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Introduction to Worship

The mustard seed becomes a great shrub that shelters the birds, recalling ancient images of the tree of life. We'd expect a cedar or a sequoia, but Jesus finds the power of God better imaged in a tiny, no-account seed. It's not the way we expect divine activity to look. Yet the tree of life is here, in the cross around which we gather, the tree into which we are grafted through baptism, the true vine that nourishes us with its fruit in the cup we share. It may not appear all that impressive, but while nobody's looking it grows with a power beyond our understanding.

You can find the live stream at the following location: <u>www.youtube.com/@DurhamLutheran</u>

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Prelude: This is My Father's World

GATHERING

(Stand if you are able)

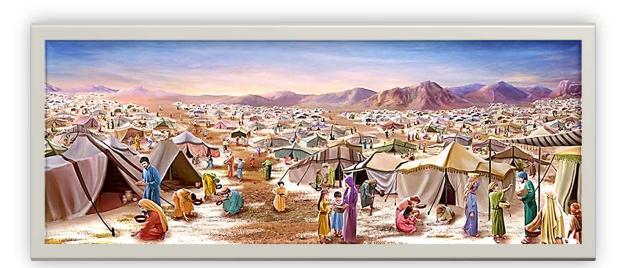
All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

- P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, the God of manna, the God of miracles, the God of mercy.
- C: Amen.
- P: Drawn to Christ and seeking God's abundance, let us confess our sin.

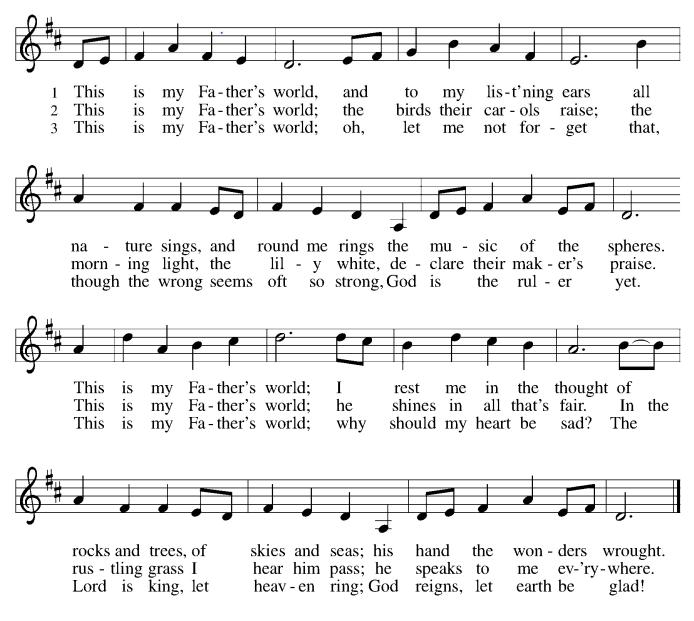
Silence is kept for reflection.

- P: God, our provider,
- C: help us. It is hard to believe there is enough to share. We question your ways when they differ from the ways of the world in which we live. We turn to our own understanding rather than trusting in you. We take offense at your teachings and your ways. Turn us again to you. Where else can we turn? Share with us the words of eternal life and feed us for life in the world. Amen.
- P: Beloved people of God: in Jesus, the manna from heaven, you are fed and nourished. By Jesus, the worker of miracles, there is always more than enough. Through Jesus,

 + the bread of life, you are shown God's mercy: you are forgiven and loved into abundant life.
- C: Amen.



This Is My Father's World



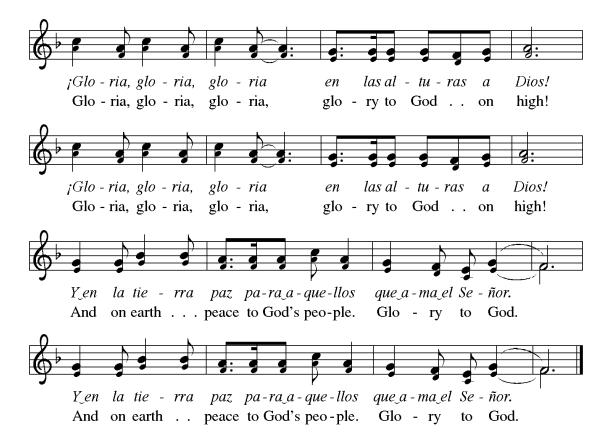
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Music: TERRA PATRIS, Franklin L. Sheppard, 1852–1930, adapt.

