

**Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, ELCA**

[propeace.org](http://propeace.org)

on-line worship: [YouTube.com@princeofpeacesaratoga](https://www.youtube.com/@princeofpeacesaratoga)



**July 6, 2025**

**Holy Disruptors – Julian of Norwich**

# Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, ELCA

[propeace.org](http://propeace.org)

*Welcome to Prince of Peace! As we begin worship, we hope and pray that it will be a time of connection with God and with others, so that we can leave this service ready to love and serve our neighbors.*

**Bold type indicates everyone's response.**

## Gathering

**Prelude** *Canción (a Mexican Native American song)*

Silvestre Revueltas

## Welcome

### \*Opening Litany

Pastor: We begin our worship in the name of the One who creates, The One who liberates, and the One who inspires us to be who we were made to be.

**C: "Our faith has challenged us to make good trouble, to make this world a better place."**

P: In every generation around the world, there arises powers that seek to destroy, to dominate and oppress for their own gain. In every generation the faithful are called to rise up and name this oppression. Whether these destructive powers come from unjust laws and policies, or from beliefs and cultural practices that harm the soul, whether they come from government, society, or from the church itself, we are called to make good trouble.

**C: "Our faith has challenged us to make good trouble, to make this world a better place."**

P: To be a Holy Disruptor is to take up your cross and follow Jesus. To be a disciple is to see Christ in the face of the oppressed and suffering. We are called to be sacred interrupters, refusing to participate in the Domination Way, but instead learning to walk the Good Way. One of courage,

Welcome to the third Sunday of our 8 week series on Holy Disruptors.

What is a Holy Disruptor?

Someone who follows God's hopes for the world and makes holy trouble...non-violently, with great courage, and with a love for all people that shines through.

Thinking through history, who would you put on this list?

Our guest preacher today is Karen Smith, a member who participated in the PLTS Lay-Preaching class earlier this year.

collaboration, compassion, and integrity. Faithfully, we divest our hearts, minds, and actions from the way that harms and invest our hearts, minds, and actions in the Way that brings life, healing, and wholeness to all living things.

**C: “Our faith has challenged us to make good trouble, to make this world a better place.”**

P: Today we walk alongside Julian of Norwich, who saw visions of God on her deathbed, assuring her of God’s unconditional love in a time of fear and death.

**C: Amen! Come Holy Spirit!**

## \* Gathering Hymn

### Goodness Is Stronger than Evil



Good -ness is stron - ger than e - vil; love is stron - ger than hate;



light is stron - ger than dark - ness; life is stron - ger than death; vic - t'ry is



ours, vic - t'ry is ours, through God who loves us. Vic - t'ry is



ours, vic - t'ry is ours, through God who loves us.

Text: From *An African Prayer Book*, Desmond Tutu, b. 1931

Music: GOODNESS IS STRONGER, John L. Bell, b. 1949

Text © 1995 Desmond Tutu, admin. Random House, Inc. and Lynn C. Franklin Associates, Ltd.

## \*Prayer of the Day

In you, Father all-mighty, we have our preservation and our bliss. In you, Christ, we have our restoring and our saving. You are our mother, brother, and savior. In you, our Lord the Holy Spirit, is marvelous and plenteous grace. You are our clothing; for love you wrap us and embrace us. You are our maker, our lover, our keeper. Teach us to believe that by your grace shall be well, and all shall be well, and all manner of things shall be well. Amen.

## The Word

### Reading

Revelation 21:1-7

<sup>1</sup> Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. <sup>2</sup> And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. <sup>3</sup> And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,

“See, the home of God is among mortals.

He will dwell with them;

they will be his peoples,

and God himself will be with them and be their God;

<sup>4</sup> he will wipe every tear from their eyes.

Death will be no more;

mourning and crying and pain will be no more,

for the first things have passed away.”

<sup>5</sup> And the one who was seated on the throne said, “See, I am making all things new.” Also he said, “Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true.” <sup>6</sup> Then he said to me, “It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life. <sup>7</sup> Those who conquer will inherit these things, and I will be their God, and they will be my children.

L: The Gospel of the Lord. **C: Thank be to God.**

**Anthem** *Jerusalem, My Happy Home*

Choir

*arr. Kerry Lewis, directed by Kerry Lewis*

Today's Disruptor is Julian of Norwich, who saw visions of a loving God, writing a book about them in 1373. In an era defined by plague and fear of a vengeful God, this was radical.

Her work is the oldest surviving English-language book attributed to a woman.

