



Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

July 13, 2025

* *Please stand if you are able*

Prelude: "Fill Thou My Life, O Lord, My God"
"I Will Arise and Go to Jesus"

arr. Lynn Arthur Koch
arr. Herbert Colvin

Gathering

WELCOME & LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

Acolyte: May the Holy Spirit unite us in worship, point us toward Jesus Christ, and inspire us to love mercy, do justice, and walk humbly with God. Come, let us worship God.

* CALL TO WORSHIP

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—

Liturgist: the firstfruits of a new creation.

Our World Belongs to God – Stanza 5

* **All Singing: 590 "Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing"**
Singing verses 1 – 4, 6 and 7

* GOD'S GREETING

* GOD'S PEOPLE GREETING ONE ANOTHER

* **All Singing: 844 "Lift Up Your Hearts unto the Lord"**

CHILDREN'S BLESSING

Children: The peace of Christ be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

Reconciliation

Liturgist: Remembering the promise to reconcile the world to himself, God joined our humanity in Jesus Christ — the eternal Word made flesh.

All: **He is the long-awaited Messiah, one with us and one with God, fully human and fully divine, conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary.**

Our World Belongs to God – Stanza 23

Silent Reflection and Confession

Liturgist: Standing in our place, Jesus suffered during his years on earth, especially in the tortures of the cross.

All: **He carried God's judgment on our sin — his sacrifice removed our guilt.**

Liturgist: God raised him from the dead: he walked out of the grave, conqueror of sin and death — Lord of Life!

All: **We are set right with God, given new life, and called to walk with him in freedom from sin's dominion.**

Our World Belongs to God – Stanza 25

* **All Singing:** **223 “Crown Him with Many Crowns”**

Proclamation

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

All Singing: **537 “Open the Eyes of My Heart”**

Children singing the chorus, everyone joins singing verse one

Open the eyes of my heart Lord
Open the eyes of my heart
I want to see You
I want to see You

**To see You high and lifted up
Shining in the light of Your glory
Pour out Your power and love
As we sing holy holy holy
Holy holy holy
Holy holy holy
Holy holy holy
I want to see You**

Scripture: John 1:1-14

Minister: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon: What Does it Mean to Be Reformed? Clarity

* **All Singing:** **423 “Give Me Jesus”**

Dedication

Liturgist: Jesus ascended in triumph, raising our humanity to the heavenly throne.
All authority, glory, and sovereign power are given to him.

All: There he hears our prayers and pleads our cause before the Father.

Liturgist: Blessed are all who take refuge in him.

Our World Belongs to God – Stanza 27

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. Chicagoland Prison Outreach

OFFERTORY “Trust and Obey”

John H. Sammis

Eucharist

INSTITUTION
PRAYER
INVITATION
COMMUNION

All Singing: 830 “Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ”
* **840 “Behold the Lamb”**
Standing to sing last verse

Sending

* BENEDICTION

Postlude: “Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us”

arr. Karen Ball

Worship Leaders

Organist: Lynn Hollender
Pianist: Anna Triezenberg
Guitarist / Vocalist: Marjie Coleman
Offertory Soloist: Sarah Rinkenberger
Vocalists: Ari & Cora Varghese
Elouise Keeley-Jonker
Guitarist: Jenson Varghese
Percussion: Clay Carlson
Minister: Roger Nelson

Acolyte: Beckham Van Wyngarden
Liturgist: Emily E. Hillegonds
Prayer: Dave Jousma

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