



First Sunday after Pentecost

June 15, 2025

* *Please stand if you are able*

Prelude: "Jesus, Name Above All Names"

John F. Wilson

Gathering

WELCOME & LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

Acolyte: Jesus Christ is the light of the world. We light this candle as a sign that Christ has come and Christ will come again. As the light pushes back darkness let us walk with, learn from, and worship Jesus Christ.

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Liturgist: As followers of Jesus Christ, living in this world—which some seek to control, and others view with despair—we declare with joy and trust:

All: Our world belongs to God!

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Liturgist: God is King: Let the earth be glad! Christ is victor: his rule has begun! The Spirit is at work: creation is renewed!

All: Hallelujah! Praise the Lord!

Our World Belongs to God – Preamble

* **All Singing: 21 "This is My Father's World"**

* GOD'S GREETING

* GOD'S PEOPLE GREETING ONE ANOTHER

* **All Singing: 26 "He's Got the Whole World in his Hands"**

CHILDREN'S BLESSING

Children: The peace of Christ be with you.
All: **And also with you.**

Reconciliation

Liturgist: Our world, fallen into sin, has lost its first goodness, but God has not abandoned the work of his hands: our Maker preserves this world, sending seasons, sun, and rain, upholding all creatures, renewing the earth, promising a Savior, guiding all things to their purpose. *Our World Belongs to God - Preamble*

All: **With that confident grounding, we are bold to come to God and confess our fallenness. Lord God, hear us as we pray.**

Silent Reflection and Confession

All Singing: **652 "I Lift My Eyes Up"**

Liturgist: God holds this world with fierce love. Keeping his promise, he sends Jesus into the world, pours out the Holy Spirit, and announces the good news:

All: **Sinners who repent and believe in Jesus live anew as members of the family of God—the first-fruits of a new**

* All Singing: **682 "Before the Throne of God"**

Liturgist: We rejoice in the goodness of God, renounce the works of darkness, and dedicate ourselves to holy living.

All: **As covenant partners, set free for joyful obedience, we offer our hearts and lives to do God's work in the world.**

Liturgist: With tempered impatience, eager to see injustice ended, we expect the Day of the Lord.

All: **We are confident that the light which shines in the present darkness will fill the earth when Christ appears.**

Liturgist: Come, Lord Jesus.

All: **Our world belongs to you.** *Our World Belongs to God - Preamble*

Proclamation

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

All Singing: **765 "God of the Word"**

Scripture: Genesis 1:1 – 2:3

Minister: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon: What Does it Mean to be Reformed? The Beginning

* All Singing: **19 "For the Beauty of the Earth"**

Dedication

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Liturgist: With joy, let us now offer our gifts, in music, heart, and resource, as a sign of our deep devotion and covenant faithfulness

OFFERING

1. General Fund
2. Bright Promise Fund

OFFERTORY “Our Great Savior”

Bob Krogstad

* **All Singing: 965 “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”**

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Sending

* BENEDICTION

* **All Singing: 5 “Let All Things Now Living”**

Postlude: “Alleluia! Let Praises Ring”

Wayne L. Wold

Worship Leaders

Organist / Pianist:	Dora Diephouse	Acolyte:	
Prelude / Cellist:	Adeline Larsen	Liturgist:	Russ Hollender
Flutist:	Lynn Hollender	Readers:	Dave & Kris Jousma
Ministers:	Roger Nelson	Prayer:	Dave Jousma

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