## Children's Message

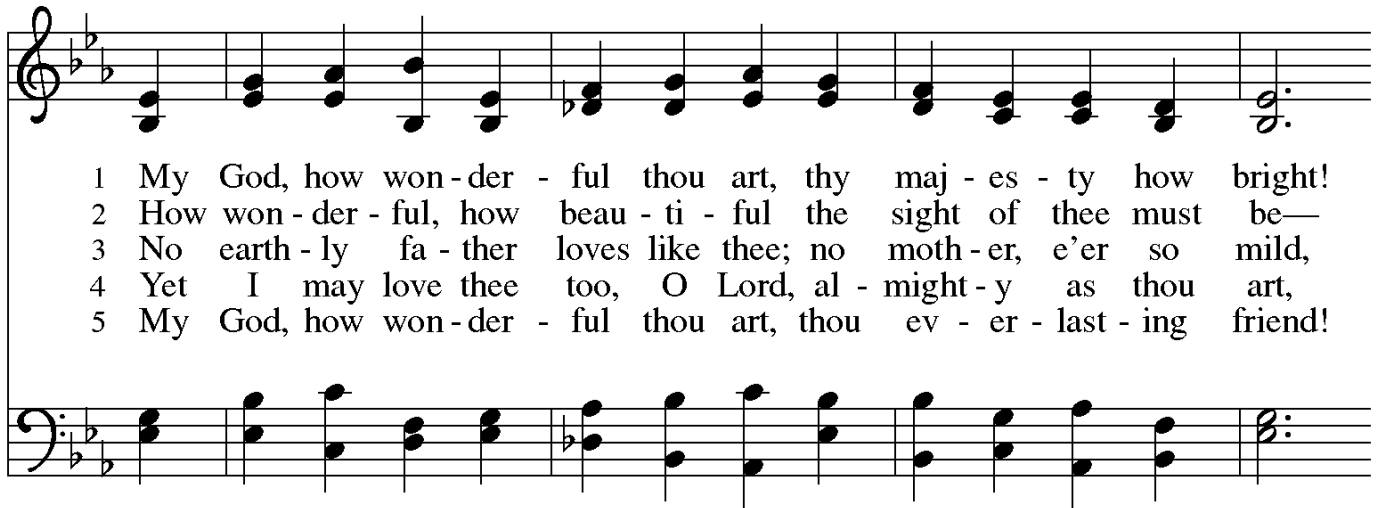
Drew Ajer

## Homily

Karen Smith

### \*Song of the Day

## My God, How Wonderful Thou Art



1 My God, how won - der - ful thou art, thy maj - es - ty how bright!  
2 How won - der - ful, how beau - ti - ful the sight of thee must be—  
3 No earth - ly fa - ther loves like thee; no moth - er, e'er so mild,  
4 Yet I may love thee too, O Lord, al - might - y as thou art,  
5 My God, how won - der - ful thou art, thou ev - er - last - ing friend!



How beau - ti - ful thy mer - cy seat in depths of burn - ing light!  
thine end - less wis - dom, bound - less pow'r, and awe - some pu - ri - ty!  
bears and for - bears as thou hast done with me, thy sin - ful child.  
for thou hast stooped to ask of me the love of my poor heart.  
On thee I stay my trust - ing heart till faith in vi - sion end.

## Prayers of the People

*We join together in praying as a church body. Our prayers are lengthy today, so feel free to stand or sit depending on your comfort.*

**L: Hear us, O God,**

**C: Your mercy is great.**

## Passing of the Peace

*We give one another a word of peace, as a prayer and a blessing. It is a unique greeting that grounds us here.*

## Offering

*Your offering makes possible and powerful the ministries of this congregation. You may place your offering in one of the plates in the back of the church. If you wish to give your offering electronically today, please scan this QR code...*



## The Meal

***\*Please stand as you are able\****

### **\*Words of the Institution**

### **\*Invitation to Receive Communion**

*Jesus Christ, risen from the dead, welcomes everyone (and we mean everyone!) to this table, regardless of race, ethnicity, gender expression, citizenship, ability, political affiliation, or faith.*

### **\*The Lord's Prayer**

**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 trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,  
Forever and ever. Amen**

### **Communion Music***El Canto del Cisne*

Martín Sánchez Allú (1823-1858)

*To all guests and visitor, to all who have been excluded... Please know that you are welcome at this table!*

*The communion bread is vegan and we have gluten free options. Wine is red, grape juice is white.*

*If the walk to the altar is too far, just let our ushers know and we can bring you communion.*

# The Sending

## Announcements

### \*Blessing

The love of God abound in you;  
the grace of our Savior Jesus Christ fill your hearts;  
and the life of the Spirit

✠ bless you and give you peace.

