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8th Sunday after Pentecost



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**In cooperation with Chapel by the Sea Presbyterian Church  
and former Beach United Methodist Church**

*Throughout the service  
the congregation reads aloud the bold print*

## **Prelude/Gathering Music**

## **Welcome and Announcements**

## **Confession and Forgiveness**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,  
whose compassion endures forever.

**Amen.**

Let us confess our sin to God.

Compassionate God,

**we confess to you all our sins.**

**Our burden is heavy, and we cannot free ourselves.**

**In your mercy, call us back to you.**

**Your yoke is easy and your burden is light.**

**Restore us to dwell in your peace.**

**In Christ's name we pray,**

**Amen.**

Jesus says, "Come to me,  
all you who are weary  
and are carrying heavy burdens,  
and I will give you rest."

In the name of God,

Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit,

your sins are forgiven.

Rest in God's love.

**Amen.**

# For the Beauty of the Earth

V. 1-4



- 1 For the beau - ty of the earth, for the beau - ty of the skies,
- 2 For the won - der of each hour of the day and of the night,
- 3 For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind's de - light,
- 4 For the joy of hu - man love, broth - er, sis - ter, par - ent, child,
- 5 For each per - fect gift of thine, peace on earth and joy in heav'n;



for the love which from our birth o - ver and a - round us lies:  
hill and vale and tree and flow'r, sun and moon and stars of light:  
for the mys - tic har - mo - ny link - ing sense to sound and sight:  
friends on earth and friends a - bove; for all gen - tle thoughts and mild:  
for thy - self, best gift di - vine, to our world so free - ly giv'n:



Christ, our God, to thee we raise this our sac - ri - fice of praise.

**Greeting** The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.  
**And also with you**

### Prayer of the Day

Almighty God, we thank you for planting in us the seed of your word. By your Holy Spirit help us to receive it with joy, live according to it, and grow in faith and hope and love, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.**Amen.**

## Glory Be to the Father

Glo-ry be to the Fa-ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho-ly

The first system of musical notation is in 4/4 time, key of B-flat major (two flats). It consists of a treble and bass staff. The melody is primarily in the treble staff, with the bass staff providing harmonic support. The lyrics 'Glo-ry be to the Fa-ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho-ly' are written below the notes.

6 Ghost; As it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and ev-er

The second system of musical notation continues the melody and harmony. It begins with a measure rest in the treble staff, followed by the lyrics 'Ghost; As it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and ev-er'. The notation continues across the system.

10 shall be, world with-out end. A - men, A - men.

The third system of musical notation concludes the piece. It begins with a measure rest in the treble staff, followed by the lyrics 'shall be, world with-out end. A - men, A - men.'. The notation ends with a double bar line and a final chord in the bass staff.

## **Call to Worship** is from Psalm 65

<sup>9</sup> You visit the earth and water it abundantly; you make it very plenteous; the river of God is full of water.

You prepare the grain, for so you provide for the earth.

<sup>10</sup> **You drench the furrows and smooth out the ridges; with heavy rain you soften the ground and bless its increase.**

<sup>11</sup> You crown the year with your goodness,  
and your paths overflow with plenty.

<sup>12</sup> **May the fields of the wilderness be rich for grazing,  
and the hills be clothed with joy.**

<sup>13</sup> May the meadows cover themselves with flocks, and the valleys cloak themselves with grain;  
let them shout for joy and sing.

## ***The first reading is from Isaiah, the 44th chapter***

<sup>6</sup> Thus says the LORD, the King of Israel,  
and his Redeemer, the LORD of hosts:  
I am the first, and I am the last;  
besides me there is no god.

<sup>7</sup> Who is like me? Let them proclaim it;  
let them declare and set it forth before me.  
Who has announced from of old the things to come?  
Let them tell us what is yet to be.

<sup>8</sup> Do not fear or be afraid;  
have I not told you from of old and declared it?  
You are my witnesses!  
Is there any god besides me?  
There is no other rock; I know not one.

