

The Fifth Sunday after Pentecost
July 13, 2025, 8:30 A.M.
St. John's Lutheran Church

Turn Your Radio On—Men's Choir

Announcements

Prelude *Rise Up, O Men of God—Men's Choir; For the Beauty of the Earth—arr. Anne Krentz*

Ringling of the Church Bell

Confession and Forgiveness page 116-117

L: Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

C: Amen.

L: God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

L: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another. Most merciful God,

C: we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.

Amen.

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

C: Amen.

Gathering Hymn *When Morning Gilds the Skies* ELW #853, vss. 1-4

Greeting and Kyrie *"In peace, let us pray..."* page 147-148

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

L: In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **C: Lord, have mercy.**

L: For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord. **C: Lord, have mercy.**

L: For the peace of the whole world, for the well being of the church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord. **C: Lord, have mercy.**

L: For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord. **C: Lord, have mercy.**

L: Help, save, comfort and defend us gracious Lord. **C: Amen**

L: Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's people on earth. **C: Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen**

Prayer of the Day: L: O Lord God, your mercy delights us, and the world longs for your loving care. Hear the cries of everyone in need, and turn our hearts to love our neighbors with the love of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. C: Amen.

First Reading: Deuteronomy 30:9-14

⁹ The Lord your God will make you abundantly prosperous in all your undertakings, in the fruit of your body, in the fruit of your livestock, and in the fruit of your soil. For the Lord will again take delight in prospering you, just as he delighted in prospering your ancestors, ¹⁰ when you obey the Lord your God by observing his commandments and decrees that are written in this book of the law, because you turn to the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul. ¹¹ "Surely, this commandment that I am commanding you today is not too hard for you, nor is it too far away. ¹² It is not in heaven, that you should say, 'Who will go up to heaven for us and get it for us so that we may hear it and observe it?' ¹³ Neither is it beyond the sea, that you should say, 'Who will cross to the other side of the sea for us and get it for us so that we may hear it and observe it?' ¹⁴ No, the word is very near to you; it is in your mouth and in your heart for you to observe.

Psalms 25:1-10

L: ¹ To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.

C: ² My God, I put my trust in you; let me not be put to shame, nor let my enemies triumph over me.

L: ³ Let none who look to you be put to shame; rather let those be put to shame who are treacherous.

C: ⁴ Show me your ways, O Lord, and teach me your paths.

L: ⁵ Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all the day long.

C: ⁶ Remember, O Lord, your compassion and love, for they are from everlasting.

L: ⁷ Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions; remember me according to your steadfast love and for the sake of your goodness, O Lord.

C: ⁸ You are gracious and upright, O Lord; therefore you teach sinners in your way.

L: ⁹ You lead the lowly in justice and teach the lowly your way.

C: ¹⁰ All your paths, O Lord, are steadfast love and faithfulness to those who keep your covenant and your testimonies.

Second Reading: Colossians 1:1-14

¹ Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Timothy our brother,

² To the saints and faithful brothers and sisters in Christ in Colossae:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father.

³ In our prayers for you we always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, ⁴ for we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love that you have for all the saints, ⁵ because of the hope laid up for you in heaven. You have heard of this hope before in the word of the truth, the gospel ⁶ that has come to you. Just as it is bearing fruit and growing in the whole world, so it has been bearing fruit among yourselves from

the day you heard it and truly comprehended the grace of God. ⁷ This you learned from Epaphras, our beloved fellow servant. He is a faithful minister of Christ on our behalf, ⁸ and he has made known to us your love in the Spirit.

⁹ For this reason, since the day we heard it, we have not ceased praying for you and asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of God's will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, ¹⁰ so that you may walk worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him, as you bear fruit in every good work and as you grow in the knowledge of God. ¹¹ May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, so that you may have all endurance and patience, joyfully ¹² giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. ¹³ He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, ¹⁴ in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

Special Music:

In That Great Gettin' Up Mornin'
Men's Choir

Children's Message

Gospel Acclamation

"Alleluia. Lord to whom shall we go?"

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Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.

The Gospel: Luke 10:25-37

Glory to you, O Lord/Praise to you, O Christ.

²⁵ An expert in the law stood up to test Jesus. "Teacher," he said, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?" ²⁶ He said to him, "What is written in the law? What do you read there?" ²⁷ He answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind and your neighbor as yourself." ²⁸ And he said to him, "You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live."

²⁹ But wanting to vindicate himself, he asked Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" ³⁰ Jesus replied, "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and took off, leaving him half dead. ³¹ Now by chance a priest was going down that road, and when he saw him he passed by on the other side. ³² So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. ³³ But a Samaritan while traveling came upon him, and when he saw him he was moved with compassion. ³⁴ He went to him and bandaged his wounds, treating them with oil and wine. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. ³⁵ The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, 'Take care of him, and when I come back I will repay you whatever more you spend.' ³⁶ Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?" ³⁷ He said, "The one who showed him mercy." Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."

