

**July 4, 2021**  
**6th Sunday after Pentecost**  
**w/Holy Communion**



**BUFFALO**  
*Presbyterian*  
**CHURCH**

Leading Worship Today:

**Pastor:** Brain Entz

**Lay Leader:** Kathy Quady

**Accompanist:** Ralph Johansen

**Vocalist:** Mike Agre

## PRELUDE

**Prelude on Simple Gifts**  
**Fantasy on Foundation**

*John Barr  
Alice Jordan*

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### SILENT PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

*I saw a stranger yestreen (yesterday):*

*I put food in the eating place,*

*Drink in the drinking place,*

*Music in the listening place:*

*And in the sacred name of the Triune [God]*

*He blessed myself and my house,*

*My cattle and my dear ones.*

*And the lark said in her song*

*Often, often, often Goes the Christ in the stranger's guise,*

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### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

We ponder your steadfast love, O God,  
**in the midst of your temple.**

Your name, O God, like your praise,  
reaches to the ends of the earth.

**Your right hand is filled with victory.**

Walk about Zion, go all around it,  
**count its towers,**  
consider well its ramparts;  
**go through its citadels,**  
that you may tell the next generation  
that this is God,

**our God forever and ever.**  
**The Holy One will be our guide forever.**

## \*OPENING HYMN

#331 God of the Ages

1 God of the ages, whose almighty hand  
leads forth in beauty all the starry band  
of shining worlds in splendor through the  
skies,  
our grateful songs before thy throne  
arise.

3 From war's alarms, from deadly  
pestilence,  
be thy strong arm our ever sure defense.  
Thy true religion in our hearts increase.  
Thy bounteous goodness nourish us in  
peace.

2 Thy love divine hath led us in the past.  
In this free land by thee our lot is cast.  
Be thou our ruler, guardian, guide, and  
stay:  
thy word our law, thy paths our chosen  
way.

4 Refresh thy people on their toilsome  
way.  
Lead us from night to never-ending day.  
Fill all our lives with love and grace  
divine,  
and glory, laud, and praise be ever thine.

## \*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

The proof of God's amazing love is this: While we were still sinners Christ died for us. Because we have faith in him, we dare to approach God with confidence. Trusting in God's grace, let us confess our sin.

**Holy and merciful God, in your presence we confess our failure to be what you created us to be. You alone know how often we have sinned in wandering from your ways, in wasting your gifts, in forgetting your love.**

**By your loving mercy, help us to live in your light and abide in your ways, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.**

*As water is poured into the font remember your baptism and that in these waters you are named as one of God's beloved and joined to Christ forever.*

## \*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life has gone; a new life has begun. Know that we are forgiven and be at peace.

**Alleluia, Amen.**

## \*RESPONSE

***The Gloria Patri #581***

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost.  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without  
end. Amen. Amen.**

## WORD

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, that as the Scriptures are read and your Word proclaimed, we may hear with joy what you say to us today. Amen.

### OLD TESTAMENT READING

2 Samuel 5:1-5, 9-10 (NRSV)

<sup>1</sup>Then all the tribes of Israel came to David at Hebron, and said, "Look, we are your bone and flesh. <sup>2</sup>For some time, while Saul was king over us, it was you who led out Israel and brought it in. The LORD said to you: It is you who shall be shepherd of my people Israel, you who shall be ruler over Israel." <sup>3</sup>So all the elders of Israel came to the king at Hebron; and King David made a covenant with them at Hebron before the LORD, and they anointed David king over Israel. <sup>4</sup>David was thirty years old when he began to reign, and he reigned for forty years. <sup>5</sup>At Hebron he reigned over Judah for seven years and six months; and at Jerusalem he reigned over all Israel and Judah for thirty-three years.

<sup>9</sup>David occupied the stronghold, and named it the city of David. David built the city all around from the Millo inwards. <sup>10</sup>And David became greater and greater, for the LORD, the God of hosts, was with him.

