



# Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

## September 7, 2025

\* *Please stand if you are able*

Prelude: "It is Well with My Soul"

Joel Raney

### 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: 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!**

Liturgist: From the beginning, through all the crises of our times, until the kingdom fully comes, God keeps covenant forever:

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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: 562 "We Will Extol You, God and King"**  
*Singing verses 1, 2, and 4*

\* GOD'S GREETING

\* GOD'S PEOPLE GREETING ONE ANOTHER

\* **All Singing:** “Light the Fire”

**I stand to praise you, but I fall on my knees  
My spirit is willing, but my flesh is weak**

**So, light the fire (light the fire)  
In my soul (in my weary soul)  
Fan the flame (fan the flame)  
Make me whole (make my spirit whole)  
Lord, you know (you know)  
Where I am (where I am)  
So, light the fire in my soul again**

#### CHILDREN’S BLESSING

Children: The peace of Christ be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

## Reconciliation

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: sinners who repent and believe in Jesus live anew as members of the family of God – the first fruits of a new creation.

**All: In all our striving to excuse or save ourselves we stand condemned before the God of truth.**

Liturgist: But our world, broken and scarred, still belongs to God who holds it together and gives us hope.  
*Our World Belongs to God – 5 & 17*

#### *Silent Reflection and Confession*

Liturgist: In our world, where many journey alone, God, by his gracious choosing in Christ, gathers a new community – those who by God’s gift put their trust in Christ.

**People: In this new community all are welcome: the homeless come home, the broken find healing, the sinner makes a new start, the despised are esteemed, the least are honored, and the last are first.**

Liturgist: Here the Spirit guides and grace abounds.  
*Our World Belongs to God – 34*

\* **All Singing:** **269 “All are Welcome”**  
*Singing verses 1, 3, and 5*

Liturgist: The church is a gathering of forgiven sinners called to be holy.

**All: Saved by the patient grace of God, we deal patiently with others and confess our need for grace and forgiveness.**

Liturgist: Restored in Christ’s presence, shaped by his life, the new community lives out the ongoing story of God’s reconciling love, announces the new creation, and works for a world of justice and peace.

*Our World Belongs to God – 39*

## Proclamation

#### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

**All: Lord God, help us turn our hearts to you and hear what you will speak, for you speak peace to your people through Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

Scripture: Philippians 2:1-11

Minister: The Word of the Lord.

**All:** **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon: Doubling Down

\* **All Singing:** **251 “The Church’s One Foundation”**  
*Singing verses 1 – 4*

## 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. Trinity Christian College

OFFERTORY “Earth and All Stars”

Michael Burkhardt

## Eucharist

INSTITUTION  
PRAYER  
INVITATION  
COMMUNION

**All Singing:** **808 “Table of Plenty”**  
*All singing refrain, soloist singing verses*

**833 “There is a Redeemer”**  
*Standing to sing last verse*

## Sending

\* BENEDICTION

Postlude: “Jubilate”

Ernest H. Sheppard

### Worship Leaders

Organist / Pianist: Dora Diephouse

Prelude Pianist: Adeline Larsen

Vocalists: Marjie Coleman  
Aron Reppmann

Cellist: Adeline Larsen

Percussion: Clay Carlson

Minister: Roger Nelson

Acolyte: Cora Varghese

Liturgist: Jim Achterhof

Prayer: Nate Pettinga

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