**Worship Plan for Sunday, August 18, 2019 10 am**

**SHARING CELEBRATIONS & CONCERNS**

**GATHERING SONG I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light** *(ELW 815)*

**CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God,

Who forgives all our sin,

whose mercy endures forever.

**Amen.**

Seeking reconciliation with God and neighbor,

let us remember the gift of baptism

and confess our sin.

*Silence is kept for reflection*

God of mercy,

**We confess that we have sinned against you,**

**Against one another,**

**And against the earth entrusted to our care.**

**We are worried and distracted by many things,**

**And we fail to love you above all else.**

**We store up for treasures for ourselves**

**And turn away from our neighbors in need.**

**Forgive us, that we may live in the freedom**

**of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

When we were laid low by sin and guilt,

God made us alive together with Christ,

Forgiving us + all our trespasses

By taking our sins to the cross.

For freedom Christ has set us free;

Rejoice in this good news!

**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**

O God, judge eternal, you love justice and hate oppression, and you call us to share your zeal for truth. Give us courage to take our stand with all victims of bloodshed and greed, and, following your servants and prophets, to look to the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

**SPECIAL MUSIC** Lauren McClung, Piano

*(The first reading is read by the lay assistant)*

**THE FIRST READING**:  Psalm 100

A reading from the book of Psalms

1Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth.

2Worship the Lord with gladness; come into his presence with singing.

3Know that the Lord is God. It is he that made us, and we are his; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

4Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise. Give thanks to him, bless his name.

5For the Lord is good; his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations.

*The reading may be concluded:*

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

*(The second reading is read by the lay assistant)*

**Second Reading:** Philippians 4:4-9

A reading from Paul’s letter to the Philippians

4Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. 5Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. 6Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. 7And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. 8Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. 9Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

*The reading may be concluded:*

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand to welcome the Gospel.*

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** (ELW p. 188)

*(The gospel is read by the pastor)*

**GOSPEL:**  John 14:15-27

*The gospel is announced.*

The holy gospel according to St. John.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

15”If you love me, you will keep my commandments. 16And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. 17This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

18”I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. 19In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. 20On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. 21They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them.” 22Judas (not Iscariot) said to him, “Lord, how is it that you will reveal yourself to us, and not to the world?” 23Jesus answered him, “Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. 24Whoever does not love me does not keep my words; and the word that you hear is not mine, but is from the Father who sent me.

25”I have said these things to you while I am still with you. 26But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. 27Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid.

*The gospel concludes:*

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**CHILDREN’S MESSAGE**

**BACK PACK BLESSING**

**SERMON**

**HYMN OF THE DAY** *I’ve Got Peace Like a River (Screen)*

*(The pastor reads the introduction and the ending,   
the lay assistant reads the indented petitions.)*

**PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

Treasuring your promise to hear us when we call,

We pray for the church, those in need, and all of your creation.

*A brief silence*

O God, you have given us your word. Like a fire, kindle its flame within and among us. Empower us for the work of breaking down walls, reconciling the divided, and building faith. Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

You formed the furthest reaches of the universe, yet your spirit dwells within each life. Be the companion and keeper of every creature, and redeem all your creation in Christ. Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

You rise up to rule the nations. Bless grassroots movements and guide elected officials. Teach the nations to be good neighbors to each other. Inspire us all to share food, land, knowledge, and our arts for the common good**. Lord, in your mercy**

**Hear our prayer.**

You rescue those in any need. Be with surgeons, nurses, and all medical personnel who care for the sick, …*especially…* Shelter all who need homes and feed all who are hungry. Comfort those who are bereaved. Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

We thank you for the friendship, community, and witness of those gathered here today. Send us out to welcome those estranged from family or experiencing difficult separations. Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

We look to Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of our faith. Be with us in the tragedies and troubles of this world, and join us and all the saints with Christ in perfect joy. Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

All these things and more we ask in the name of our risen Lord, Jesus Christ, by the power of your Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

**THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE**

Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord,

Heaven and earth are full of your glory. In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son, who reached out to heal the sick and suffering, who preached good news to the poor, and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

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 for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

Remembering, therefore, his life lived for others, and his death and resurrection which renews the face of the earth, we await his coming in glory, even as we pray…

**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 and ever.   
Amen.**

**INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

These are the gifts of God, for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God!**

**COMMUNION**

Communion Songs:

*Lamb of God ELW p. 191 For Everyone Born (on screen)  
 My Faith Looks up to Thee (ELW 650)*

*(The prayer after communion is read by the lay assistant)*

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

O God, in this holy communion

You have welcomed us into your presence,

Nourished us with your word of mercy,

And fed us at your table.

Amid the cares of this life,

Strengthen us to love you with all our heart,

Serve our neighbors with a willing spirit,

And honor the earth you have made;

Through Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

**Blessing**Live your lives in Christ, rooted and built up in him, abounding with thanksgiving;   
and the blessing of the holy Trinity, + One God, be upon you and remain with you forever.   
**Amen.**

*Turn to your neighbors and share this blessing with one another. Remember that touch is important for us to feel connected, consider placing your hand on his/her shoulder, under the elbow, making the sign of the cross on his/her forehead, or closing your hands around his/her hand as you offer the blessing on the screen.*

**Sending Song** *Earth and All Stars (ELW 731, vs 1, 4, 5)*

*(The dismissal is given by the lay assistant)***DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Christ is sending you.  
**Thanks be to God!**