

# SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

September 12, 2021

9:30 a.m.

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*“In the Beginning God...”*

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## WE GATHER AROUND GOD’S WORD

PIANO PRELUDE Mollie Wakeman

*Morning Has Broken...* Lloyd Larsen

(Please use this time to prepare your heart for worship.)

CALL TO WORSHIP Kathy Pearson

\* HYMN OF PRAISE

*God, You Spin the Whirling Planets* No. 285

(Please silently meditate on the words of the hymn,  
as it is sung on our behalf.)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

(Please pray silently, as the worship leader prays on our behalf):

**Holy and merciful God, in perfection You created the earth, fixed the course of the sun and seasons, and populated the earth with plants, fish, birds, and animals to live in an intricate, balanced web of life. You created us in Your image and gave us the responsibility to care for the world. We confess that we have often failed to live up to our responsibilities. Forgive us, we pray. Hear us now as we silently confess our sins.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Friends, believe the Good News of the Gospel.

In Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

Leader: The peace of the Lord be with you.

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

\* Those who wish may stand.

ANTHEM

Chancel Choir

*Look at the World...* John Rutter

Richard Dinwiddie, director; Mollie Wakeman, accompanist

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## WE PROCLAIM GOD’S WORD

SCRIPTURE READING

Genesis 1:1-13; 26-31

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MINISTRY OF THE WORD

Rev. George Swanson

**“Created and Blessed by God”**

## WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

SOLO

Richard Jackson

*Creating God, Your Fingers Trace*

Mollie Wakeman, accompanist

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

\* CLOSING HYMN

*All Things Bright and Beautiful*

No. 267

(Please silently meditate on the words of the hymn,  
as it is sung on our behalf).

\* BENEDICTION

\* BENEDICTION RESPONSE

(Please listen as the Benediction Response is sung on our behalf.)

*Go Now in Peace ...* Don Besig

PIANO POSTLUDE

*Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty...* Lloyd Larson