### NEW TESTAMENT READING

2 Corinthians 12:2-10 (NRSV)

<sup>2</sup>I know a person in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven — whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows. <sup>3</sup>And I know that such a person — whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows — <sup>4</sup>was caught up into Paradise and heard things that are not to be told, that no mortal is permitted to repeat. <sup>5</sup>On behalf of such a one I will boast, but on my own behalf I will not boast, except of my weaknesses. <sup>6</sup>But if I wish to boast, I will not be a fool, for I will be speaking the truth. But I refrain from it, so that no one may think better of me than what is seen in me or heard from me, <sup>7</sup>even considering the exceptional character of the revelations. Therefore, to keep me from being too elated, a thorn was given to me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to torment me, to keep me from being too elated. <sup>8</sup>Three times I appealed to the Lord about this, that it would leave me, <sup>9</sup>but he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness." So, I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may dwell in me. <sup>10</sup>Therefore I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities for the sake of Christ; for whenever I am weak, then I am strong.

## GOSPEL READING

Mark 6:1-13 (NRSV)

<sup>1</sup>He left that place and came to his hometown, and his disciples followed him. <sup>2</sup>On the sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astounded. They said, "Where did this man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been given to him? What deeds of power are being done by his hands! <sup>3</sup>Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon, and are not his sisters here with us?" And they took offense at him. <sup>4</sup>Then Jesus said to them, "Prophets are not without honor, except in their hometown, and among their own kin, and in their own house." <sup>5</sup>And he could do no deed of power there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and cured them. <sup>6</sup>And he was amazed at their unbelief.

Then he went about among the villages teaching. <sup>7</sup>He called the twelve and began to send them out two by two, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits. <sup>8</sup>He ordered them to take nothing for their journey except a staff; no bread, no bag, no money in their belts; <sup>9</sup>but to wear sandals and not to put on two tunics. <sup>10</sup>He said to them, "Wherever you enter a house, stay there until you leave the place. <sup>11</sup>If any place will not welcome you and they refuse to hear you, as you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them." <sup>12</sup>So they went out and proclaimed that all should repent. <sup>13</sup>They cast out many demons, and anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them.

## MESSAGE

Pastor Brian Entz

## RESPONDING TO THE WORD

## OFFERING ANTHEM

*Let us present ourselves to God as those who have been delivered from death to life.  
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## \*OFFERING PRAYER

## **\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

## **THE INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE**

### **THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

**People: We lift them up to the Lord.**

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Pastor: Praise to you, O God, for all your works...

## **INTERCESSIONS AND THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**People: 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.**

## **BREAKING OF THE BREAD**

## **The Nicene Creed**

## SHARING THE LORD'S SUPPER

*For those not gathered in person please have bread and juice on hand to celebrate. For those gathered in the sanctuary please use the wafer and cup packs that have been pre-placed in the pews. If you need allergen free wafers please alert an usher. Regardless of whether we are gathered in person or online we trust that we are gathered in spirit as one body and surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses. As led by the pastor, take a piece of bread and eat it and then do the same with the cup following the pastor's lead. For those at home where multiple people are partaking of the sacrament together please serve one another.*

## \*COMMUNION PRAYER

**Gracious God, how can we thank you for such a gift? For you have met us, fed us, drawn us to you, and bound us to one another. Now send us out to share your love and proclaim our hope until Christ comes again. Amen.**

## SENDING

### \*CLOSING HYMN

1 Guide me, O thou great Jehovah,  
pilgrim through this barren land.  
I am weak, but thou art mighty.  
Hold me with thy powerful hand.  
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven,  
feed me till I want no more;  
feed me till I want no more.

3 When I tread the verge of Jordan,  
bid my anxious fears subside.  
Death of death, and hell's destruction,  
land me safe on Canaan's side.  
Songs of praises, songs of praises  
I will ever give to thee;  
I will ever give to thee.

### #65 Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

2 Open now the crystal fountain,  
whence the healing stream doth flow.  
Let the fire and cloudy pillar  
lead me all my journey through.  
Strong deliverer, strong deliverer,  
be thou still my strength and shield;  
be thou still my strength and shield.

## \*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

America, the Beautiful

arr. Lee Erwin

## WORSHIP NOTES

The Call to Worship is taken from Psalm 48.

### MUSIC LICENSES

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**Postlude.** America the Beautiful. Arranged by Lee Erwin. Copyright 1976 Piedmont Music Company, Inc.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Rainer & Dolores Pensky:** Come celebrate the 60th Wedding Anniversary of Rainer and Dolores. This celebration will be an open house style on July 15, 2021 from 3 pm to 6pm.