- P: The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Love of God and the community of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
- C: And also with you

Kyrie





Prayer of the Day

- L: The Lord be with you.
- C: And also with you.
- L: All-powerful God, in Jesus Christ you turned death into life and defeat into victory. Increase our faith and trust in him, that we may triumph over all evil in the strength of the same Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
- C: Amen.

(Please be Seated)

First Reading- Ezekiel 17:22-24

Immediately after Adam and Eve eat the forbidden fruit, they hide from God. Neither takes responsibility for their sin, instead blaming each other, the snake, and even God. The curse on the snake was understood as a messianic prophecy by the early church, who associated Eve's "offspring" with Christ.

L: A reading from the seventeenth chapter of Ezekiel.

²²Thus says the Lord GOD: I myself will take a sprig from the lofty top of a cedar; I will set it out. I will break off a tender one from the topmost of its young twigs; I myself will plant it on a high and lofty mountain. ²³On the mountain height of Israel I will plant it, in order that it may produce boughs and bear fruit and become a noble cedar. Under it every kind of bird will live; in the shade of its branches will nest winged creatures of every kind. ²⁴All the trees of the field shall know that I am the LORD. I bring low the high tree, I make high the low tree;

I dry up the green tree and make the dry tree flourish. I the LORD have spoken; I will accomplish it.

- L: The Word of the Lord.
- C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm : Psalm 92:1-4, 12-15

- L: ¹It is good to give thanks to the LORD, to sing praises to your name, O Most High;
- C: ²to declare your steadfast love in the morning, and your faithfulness by night,
- L: ³to the music of the lute and the harp, to the melody of the lyre.
- C: ⁴For you, O LORD, have made me glad by your work; at the works of your hands I sing for joy.
- L: ¹²The righteous flourish like the palm tree and grow like a cedar in Lebanon.
- C: ¹³They are planted in the house of the LORD; they flourish in the courts of our God.
- L: ¹⁴In old age they still produce fruit; they are always green and full of sap,
- C: ¹⁵showing that the LORD is upright; he is my rock, and there is no unrighteousness in him.

Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 5:6-10 [11-13] 14-17

Paul encourages believers to live by faith and not by sight. We do not consider Jesus from a human perspective but through the eyes of faith, believing he died for all and was raised. All who are in Christ are now in God's new creation.

L: A reading from the fifth chapter of 2 Corinthians:

⁶So we are always confident; even though we know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord—⁷for we walk by faith, not by sight. ⁸Yes, we do have confidence, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. ⁹So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him. ¹⁰For all of us must appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each may receive recompense for what has been done in the body, whether good or evil.

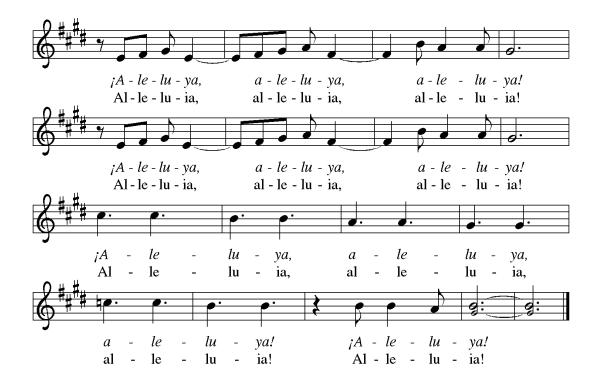
[¹¹Therefore, knowing the fear of the Lord, we try to persuade others; but we ourselves are well known to God, and I hope that we are also well known to your consciences. ¹²We are not commending ourselves to you again, but giving you an opportunity to boast about us, so that you may be able to answer those who boast in outward appearance and not in the heart. ¹³For if we are beside ourselves, it is for God; if we are in our right mind, it is for you.] ¹⁴For the love of Christ urges us on, because we are convinced that one has died for all; therefore all have died. ¹⁵And he died for all, so that those who live might live no longer for themselves, but for him who died and was raised for them.

¹⁶From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. ¹⁷So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation:



The Gospel – Mark 4:26-34

Jesus frequently uses parables to teach ordinary people as they are able to hear and understand. Images of sowing and growing show the vitality of God's kingdom.

P: The holy gospel according to Mark, the fourth chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

P: ²⁶[Jesus] said, "The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground,²⁷and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. ²⁸The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. ²⁹But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come."

³⁰He also said, "With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? ³¹It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; ³²yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade."

³³With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it; ³⁴he did not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything in private to his disciples.

