

# Altar Book - August 2, 2020

## Liturgy: Beguiled by Beauty (Week 3)

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Presiding Minister - Pastor Sara Wirth

Assisting Minister / Lector - Charles Hettinger

### GATHERING

#### Threshold Moment

#### Opening Prayer

Divine Goodness, Holy One, pause us for this moment, bear us up in this time, hold us for eternity. We offer ourselves in connection with you. We allow ourselves this love from you. We release ourselves into your presence. **Amen.**

## Hymn of Beauty: ELW #556 Morning Has Broken



1 Morn - ing has bro - ken like the first morn - ing;  
2 Sweet the rain's new fall, sun - lit from heav - en,  
3 Mine is the sun - light! Mine is the morn - ing,



black-bird has spo - ken like the first bird.  
like the first dew - fall on the first grass.  
born of the one light E - den saw play!



Praise for the sing - ing! Praise for the morn - ing!  
Praise for the sweet - ness of the wet gar - den,  
Praise with e - la - tion, praise ev - 'ry morn - ing,



Praise for them, spring - ing fresh from the Word!  
sprung in com - plete - ness where God's feet pass.  
God's re - cre - a - tion of the new day!

Text: Eleanor Farjeon, 1881–1965

Music: BUNESSAN, Gaelic tune

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## **WORD**

### Searching for Beauty: A Time for Children

### Lectio Divina

Psalm 147: 1-11 [Inclusive Bible]

*How good it is to praise our God!  
[It is a pleasure to make beautiful praise!]*

*YHWH rebuilds Jerusalem, and gathers Israel's exiles.  
God heals the brokenhearted, and binds up their wounds.  
God knows the number of the stars and calls each one by name.  
Great is YHWH, and mighty in power; there is no limit to God's wisdom.  
YHWH lifts up the oppressed, and casts the corrupt to the ground.  
Sing to our God with thanksgiving;  
    *sing praise with the harp to our God -  
    who covers the heavens with clouds,  
    who provides rain for the earth,  
    who makes grass sprout on the mountains  
    and herbs for the service of the people,  
    who gives food to the cattle,  
    and to the young ravens when they cry.*  
God does not thrill to the strength of the horse,  
    or revel in the fleetness of humans.  
YHWH delights in those who worship with reverence  
    and put their hope in divine love.*

Sermo Divina (Pastor XYZ, Guest Preacher)

Visio Divina

**WE RESPOND**

"Look Around" .....Marsha Jean Moors-Charles  
arr. Caleb Collins

Prayers of the People (*Asst Minister*)

Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always.  
**And also with you.**

Offering

Opportunities for Service

## **SENDING**

Blessing

The world is so varied and beautiful. Seek wisdom wherever it is to be found. And may the goodness of the Creator, the companionship of the Christ, and the insight of the Spirit, infuse your life now and always.  
**Amen.**

## Sending Hymn: ELW #807 Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing



1 Come, thou Fount of ev - 'ry bless-ing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;  
2 Here I raise my Eb - en - e - zer: "Hith-er by thy help I've come";  
3 Oh, to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly I'm con-strained to be;



streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas - ing, call for songs of loud - est praise.  
and I hope, by thy good plea - sure, safe - ly to ar - rive at home.  
let that grace now like a fet - ter bind my wan-d'ring heart to thee.



While the hope of end-less glo - ry fills my heart with joy and love,  
Je - sus sought me when a strang - er, wan-d'ring from the fold of God;  
Prone to wan - der, Lord, I feel it; prone to leave the God I love.



teach me ev - er to a - dore thee; may I still thy good-ness prove.  
he, to res - cue me from dan - ger, in - ter - posed his pre - cious blood.  
Here's my heart, oh, take and seal it; seal it for thy courts a - bove.

Text: Robert Robinson, 1735–1790, alt.

Music: NETTLETON, J. Wyeth, *Repository of Sacred Music*, Part II, 1813

### Dismissal

Go in peace. Christ is with you.

**Thanks be to God.**

### Postlude / Benediction / Song Reprise

## COMMUNION

### Communion Liturgy

Divine Goodness and Love is with you!

**And also with you!**

Lift up your hearts

**We lift them up to our God.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing ... and so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**Holy , holy, holy Lord, God of power 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.**

Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ ... And so, in remembrance of your beautiful acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

**Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.**

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here ... Through your Son Jesus Christ with the Holy Spirit in your holy church, all honor and glory is yours, Beloved and Beloving God, now and forever. **Amen.**

### Lord's Prayer

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come, your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.**

**Give us today our daily bread.**

**Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.**

**Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,  
now and forever.**

**Amen.**

*You will be sent to breakout rooms where I invite you to “serve” those in the room with you. Take turns going around the room saying the words, “(Name), the body of Christ given for you. The blood of Christ shed for you.” After you have heard the words for you, eat the bread and drink the wine/ juice before you.*

*If your room has questions, you can ask via chat or return to the main room. After everyone has been served, click the “leave room” button to return to the main room for the final blessing.*

### Post-Communion Blessing

Gracious God, in this meal you have drawn us to your heart and nourished us at your table with food and drink, the body and blood of Christ. Now send us forth to be your people in the world, and to proclaim your truth this day and evermore, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

### Postlude Benediction Song Reprise