Confession of Faith

Apostles' Creed

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I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

The Offering Hymn

For the Beauty of the Earth

ELW #879, vss. 1-4

The Offering Prayer: L: Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: our selves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **C:** Amen.

Prayers of the Church: L: God of grace,... **C:** ..., hear our prayer

The Lord's Prayer

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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, for ever and ever. Amen.

Benediction

L: The God of life, who raised Jesus from the dead, who sends forth the Spirit to renew the face of the earth, be merciful to you. Almighty God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit bless you now and forever. Go in peace. Share the Good News! Alleluia! **C: Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia**

Closing Hymn

This Is My Father's World

ELW #824, vss. 1-4

Postlude

When Morning Gilds the Skies

arr. Wayne Wold

Activities this Week at St. John's

Sun, July 13	8:30 7pm
Tues, July 15	6pm
Thurs, July 17	8:30am-4:30pm
Sun, July 20	8:30 & 10am 7pm

July 13, 2025 to July 20, 2025

Worship Services on lawn
Men's Choir
Trustee mtg
WIC
Worship Services w/comm
Men's Choir

General Funds (undesignated)

Jan 1 – July 8, 2025

Actual Income	\$104,961
Actual Expenses	93,144

Jan 1 – July 31, 2025

Budget Expenses	118,091
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Attendance

Last Sunday	78
2025 Average	97
2024 Average	90

Volunteers for July 20 services:

Ushers for July: 8:30am Ron & Linda Dahlstrom / 10am:

Greeter: 8:30am Nona Sawyer/ 10am:

Readers: 8:30am Karen Grimstad/ 10am Wendy Bucheit

Comm Prep: 8:30am Cindy & Dave Wuebker/ 10am Altar Guild

Comm Asst: 8:30am Bonnie Roe, Sherry Knudtson, Matt Teslow / 10am Wendy Bucheit

Radio Broadcast Ministry –Today’s radio broadcast is given by Darrell & Jolayne Winkie, listeners from Decorah. Thank you for your continuing support of this outreach ministry. Join us on Sunday mornings on KNEI 103.5 at 8:30am. **Note: you have the option of selecting a hymn of your choice for the service you sponsor.**

Scholarships: Handed out On Sunday, August 10 at 8:30am service only. We will be awarding scholarships to the children of parishioners who enrolled in an institution of higher learning. The amount of the award is \$500. If the child is enrolled in a Lutheran College, he/she will be eligible for a matching EPIC of \$500. In order to receive the scholarship, please indicate your interest to the Church Office by **July 20th**. *Trust Fund Committee*

Food For The Poor, according to the Chronicle of Philanthropy, is the largest international relief organization in the United States. Since its founding in 1982, Food For The Poor has provided more than \$18.3 billion in aid and has built more than 95, 512 safe and secure homes for destitute people in need of adequate shelter. Sunday, July 20 Pr. Darrell D. Golnitz will share with us the story of this ministry through a Message entitled: “Do You Choose The Better Part.” You will be invited to participate in this ministry through a special offering.

Ice Cream Social at Waterloo Ridge Lutheran Church today with worship service at 10am and Social from 11am – 1pm. Menu includes: BBQ, coney dogs, hot dogs, potato salad, chips, pie, desserts, ice cream and beverages. Free Will Offering. Carryout’s available.

We are accepting pledges toward the Solar Project. Pledges may be made by calling the Church Office or talking to Pastor Bryan.


Position: Church Secretary, part-time **Summary:** responsible for day-to-day operations of Church Office. **Duties** include: general reception, answering phone, preparing weekly bulletin inserts, preparing monthly newsletters & assisting Pastor & others with day-to-day requests & preparing various reports. Contact Matt Teslow, Donna Wood or Pastor Bryan with questions.

Newsletters are available for pickup for those who requested printed correspondence from the Church.