P: The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Children's Sermon / Sermon (please be seated)

For the Fruit of All Creation



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Apostle's Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

- I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.
- I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

- P: We come before the triune God to pray for our communities, ourselves, and our world. *A brief silence.*
- P: Nourish your faithful people through gifts of word and worship. Guide the church in listening to and interpreting your message of grace for this time and place in history. In your wisdom, lead us in expanding the reach of your love. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

P: Nature sings your love in the morning and your faithfulness at night. Sustain the holy rhythms of creation: days and seasons, hibernation and activity, phases of the moon and tides of the sea. Let these patterns assure us of your constancy. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

P: You raise the lowly and humble those in high regard. Raise up all who are victims of marginalization, discrimination, and hate. As we anticipate Juneteenth, banish white supremacy and bigotry from the hearts of your people and remove the inclination toward anger and violence. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

P: Tend to all who journey by faith and who wait with patience for the fulfillment of your healing promises (especially). Grant perseverance to people doing physical and occupational therapy, people living with mobility concerns, and people facing chronic pain. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

- P: As you have loved us, so let us love one another. Empower fathers, stepfathers, grandfathers, adoptive fathers, and chosen fathers to embody this gift of love for their children. Where these relationships are strained or broken, bring your comfort and peace. Merciful God,
- **C:** receive our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

- P: With gratitude, we remember the saints who are now at home with you. Plant seeds of their wisdom and witness in our hearts, that we grow in faith until we join them in your heavenly dwelling. Merciful God,
- C: receive our prayer.
- P: Receive our prayers, O God, and come quickly to our aid, through the power of the Spirit and the love of Jesus Christ.
- C: Amen.

Sharing of the Peace

- P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- C: And also with you.

OFFERING

PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS

Accept, O Lord, the Gifts We Bring Lord, the gifts we bring to place up - on your ta - ble. Ac - cept, O 1 The vines were plant - ed, seeds were sown. They grew in your good plea-sure. 2 Our hopes and dreams, our toils and cares we lift in prayer be - fore you. 3 We do not wor - ship as we ought but on - ly as we're a - ble. What once was com - mon, dail - y food be-comes a ho - ly trea-sure. now come to as hum-bly we Lord, by your grace us, a - dore vou. Text: Beth Bergeron Folkemer, b. 1957 Music: BARBARA ALLEN, English folk tune Text © 1990 Augsburg Fortress

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Offering Prayer

- P: Jesus, Bread of life, you have set this table with your very self, and called us to the feast of plenty. Gather what has been sown among us, and strengthen us in this meal. Make us to be what we receive here, your body for the life of the world.
- C: Amen.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

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.

Preface:

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 all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

• San - to, san to, san - to_es el Se ñor, -Ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God, ho ly, 0 0 • Dios del u - ni - ver - so; san - to_es elSe ñor. God of might and pow - er; ho - ly is the Lord. ο San - to, san - to, Se - to, san - to_es el ñor, san Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord . . . God, ho - ly, 0 Dios del u - ni - ver - so; Se ñor. san - to_es el _ God of might and pow - er; ho - ly is the Lord. 0 Ho - san - na el lo, la en cie ho san - na en high ho Ho-san - na in the est, san - na here on rra. Ben - di el el tie to que vie _ ne en earth. Blest is he who in the comes nom-bre del Se ñor. Ho - san - na el en _ name . . . of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the tie - rra. Ben lo, ho san - na la cie en high est, ho here earth. san - na on 0 vie - ne_en el di - to el nom - bre del Se - ñor. que Blest is he who comes in the name . . . of the Lord.

Eucharistic Prayer (said by Pastor)

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.

C: Amen.

- P: Let us pray with confidence in the words our Savior gave us:
- C: 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

P: Christ has set the table with more than enough for all. Come!



Distribution of Bread & Fruits of the Vine (please follow ushers)

Hymn during Communion: ELW 482



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Prayer after Communion

- P: Jesus, Bread of life, we have received from your table more than we could ever ask. As you have nourished us in this meal, now strengthen us to love the world with your own life. In your name we pray.
- C: Amen.

Announcements

BLESSING

- C: Amen.

