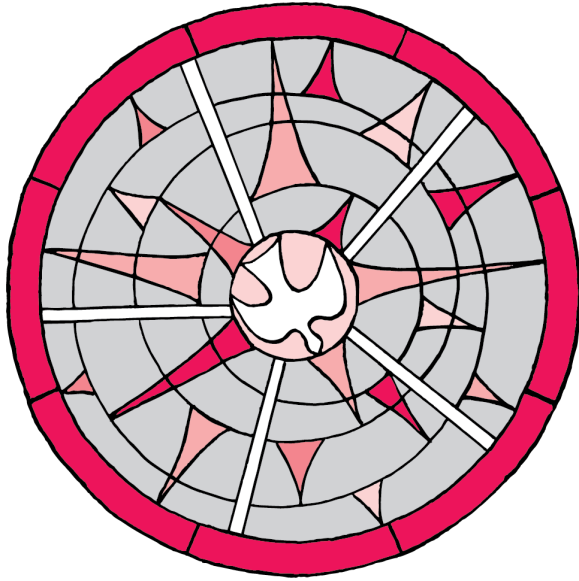




Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

July 19, 2026

* *Please stand if you are able*

Prelude: "This Is My Father's World"

arr. Nicholas Palmer

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: O Lord, you have searched me and known me. You know when I sit down and when I rise up; you discern my thoughts from far away.

All: You search out my path and are acquainted with all my ways.

Liturgist: Even before a word is on my tongue, O Lord, you know it completely.

All: You hem me in behind and before, and you lay your hand upon me.

Liturgist: Where can I go from your Spirit? Where can I flee from your presence?
Psalm 139:1-7 adapted

* **All Singing: 565 "God Himself is With Us"**

* GOD'S GREETING

* GOD'S PEOPLE GREETING ONE ANOTHER

* **All Singing: 532 "Be Still, for the Presence"**

CHILDREN'S BLESSING

Children: The peace of Christ be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

Reconciliation

Liturgist: If I ascend to heaven, you are there; if I make my bed in *Sheol*, you are there. If I take the wings of the morning and settle at the farthest limits of the sea, even there your hand shall lead me, and your right hand shall hold me fast.

All: **If I say "Surely the darkness will hide me and the light become night around me," even the darkness will not be dark to you and the night will shine like day.**

Liturgist: For you created my inmost being; and you knit me together in my mother's womb.

All: **I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful.**

Liturgist: Search me, O God, and know my heart; test me and know my thoughts. See if there is any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.

Psalm 139:8-14, 23, 24 adapted

Silent Reflection and Confession

All Singing: 639 "Lord, Have Mercy"

Liturgist: I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us.

All: **For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God;**

Liturgist: The creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God.

All: **We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved.**

Liturgist: Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen?

All: **But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.**

Romans 8:18-25

*** All Singing: 775 "Across the Lands"**

Proclamation

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Minister: Gracious God, we do not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from your mouth.

All: **Make us hungry for your Word, that it may nourish us today in the ways of eternal life. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord, Amen.**

Scripture: I Peter 1:1-23

Minister: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon: Practice Resurrection

* **All Singing: 746 “Holy Spirit, Living Breath of God”**

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. Daystar Academy

OFFERTORY “Jesus, Name of Wondrous Love” arr. David Johnson

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

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Sending

* BENEDICTION

* **All Singing: “Stars in the World”**
Singing through twice

**God will give you strength,
God will give you peace,
God will give you hope in your time of need.**

**Go in the name of Christ,
Go with the Word of Life.
Shine like the stars in this darkening world.
Walk in his love,
filled with his joy,
Blameless and pure.**

Postlude: “Medley of Praise” arr. Phillip Keveren

Worship Leaders

Organist:	Lynn Hollender	Acolyte:	Vera Hulford
Pianist:	Anna Triezenberg-Sims	Liturgist:	Lydia Carlson
Vocalist / Pianist:	Karis Dykstra	Prayer:	Gary R. Medema
Flutists:	Moriah Dykstra		
	Lynn Hollender		
Guitar:	Jenson Varghese		
Percussion:	Clay Carlson		
Minister:	Jim Oord		

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