## ***The second reading is from Romans, the 8<sup>th</sup> chapter***

<sup>12</sup> So then, brothers and sisters, we are obligated, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh—<sup>13</sup> for if you live according to the flesh, you will die, but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. <sup>14</sup> For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. <sup>15</sup> For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, “Abba! Father!” <sup>16</sup> it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, <sup>17</sup> and if children, then heirs: heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if we in fact suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

<sup>18</sup> I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. <sup>19</sup> For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God, <sup>20</sup> for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will, but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope <sup>21</sup> that the creation itself will be set free from its enslavement to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. <sup>22</sup> We know that the whole creation has been groaning together as it suffers together the pains of labor, <sup>23</sup> and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. <sup>24</sup> For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope, for who hopes for what one already sees? <sup>25</sup> But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

The Word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

**PLEASE STAND FOR THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the



words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

## **Gospel**

The Holy Gospel according to John, the 5th chapter

### **Glory to you, O Lord**

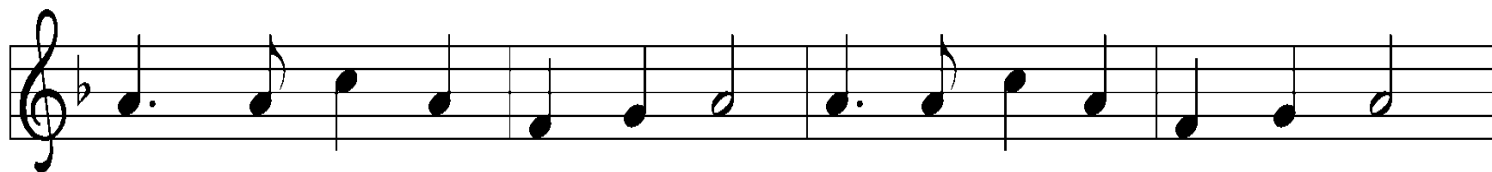
<sup>39</sup> "You search the scriptures because you think that in them you have eternal life, and it is they that testify on my behalf. <sup>40</sup> Yet you refuse to come to me to have life. <sup>41</sup> I do not accept glory from humans. <sup>42</sup> But I know that you do not have the love of God in you. <sup>43</sup> I have come in my Father's name, and you do not accept me; if another comes in his own name, you will accept him. <sup>44</sup> How can you believe when you accept glory from one another and do not seek the glory that comes from the one who alone is God? <sup>45</sup> Do not think that I will accuse you before the Father; your accuser is Moses, on whom you have set your hope. <sup>46</sup> If you believed Moses, you would believe me, for he wrote about me. <sup>47</sup> But if you do not believe what he wrote, how will you believe what I say?"