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DISMISSAL

- P: Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad.
- C: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

Postlude: Faith of Our Fathers

		ANNOUNCEN	<u>IENTS</u>
June	BIRTHDAYS	ANNIVERSARIES	BAPTISMS
16	Lisa Crouse, Althea Crouse (90)		
17			Sara Aquino
21			Bethany Michl
22			Scott Lehr
		THIS WEEK'S AC	
Sunday, June 16 4 th Sunday after Pentecost		10:00 AM	Communion Worship Pies for Pops Father's day celebration after worship
Wednesday, June 19		11:00 AM - 2:00 PM 12:00 PM 6:30 - 8:30 PM	Office Hours Chat & Chew with Pr. Jim Wednesday Sundaes: Faith, Fellowship and Fun for the whole family!
Thursday, June 20		10:00 AM - 1:00 PM 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM	Office hours Adult Bible Study @ Hlavaty's
<u> </u>		UPCOMING AC	
Sunday, June 23 5 th Sunday after Pentecost		10:00 AM 1:35 PM	Communion Worship Iron Pigs game Conference event, @Coca-Cola Park
Wednesday, June 26		11:00 AM - 2:00 PM 12:00 PM 6:30 - 8:30 PM	Office Hours Chat & Chew with Pr. Jim Wednesday Sundaes: Faith, Fellowship and Fun for the whole family!
Thursday, June 27		10:00 AM - 1:00 PM 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM	Office hours Adult Bible Study @ Hlavaty's
Sunday, June 30 6 th Sunday after Pentecost		10:00 AM After Worship	Care-a-Lot 40th Anniversary! Communion Worship Celebration Lunch in the Shed
Wednesday, July 3		11:00 AM - 2:00 PM 12:00 PM 6:30 - 8:30 PM	Office Hours Chat & Chew with Pr. Jim Wednesday Sundaes: Faith, Fellowship and Fun for the whole family!
Thursday, July 4 Sunday, July 7 7 th Sunday after Pentecost		10:00 AM	Office Closed - Happy Independence Day! Communion Worship
Wednesday, July 10		11:00 AM - 2:00 PM 12:00 PM 6:30 - 8:30 PM	Office Hours Chat & Chew with Pr. Jim Wednesday Sundaes: Faith, Fellowship and Fun for the whole family!
Thursday, July 11		10:00 AM - 1:00 PM 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM	Office hours Adult Bible Study @ Hlavaty's
Saturday, July 13		10:00 AM - 6:00 PM	Tinicum Arts Festival

For Healing of those in our Congregation:



James Altemose; Joanne & David Antoni; Jim Beerer; Frank Erceg; Joe Erceg; Kenneth Hager; George Kreitz; Paul McGinn; Cheryl Mesko; Ed Xander; Joanne and Bobby Ziegenfuss.

For Healing of Friends and Family:

Frank Allebach; Lynn Bailey; Ron & Kathy Ballek; Bob Benoure; Jason Bigley; Stephen Bizon; Sherri Breithoff; Deb Carmichael; Jane Carr; Peggy Coleman; Stephanie Courtney; Nancy Edelen; Diane Ellington; Leon Errico; Kandyce

Fischer; Fred Foerster; Gabriella Froehlich; Debbie Gardner; Cindy Gilligan; Candie Gimbar; Baree Lee Goodman; Penni Griffith; Andrew Hales; Penny Houck; Bill Hunt; Lois James & family; Martine King; Tim Koplin; Jim McAnally; Letitia McCrea; Tom McFarland & Family; Sue Odor; Cindy Oswald; Lucia Otero; Jennifer Phelps; Connie Rugen; Paul Sauter; Debbie Schultz; Laurel Sheetz; Donna Storm; Russ Trauger; Kelly Walsh; Jacqueline Ward; Dean Erika Wesch; Henry Wong; Josephine Yeisley & Wayne Yeisley.

For those who are Homebound:

Cleo Eck; Norma Fox; Frank Mammana; Jayne Miller; and Silas Rodenbach.

For families and friends grieving the loss of:

Ronald Fox; Rev. Dennis Durasoff; Kenneth Eck; Phyllis Lanshe; Charles Reiman

If you want to add or remove someone from the prayer list, please contact Joan Mammana either by phone (610-258-5717 or 610-417-6553) or by email at: *prayerchain@durhamlutheran.org*

THIS FATHER'S DAY Be a partner in the heavy lifting. • cwstools.org •

The June Outreach envelope is for CWS Tool Sunday.

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Preacher	Rev. James Heckman
Organist / Choir Director	Carolyn Williams
Altar Guild	Mark Harwick & Serena Ashmore
Greeter(s)	
Acolyte	
Lector	Tom Gaun
Head / Communion Usher	
Council Communion / Counting Team	Pat Zion & Jack Pyne
Administration & Technology	Ken Anderson
Custodian	Dianna Streletz

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WEDNESDAY SUNDAES

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This is a free event! Come out weekly on Wednesdays to enjoy an evening of fellowship and fun for all ages. We can promise ice cream and intentional learning activities about the values and story of Christ. Arrive and depart anytime between 6:30pm and 8pm. We hope to provide an enjoyable opportunity for families to experience the love of God in the open arms of our church family.