**Amen.**

### \*Sending Song *Hallelujah, We Sing Your Praises*

*(Printed on the next page)*

### \*Dismissal

Go in peace. Live by the Spirit. **Thanks be to God. We will!**

### Postlude: *Marche-Sortie*

Théodore Dubois (1837-1924)

#### With thanks to our worship leaders:

Todd Hauschildt, *Head usher*

Connie Chen, *Reader*

David L. and Ethan W., *Sound and Video Techs*

Solberg Family, *Coffee Host*

#### Licenses:

Christian Copyright Solutions

License No. 12833

Use and transmission of songs

CCLI License No. 1772348

#### Prince of Peace Staff

*Reverend Sara Pearson, Pastor*

*Drew Ajer, Director of Youth and Services*

*Anne Hess, Office Manager*

*Katie Hoffman, Office Associate*

*Barbara Day Turner, Director of Music*

*Michael Touchi, pianist/organist*

*Kerry Lewis, Music Staff Associate*

### Welcome visitors!

We're so glad you joined us!

Please use your visitor card in the pews and leave it in the offering plate.

Learn about upcoming events: request a copy of "Peace Notes," our print announcements, and the calendar. We invite you to learn more about us on our website: **propeace.org**.

Prince of Peace is a congregation of the *Sierra Pacific Synod of the ELCA*.

We are proud to be a **Reconciling in Christ congregation**, publicly affirming our commitment to being a welcoming faith community for LGBTQ+ people and their families.

We are also members of **NAMI-FaithNet**, which creates mental health-friendly, stigma-free congregations in the Santa Clara Valley.

# Hallelujah! We Sing Your Praises

## *Haleluya! Pelo tsa rona*

*Refrain— sung twice each time*



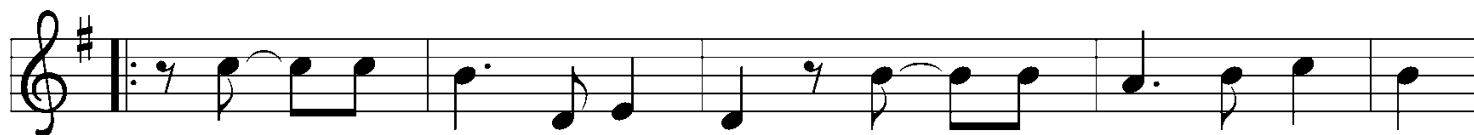
Ha - le - lu - ya! Pe - lo tsa ro - na, di tha -  
Hal - le - lu - jah! We sing your prais - es, all our



bi - le ka - o - fe - la. Ha - le - lu - ya! Pe - lo tsa  
hearts are filled with glad - ness. Hal - le - lu - jah! We sing your



ro - na, di tha - bi - le ka - o - fe - la. *End*  
prais - es, all our hearts are filled with glad - ness.



1 Christ the Lord to us said: I am wine, I am bread,  
2 Now he sends us all out, strong in faith, free of doubt,

*Repeat stanza, then sing refrain*



I am wine, I am bread, give to all who thirst and hun - ger.  
strong in faith, free of doubt. Tell to all the joy - ful gos - pel.

## Welcome visitors!

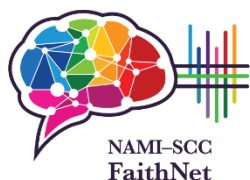
We're so glad you joined us! Please use your visitor card in the pews and leave it in the offering plate.

Learn about upcoming events: request a copy of "Peace Notes," our print announcements, and the calendar. We invite you to learn more about us on our website: [propeace.org](http://propeace.org).

Prince of Peace is a congregation of the *Sierra Pacific Synod of the ELCA* .

We are proud to be a *Reconciling in Christ* congregation , publicly affirming our commitment to being a welcoming faith community for LGBTQ+ people and their families.

We are also members of *NAMI-FaithNet* , which creates mental health-friendly, stigma-free congregations in the Santa Clara Valley.



[namisantaclara.org/  
classes/faith-net-2](http://namisantaclara.org/classes/faith-net-2)



## Our theme for 2025:

*Rooted in the love of Christ, we will grow and cultivate a thriving mycorrhizal network, characterized by faithful awareness, bold hope, and empathetic action.*