

SEEKING GOD TOGETHER

PRELUDE This is My Father's World *(arr. G.M.Martin)*

WELCOME & CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

Lighting of the Christ Candle

**Acknowledgment of Territory/Every Child Matters/
Rainbow Candle of Inclusion** Martha Bailkowski

INTROIT Each Blade of Grass
(K.Wehlender/Anon., from U.S. Sacred Harmony arr. L.Good)

CALL TO WORSHIP

Come to God who gathers us in.

**We come to God
who nurtures us like a father.**

Come to God
whose arms are open and waiting.

**We come to God
who welcomes and embraces us.**

Come to God
who journeys with us.

**We come to God
who sees us as we really are
and loves us anyway.**

Come, praise our loving nurturing God!

***HYMN** Let Us Build a House *(Haugen/Fines) MV 1*
Vss 1,2, 4,5

Let us build a house where all can dwell and all can safely live, a place where saints and children tell how hearts learn to forgive. Built of hopes and dreams and visions, rock of faith and vault of grace; here the love of Christ shall end divisions: All are welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome in this place.

Let us build a house where prophets speak, and words are strong and true, where all God's children dare to seek to dream God's reign anew. Here the cross shall stand as witness and as symbol of God's grace; here as one we claim the faith of Jesus: All are welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome in this place.

Let us build a house where hands will reach, beyond the wood and stone to heal and strengthen, serve and teach, and live the Word they've known. Here the outcast and the stranger bear the image of God's face; let us bring an end to fear and danger: All are welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome in this place.

Let us build a house where all are named, their songs and visions heard and loved and treasured, taught and claimed as words within the Word. Built of tears and cries and laughter, prayers of faith and songs of grace; let this house proclaim from floor to rafter: All are welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome in this place.

PRAYER FOR RENEWAL

God of Love, down the waning days of spring to summer; as days lengthen with deepening warmth, thoughts of life and living press on our considerations and we look back. The value of our days are highlighted and we bring to memory other days, other years. Thoughts of family and friends, and those who have passed through our lives, even for a short time, flicker in and out again. We are thankful for the love we have received and given. Although we regret missed opportunities for love and change and growth, we are mindful now that no matter where we are on our life's journey, the potential for love and change and growth are always present. Bless to us, Loving God, the grace to grow into you, though our days be many or few. God in Community...we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

WORDS OF GRACE

In the shadow of God's wing,
we are held and loved!
Thanks be to God!

SUNG RESPONSE Sing, Sing Out! *(Hannah/Melhorne-Boe)*
MV 180

**Sing, sing out! Sing a new song.
Sing oh people as one voice! Sing, sing out!
Sing a new song. Sing of God. Each heart rejoice!**
Repeat

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM *(liturgy on insert)*
*We welcome, through the Sacrament of Baptism,
Marloe Amal Kassar, daughter of Mike and Tala,
and, William Peter Tang, son of Calvin and Sierra.*

FINDING GOD TOGETHER

RESPONSIVE READING Psalm 33 (VU p.760)
(Sing a new song to God.) Bill Newman

ANTHEM Morning Hymn *(Patrick Murray)*

GOSPEL Mark 4:26-34 p.38-39 *Pew Bible NT*
(Parables of the growing seed and the mustard seed.)

Come to the quiet...a time for reflection

SERMON The Kingdom of God is Like...

***HYMN** In the Bulb There Is a Flower *p. 7*

SHARING GOD'S LOVE

OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

OFFERTORY All Things Bright and Beautiful
(arr. Kay M. Hessemer)
EmBellished Handbell Ensemble

***DEDICATION** Grateful (T. Tomaszek) *MV 182*
Grateful for the life you give us, thankful for your
Holy Son, joyful in your Spirit flowing over all,
O God of love. Grateful for the Bread of Heaven,
thankful for your Holy Word, joyful in your mercy
flowing, we will praise you.

