
**Your peace will make us one**

Liturgist: As citizens we acknowledge the Spirit's work in human government for the welfare of the people, for justice among the poor, for mercy towards the prisoner, and against inhuman oppression of humanity.

**All: We must obey God above all rulers, waiting upon the Spirit, filled with the patience of Christ.**

Liturgist: We hear the Spirit's call to love one another, opposing discrimination of race or sex, inviting us to accept one another, and to share at every level in work and play, in church and state, in marriage and family, and so fulfill the love of Christ.  
*Our Song of Hope – Stanzas 10, 12*

## Proclamation

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

\* **All Singing: 859 "Be Thou My Vision"**  
*Singing verse 3 in unison*

Scripture: Mark 6:1-13

Minister: The Word of the Lord.  
**All: Thanks be to God.**

Sermon: "Traveling Lite"

\* **All Singing: 423 "Give Me Jesus"**

## Dedication

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

## Sending

BENEDICTION

Minister: God will renew the world through Jesus, who will put all unrighteousness out, purify the work of human hands, and perfect their fellowship in divine love.

**All: Christ will wipe away every tear; death shall be no more. There will be a new heaven and a new earth, and all creation will be filled with God's glory.**

Minister: Come, Lord Jesus: We are open to your Spirit. We await your full presence. Our world finds rest in you alone.

*Our Song of Hope – Stanza 20 and Prayer*

\* **All Singing: 833 "There is a Redeemer"**

Postlude: "Postlude in C Major"

J. Rinck

**Worship Leaders**

Prelude Pianist: Charlotte Lydon  
Pianist / Vocalist: Erin Pacheco  
Organist: Lynn Hollender  
Vocalists: Lisa Dykstra  
Karis Dykstra  
Moriah Dykstra  
Minister: Roger Nelson

Acolyte: Gloria Pacheco  
Liturgist: Jackie Archer  
Prayer: Arlo Compaan

*Worship Note: Our liturgy is shaped this morning by “Our Song of Hope.” This contemporary statement of faith was approved by the General Synod of the Reformed Church in America in 1978. While not having confessional status, it is meant to give a hymn-like expression of faith within the heritage of the three Reformed confessions, especially addressing the issues that confront the church today*

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