

Worship Folder - August 9, 2020

Liturgy: Beguiled by Beauty (Week 4)

Presiding Minister & Preacher - Pastor Sara Wirth

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GATHERING

Threshold Moment

Opening Prayer (*Assisting Minister*)

Divine Goodness, Holy One,
pause us for this moment,
bear us up in this time,
hold us for eternity.

We revel in your wondrous works.

We grasp for adequate ways to sing our praise.

We seek to be lost in your beauty.

And all the people say, “**Amen.**”

Hymn of Beauty: ELW #631 Love Divine, All Loves Excelling, vss 1-2



1 Love di - vine, all loves ex - cel - ling, Joy of heav'n, to
2 Breathe, oh, breathe thy lov - ing Spir - it in - to ev - 'ry
3 Come, Al - might - y, to de - liv - er; let us all thy
4 Fin - ish then thy new cre - a - tion, pure and spot - less



earth come down! Fix in us thy hum - ble dwell - ing, all thy
trou - bled breast; let us all in thee in - her - it; let us
life re - ceive; sud - den - ly re - turn, and nev - er, nev - er -
let us be; let us see thy great sal - va - tion per - fect -



faith - ful mer - cies crown. Je - sus, thou art all com - pas - sion,
find thy prom - ised rest. Take a - way the love of sin - ning;
more thy tem - ples leave. Thee we would be al - ways bless - ing,
ly re - stored in thee! Changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry,



pure, un - bound - ed love thou art; vis - it us with
Al - pha and O - me - ga be; end of faith, as
serve thee as thy hosts a - bove, pray, and praise thee
till in heav'n we take our place, till we cast our



thy sal - va - tion, en - ter ev - 'ry trem - bling heart.
its be - gin - ning, set our hearts at lib - er - ty.
with - out ceas - ing, glo - ry in thy per - fect love.
crowns be - fore thee, lost in won - der, love, and praise!

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707–1788

Music: HYFRYDOL, Rowland H. Prichard, 1811–1887

WORD

Searching for Beauty: A Time for Children

Lectio Divina

Psalm 135: 1-3, 13-21 (Inclusive Bible)

*Alleluia! Praise the Name of YHWH—
sing praise, you who serve the Most High,
who stand in the house of YHWH,
in the courts of God's house!*

Alleluia! God is good!

[Sing praises to God's name because it is beautiful!] (a)

YHWH, your Name stands forever;

your fame is told from one generation to the next.

For you do justice for your people;

and you have compassion for your faithful.

*The idols of the nations are silver and gold,
the work of human hands.*

They have mouths but they can't speak;

they have eyes but they can't see.

They have ears but can't hear;

there is never a breath on their lips.

Their makers will come to be like them,

and so will all who trust in them!

House of Israel, bless YHWH!

Priests of the temple, bless YHWH!

Attendants of the sanctuary, bless YHWH!

You who revere YHWH, bless YHWH!

*Blessings from Zion upon YHWH,
who dwells in Jerusalem!
Alleluia!*

Sermo Divina

Visio Divina

WE RESPOND

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

Prayers of the People (*Asst Minister*)

Confident of your care and helped by the Holy Spirit, we pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

A brief silence.

For your whole church throughout the world. Give courage in the midst of storms, so that we see and hear Jesus calling: "Take heart, it is I: do not be afraid." May we follow Christ wherever he leads.

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

For the well-being of your creation. Protect waterways, forests, lands, and wildlife from exploitation and abuse. Help the human family endeavor to sustain and be sustained by the resources of your hand.

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

For the nations and their leaders. In you, steadfast love and faithfulness meet, and righteousness and peace kiss. May nations in conflict know the peace that is the fruit of justice, and the justice that is the path to peace. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For those in need. Everyone who calls upon your name will be saved. Accompany all who are lonely, hear the voices of those who cry out in anguish, and support those who are frustrated in their search for an affordable place to live. We pray for those suffering this day (*especially*). Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For our congregation. You have gathered us here today as your people and we thank you for this gift. We pray for those who are new to this community, for students and teachers preparing for a new school year, and for those struggling with unexpected hardship. Supply us generously with your grace for our life together. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Here other intercessions may be offered.

We give you thanks, O God, for the saints of the whole church from all times and places, and for the saints in our lives and in our community whom you have gathered to yourself (*especially*). Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

In the certain hope that nothing can separate us from your love, we offer these prayers to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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 #820 O Savior, Precious Savior



1 O Sav - ior, pre - cious Sav - ior, whom yet un - seen we love;
2 O bring - er of sal - va - tion, who won - drous - ly hast wrought,
3 In thee all full - ness dwell - eth, all grace and pow'r di - vine;
4 Oh, grant the con - sum - ma - tion of this our song a - bove,



O name of might and fa - vor, all oth - er names a - bove:
thy - self the rev - e - la - tion of love be - yond our thought:
the glo - ry that ex - cel - leth, O Son of God, is thine.
in end - less ad - o - ra - tion and ev - er - last - ing love;



we wor - ship thee; we bless thee; to thee a - lone we sing;
we wor - ship thee; we bless thee; to thee a - lone we sing;
We wor - ship thee; we bless thee; to thee a - lone we sing;
then shall we praise and bless thee where per - fect prais - es ring,



we praise thee and con - fess thee, our ho - ly Lord and King.
we praise thee and con - fess thee, our gra - cious Lord and King.
we praise thee and con - fess thee, our glo - rious Lord and King.
and ev - er - more con - fess thee, our Sav - ior and our King!

Dismissal (Asst Minister)

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