***OFFERTORY PRAYER & Prayer Shawl Blessing**

PRAYER PRELUDE There Is Room For All *MV 62*
There is room for all in the shadow of God's wing;
there is room for all, sheltered in God's love.
And I rejoice and sing, 'my refuge and my
rock in whom I trust.' There is room for all,
there is room for all.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & LORD'S PRAYER
VU p. 910

***HYMN** To Show by Touch and Word *p 8*

***COMMISSIONING**

And now, may God bless the roads we travel—
and may we, in turn, bless all those we meet
along the way.

***SUNG BLESSING** Wherever You May Go *MV 216*
Wherever you may go, I will follow,
and your people shall be my people too.
Wherever you may go I will follow,
for I would be faithful, loyal and true.

POSTLUDE Prelude and Fugue on a Theme of Vittoria
(Benjamin Britten)



Summer Thanks & Blessings

Thank you to Margaret Heney and the Chancel Choir
for their exceptional worship leadership throughout this year.
We wish you all the best for the summer,
and look forward to your return in September
after a well-earned rest!



Thank you to Lisa Kyriakides and the many bell ringers
which make up the bell ensembles of EmBellished,
Faith-A-Peal, and Bellissimo. We have enjoyed your
excellence in leadership and performance.
Have a great summer, all!



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FATHER'S DAY (Baptism)
PRIDE MONTH
INDIGENOUS HISTORY MONTH
June 16, 2024
11:00 am

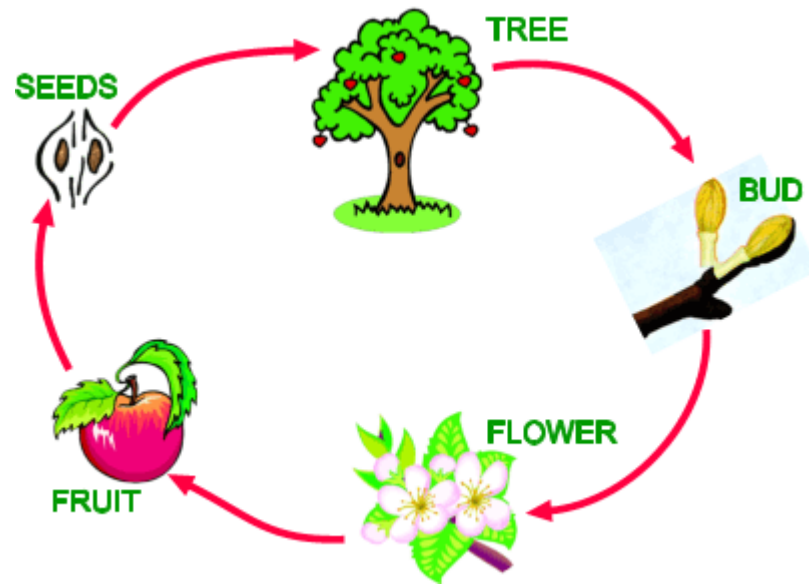
*My father gave me the greatest gift anyone could
give another person, he believed in me.*
(Jim Valvano)

In the Bulb There is a Flower

In the bulb there is a flower; in the seed, an apple tree; in cocoons, a hidden promise: butterflies will soon be free! In the cold and snow of winter there's a spring that waits to be, unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.

There's a song in every silence, seeking word and melody; there's a dawn in every darkness, bringing hope to you and me. From the past will come the future; what it holds, a mystery, unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.

In our end is our beginning; in our time, infinity; in our doubt there is believing; in our life, eternity. In our death, a resurrection; at the last, a victory, unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.



To Show by Touch and Word

To show by touch and word devotion to the earth, to hold in full regard all life that comes to birth, we need, O God, the will to find the good you had of old in mind.

Renew our minds to choose the things that matter most, our hearts to long for truth till ride of self is lost. For every challenge that we face we need your guidance and your grace.

Let love from day to day be yardstick, rule, and norm, and let our lives portray your word in human form. Now come with us that we may have your wits about us where we live.

