

LIVESTREAM WORSHIP July 19, 2020

Peace Lutheran Church

West Seattle, Washington



Welcome to Live Stream worship. We're glad you've found your way to Peace!

Pastor Erik P. Kindem is Host and Presider. Musicians include Guest Organist David Boeckh, Minister of Music Jon Lackey, Accompanist James Jelasic, and Laura Bermes. Production technicians are Joey DiJulio, Graham Johnson, and Scott Sunde.

> We will celebrate Holy Communion today. If you desire to participate from your home, please set aside bread and wine (or grape juice) now.

> *This Live Stream Service can be found on our YouTube Channel:* <u>https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCZ_kC390-EvxqHEpTQR-cxg/</u>

+ GATHERING +

PRELUDEAndante religioso from Organ Sonata No. 4F. Mendelssohn

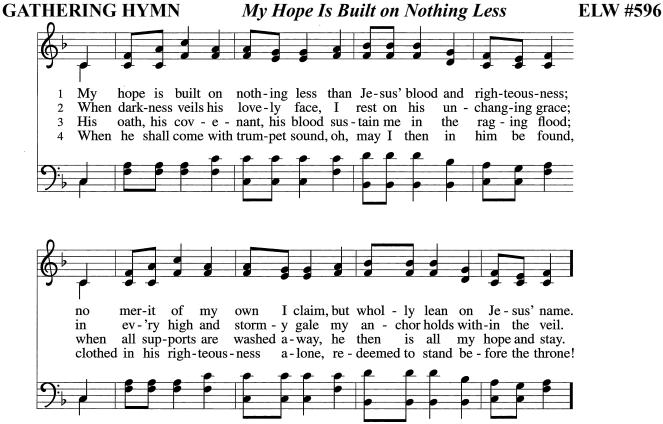
David Boeckh, guest organist

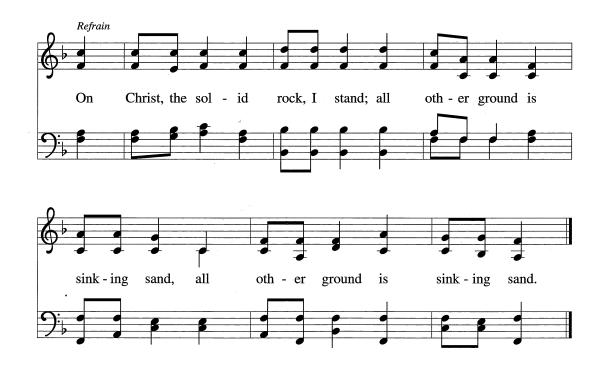
CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept.

- P Most merciful God,
- C we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves.
 We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed,
 by what we have done and by what we have left undone.
 We have not loved you with our whole heart;
 we have not loved our neighbors and your creation as ourselves.
 For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us.
 Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.
- P In the mercy of our almighty and altender God,
 Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins.
 As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority,
 I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins,
 in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.





GREETING AND PRAYER OF THE DAY

- P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
- C And also with you.
- P Let us pray together:
- C Faithful God, most merciful judge, you care for your children with firmness and compassion. By your Spirit nurture us who live in your kingdom, that we may be rooted in the way of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

+ WORD +

READING Romans 8:14-25

For Paul, true spirituality means that we experience the reality of the Spirit, which enables us to pray as God's children, keeps us in solidarity with creation and gives us unseen hope that God will liberate us and creation from bondage to death and decay.

¹⁴For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. ¹⁵For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, "Abba! Father!" ¹⁶it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, ¹⁷and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ—if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

¹⁸I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. ¹⁹For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; ²⁰for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope ²¹that the creation itself will be

set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. ²²We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now; ²³and 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. ²⁴For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? ²⁵But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

Word of God. Word of life.

C Thanks be to God.

- P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 13th Chapter.
- C Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL: Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

Jesus has just told his disciples the famous parable of the sower, which compares different responses to the word to different kinds of soil in which a seed is planted. Now he tells a second parable about sowing to illustrate the coexistence of good and evil in our world.