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ**

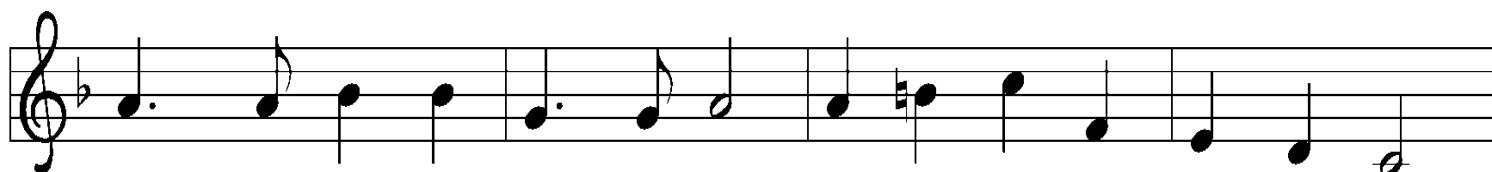
**Sermon – Rev. Steve Wigdahl**

## V. 1-3

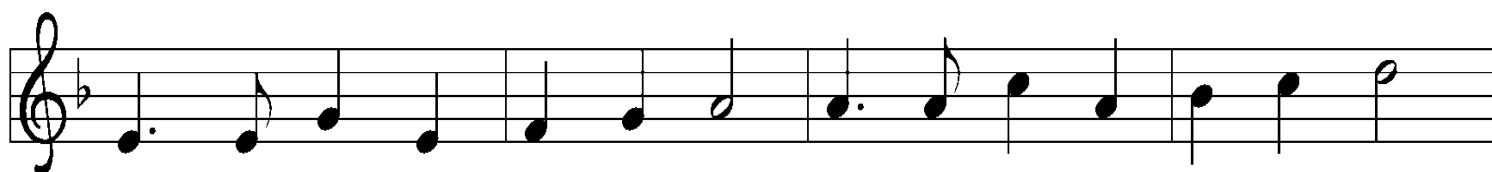
## Come, Ye Thankful People, Come



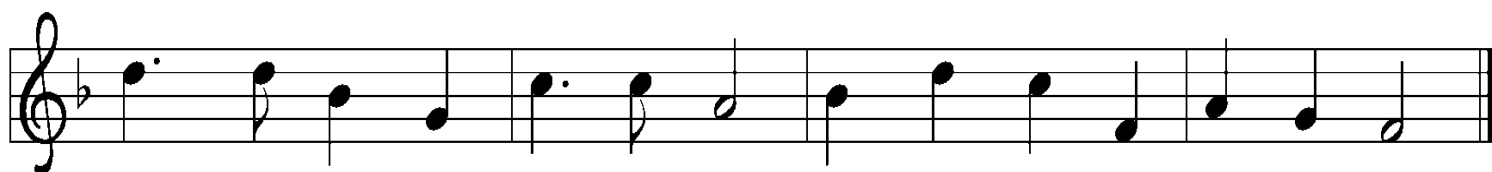
1 Come, ye thank-ful peo - ple, come; raise the song of har - vest home.  
 2 All the world is God's own field, fruit un - to his praise to yield;  
 3 For the Lord our God shall come and shall take his har - vest home;  
 4 E - ven so, Lord, quick-ly come to thy fi - nal har - vest home.



All be safe - ly gath - ered in ere the win - ter storms be - gin.  
 wheat and tares to - geth - er sown, un - to joy or sor - row grown.  
 from his field shall in that day all of - fens - es purge a - way;  
 Gath - er then thy peo - ple in, free from sor - row, free from sin,



God, our mak - er, doth pro - vide for our wants to be sup - plied.  
 First the blade, and then the ear, then the full corn shall ap - pear.  
 give his an - gels charge at last in the fire the tares to cast,  
 there, for - ev - er pu - ri - fied, in thy gar - ner to a - bide.



Come to God's own tem - ple, come, raise the song of har - vest home.  
 Lord of har - vest, grant that we whole - some grain and pure may be.  
 but the fruit - ful ears to store in his gar - ner ev - er - more.  
 Come, with all thine an - gels, come, raise the glo - rious har - vest home!

Let us affirm our faith through the words of the Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy Christian church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## **Prayers of the People**

Trusting in God's steadfast love for all He has made, let us pray for the church, the world, and all of creation.

(Congregation will respond to each petition with  
**Hear our prayer**)

Grateful for your abundant provision and trusting in your goodness, we cast all our cares upon you, through the abundant grace of Christ Jesus. **Amen.**

## **Offering & Special Music**

### **Offering Prayer**

Loving God,  
we offer at your table the gifts of our hearts.  
Help us take heart in you and share freely of your love,  
so that all creation can taste your abundance.  
We ask this in the name of Jesus,  
through the Spirit abiding with us now and forever. **Amen.**

### **Words of Institution**

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord  
Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and  
gave it to his disciples, saying;  
Take and eat; this is my body given for you.  
Do this for the remembrance of me

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave  
it for all to drink, saying:  
This cup is the new covenant in my blood shed for you and  
all people for the forgiveness of sin.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

## **Lord's Prayer**

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray

**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.**

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.

## **Invitation to Communion**

Heaven has come near.

Come, share in the feast!

All are welcome

**Blessing** The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ  
strengthen you and keep you in his Grace.

## **Prayer after Communion**

Compassionate God,  
through the gifts of bread and wine  
our hearts are filled with the abundance of your love.  
Strengthen us that we, through this holy meal,  
may share your love freely, as you have shared with us.  
We ask this in the name of Jesus,  
through the Spirit nourishing us now and forever. **Amen**

## **Benediction**

As you go on your way,  
May God go with you!  
May He go before you..to show you the way;  
May He go behind you...to encourage you;  
Beside you...to befriend you;  
Above you...to watch over you;  
And within you...to give you His Peace!  
In the Name of the Father, and of the Son  
and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

## "Go Now in Peace"

Go now in peace. Never be afraid.  
God will go with you each hour of every day.  
Go now in faith, steadfast, strong and true.  
Know He will guide you in all you do.  
Go now in love, and show you believe.  
Reach out to others so all the world can see.  
God will be there watching from above.  
Go now in peace, in faith, and in love.  
Amen, Amen, Amen

Go in peace. Share the good news!

**Thanks be to God.**