July 12, 2020  

**PREREDE**  
All Things Bright and Beautiful  
Keith Kolander, 1998

**WELCOME**

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**
You opened your mouth and uttered a word and creation sprang forth in abundance. Let us open our mouths in praise, that we may bear fruit in every season and be satisfied by your goodness, for you, O God, are the source of all growth; your grace abounds forever. Amen.

**CALL to WORSHIP**
LEADER: God's creation delights and astonishes.  
PEOPLE: Let the people pause and wonder!  
LEADER: God, the Creator, has made it all. Let all creation shout and sing!  
PEOPLE: Alleluia!

**HYMN OF PRAISE, No. 14**  
For the Beauty of the Earth  
Tune: DIX

1 For the beauty of the earth, for the glory of the skies,  
2 For the wonder of each hour of the day and of the night,  
3 For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind’s delight,  
4 For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child,  
5 For thyself, best gift divine to the world so freely given;
CALL TO CONFESSION
In Christ there is no condemnation, for perfect love casts out sin. Let us confess our sins to God.

PRAVER OF CONFESSION
Faithful God, your words fall on hardened ground when our worldly anxiety and attachment to wealth crowd out your place in our lives. Forgive our frail and human ways and cultivate in us a spirit of trust and faithfulness, for you are our hope for deliverance. Amen.

DECLARATION FOR FORGIVENESS
Brothers and sisters, when deeds of iniquity overwhelm us, God forgives our transgressions. Be at peace, for God restores and strengthens you and waters your soul in its parched and hardened places. Happy are those who come into God’s courts, for you shall be satisfied with the goodness of God and rejoice in the holiness of God’s temple.

SUNG RESPONSE, No. 20
All Things Bright and Beautiful
Tune: ROYAL OAK

All things bright and beautiful,
all creatures great and small,
all things wise and wonderful,
the Lord God made them all.

PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION
God, your words goes out and does not return empty but prospers that for with it was sent. By your Spirit, open our minds to your word this day that we might walk according to your ways; for the sake of Jesus, in whose name we pray. Amen.
That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the lake. Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. And he told them many things in parables, saying: “Listen! A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away. Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Let anyone with ears listen!”

“She then the parable of the sower. When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; yet such a person has no root, but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty.”

SERMON
The Extravagance of the Sower
Rev. Kristie W. Finley

OFFERING
Gesegnet sei, durch den die Welt enstandt
Jesse Bettis, soloist
Hugo Wolf (1860–1903)

Blessed be He through whom the world arose;
How excellently he created it in every way!
He created the sea with its infinite depths,
He created the ships that glide over it,
He created Paradise with eternal light,
He created beauty and your face.

DOXOLOGY No. 606
Praise God, from who all blessing flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD’S PRAYER
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 debts, as we forgive our debtors;
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.
HYMN OF SENDING No. 5

1 God the sculptor of the mountains, God the
2 God the nuisance of the Pharaoh, God the
3 God the dresser of the vineyard, God the
4 God the unexpected infant, God the

mill-er of the sand, God the jeweler of the
cleaver of the sea, God the pillar in the
planter of the wheat, God the reaper of the
calm, deter-mined youth, God the table-turning

heavens, God the potter of the land:
darkness, God the beacon of the free:
harvest, God the source of all we eat:
prophet, God the resurrected truth:

you are womb of all creation;
you are fount of all deliverance;
you are host at every table;
you are present every moment;

we are formless; shape us now.
we are aimless; lead us now.
we are hungry; feed us now.
we are searching; meet us now.

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Hymn to Joy
Ludwig van Beethoven (1770–1827)

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Pastor Kristie’s and Pastor Clint’s day off is on Friday.