[Jesus] put before the crowds another parable: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field; ²⁵but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away. ²⁶So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. ²⁷And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, 'Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?' ²⁸He answered, 'An enemy has done this.' The slaves said to him, 'Then do you want us to go and gather them?' ²⁹But he replied, 'No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. ³⁰Let both of them grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.' "

³⁶Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, "Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field." ³⁷He answered, "The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; ³⁸the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, ³⁹and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. ⁴⁰Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. ⁴¹The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, ⁴²and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. ⁴³Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!"

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S TIME

Julie Ward

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

This hymn setting by Bret Hesla is based on words penned by renowned mid-20th century theologian Reinhold Niebuhr in his book <u>The Irony of American History</u>. It is performed by Laura Bermes. Feel free to join with Laura in singing the hymn once you learn the melody.

Nothing Worth Doing

Niebuhr/Hesla



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PRAYERS

Petitions are offered that end with:

- P Lord, in your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.

+ MEAL +

THE PEACE

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C And also with you.

Time to share a greeting of peace with those who are with you physically, and a virtual greeting with those who are part of your circle of concern.

OFFERING

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OFFERTORY

For the Fruit of All Creation

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For the fruit of all creation, thanks be to God.
 For these gifts to ev-'ry nation, thanks be to God.
 For the plowing, sowing, reaping, silent growth while we are sleeping, future needs in earth's safe-keeping, thanks be to God.

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> Gather all who will be participating in the Holy Communion Meal. Choose someone who will lift up the elements at the appropriate time, following Pastor Kindem's leadership.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

- L Merciful God,
- C God of goodness and growth, all creation is yours, and your faithfulness is as the heavens. Water and word, wine and bread: these are signs of your abundant grace. Nourish us through these gifts, that we might proclaim your steadfast love in our communities and in the world, through Jesus Christ, our strength and our song. Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

- P The Lord be with you.
- C And also with you.
- P Lift up your hearts!
- C We lift them to the Lord!
- P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- C It is right to give our thanks and praise.

- P It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with earth and sea and all their creatures, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, We praise your name and join their unending hymn:
- C Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest!
- P 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:
- C Take and eat, this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.
- P Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying:
- C This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for forgiveness and healing. Do this for the remembrance of me.
- P Send your Spirit upon us and this meal: As grains scattered on the hillside become one bread, so let your Church be gathered from the ends of the earth, that all may be fed with the Bread of life, your Son, through whom all glory and honor is yours, Almighty & Altender God, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy Church, both now and forever.
- C Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

David Haas

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, we sing the prayer of Jesus:



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INVITATION TO COMMUNION

- P Friends of Jesus, come to the table. Receive nourishment for your journey.
- C Thanks be to God!

Take the gifts of bread and wine/juice into your bodies now, whether you are alone or in the company of others, giving thanks for these gifts of grace! Anything that remains can be incorporated into your next meal.

COMMUNION SOLO Let Us Break Bread Together

Jon Lackey

POST COMMUNION BLESSING

- P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in hope, and keep you in grace, unto life everlasting.
- C Amen.

+ SENDING +

BLESSING

- P The Triune God, Creator, + Redeemer, and Spirit, bless and keep you in eternal love.
- C Amen.

SENDING HYMN For the Fruit of All Creation

ELW #679

- In the just reward of labor, God's will is done.
 In the help we give our neighbor, God's will is done.
 In our world-wide task of caring for the hungry and despairing, in the harvests we are sharing, God's will is done.
- For the harvests of the Spirit, thanks be to God.
 For the good we all inherit, thanks be to God.
 For the wonders that astound us, for the truths that still confound us, most of all that love has found us, thanks be to God.

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- P Go in peace, Christ is with you.
- C Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDEAllegro con brio from Organ Sonata No. 4F. MendelssohnDavid Boeckh, guest organist



Wherever the summer finds you, whether you are staying close to home, enjoying God's good creation, or doing otherwise, know that Christ remains close at hand.
 Next Sunday, July 26th, our guest preacher will be Peace member Dustin Smith.
 God keep you.