**Children's Bulletins:** Please see an usher if you are interested in a children's bulletin.

**Congregational Questionnaire Coming Soon:** From July 18th through August 1st we are asking everyone at BPC to participate in the Congregational Questionnaire from the presbytery. Please look for more information in the coming weeks.

**Foster a Teen:** Wright County has an IMMEDIATE need for foster providers willing to care for teens. Orientation is now offered online. Please contact Marisa Ferguson at 763-682-7484 or [Marisa.Ferguson@co.wright.mn.us](mailto:Marisa.Ferguson@co.wright.mn.us)

**Guy's Breakfast:** Men will be meeting for breakfast at Perkins on Tuesdays at 7:30am. Come enjoy great fellowship and food!

**Worship in the Park:** Sunday July 25th at 9:30am will be our annual Worship in the Park at West Pulaski Park. There will be a potluck to follow, so please bring a dish to share. Please bring chairs, drinks, plates, and cutlery.

**Prayer Shawl:** This group will start meeting again on the first Monday of the month at 6:30pm. This will start up again on August 2, 2021.

**VBS Volunteers Wanted:** VBS will be held August 16-19 from 5:00pm to 7:30pm. We are looking for volunteers. Please Contact Mandy Harkess if you are interested, 612-226-3985 or [mandylynnhunter@gmail.com](mailto:mandylynnhunter@gmail.com).

**Garden Desk Calendars:** Please pick up your 2021 desk calendar in the church office. All donations from these will be going to the Buffalo Food Shelf.

**Upcoming Worship Schedule:** Please join us in person on Sundays at the 9:30am worship service. Masks and social distancing will be required. Also remember to sign in for contact tracing purposes. Services will also be available online, please pay attention to your email on Sunday afternoons for worship links and bulletins.

## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

AUG 16-19  
5:00PM - 7:30PM

FOR CHILDREN ENTERING GRADES K-5

DINNER 5:00-5:30PM

VBS PROGRAM WILL BEGIN AT 5:30PM

Register at  
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## THE LIFE OF THE NATIONS

## 331 God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand

(optional)

1 God of the a - ges, whose al-might - y  
 2 Thy love di - vine hath led us in the  
 3 From war's a - larms, from dead - ly pes - ti -  
 4 Re - fresh thy peo - ple on their toil-some

hand leads forth in beau - ty all the star - ry band  
 past. In this free land by thee our lot is cast.  
 lence, be thy strong arm our ev - er sure de-fense.  
 way. Lead us from night to nev - er - end-ing day.

of shin - ing worlds in splen - dor through the skies,  
 Be thou our rul - er, guard - ian, guide, and stay:  
 Thy true re - li - gion in our hearts in - crease.  
 Fill all our lives with love and grace di - vine,

our grate - ful songs be - fore thy throne a - rise.  
 thy word our law, thy paths our cho - sen way.  
 Thy boun - teous good - ness nour - ish us in peace.  
 and glo - ry, laud, and praise be ev - er thine.

This hymn was generated by 19th-century centennial celebrations: the words by the Declaration of Independence and the music by the adoption of the United States Constitution. Despite these origins, no specific nation is mentioned in this hymn of praise and prayer for peace.

## Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah 65

1 Guide me, O thou great Je - ho - vah, pil - grim through this  
 2 O - pen now the crys - tal foun-tain, whence the heal - ing  
 3 When I tread the verge of Jor - dan, bid my anx - ious

bar - ren land. I am weak, but thou art might - y. Hold me  
 stream doth flow. Let the fire and cloud-y pil - lar lead me  
 fears sub - side. Death of death, and hell's de - struc-tion, land me

with thy power - ful hand. Bread of heav - en, bread of heav - en,  
 all my jour - ney through. Strong de - liv - erer, strong de - liv - erer,  
 safe on Ca - naan's side. Songs of prais - es, songs of prais - es

feed me till I want no more; feed me till I want no more.  
 be thou still my strength and shield; be thou still my strength and shield.  
 I will ev - er give to thee; I will ev - er give to thee.

Few Welsh hymns are as well known or loved as this 18th-century text that did not gain its popular tune until the early 20th century. In both its original text and in English translation, it is a stirring hymn of pilgrimage filled with vivid imagery from Hebrew Scripture.