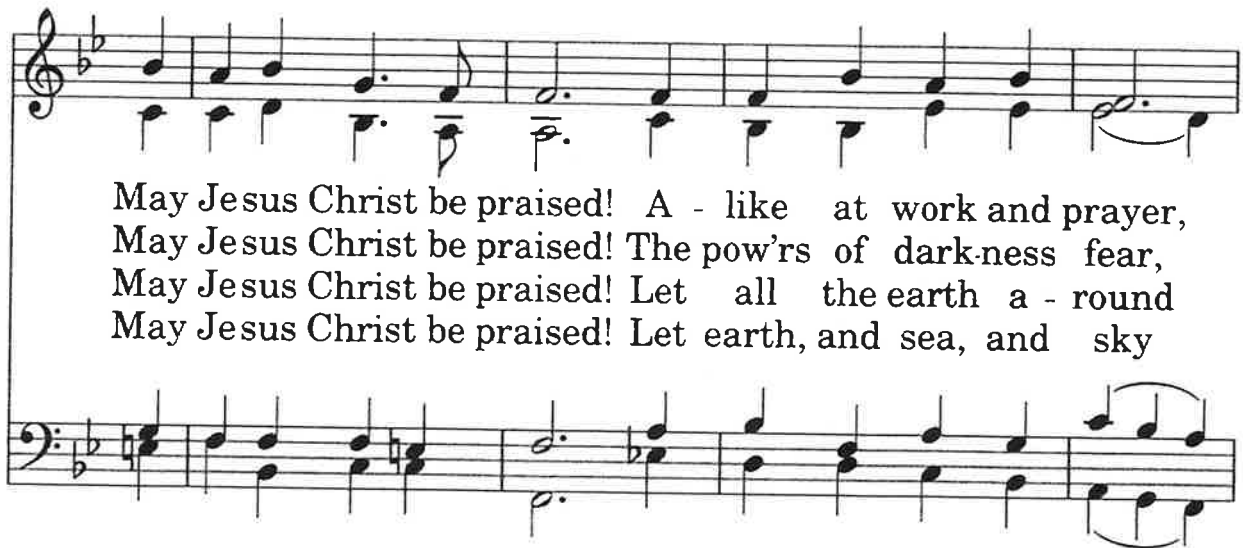
We have the opportunity to be a part of our area churches Feed the Kids Program *during the month of July*. We are looking for volunteers for July 21-25. Please sign up for the date/dates that *might* work for you in the Narthex. Be sure to put your email address and t-shirt size. A schedule will be sent at a later date to confirm dates. **Monetary donations** that can be sent to the office or placed in the offering. Please make checks out to “Feed the Kids”.

We offer our sympathy to the family and friends of Shirley Larkin, who passed away recently. We keep her husband, Cyril, and them in our prayers.

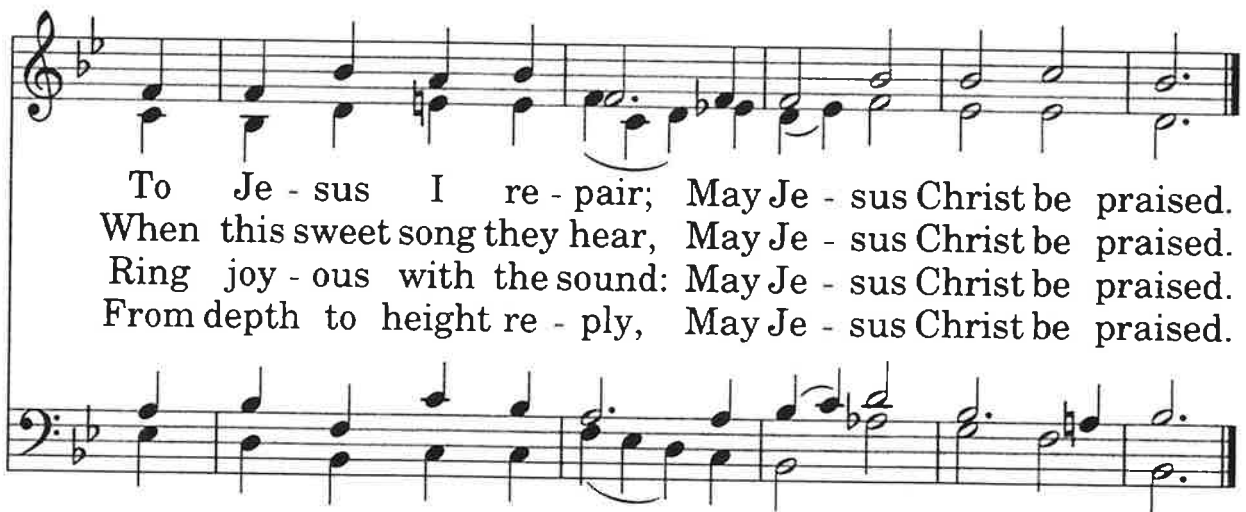
When Morning Gilds the Skies



1. When morn-ing gilds the skies, My heart a - wak-ing cries,
2. The night becomes as day, When from the heart we say,
3. Ye na-tions of man-kind, In this your con-cord find:
4. In heavn's e - ter - nal bliss The love-liest strain is this,

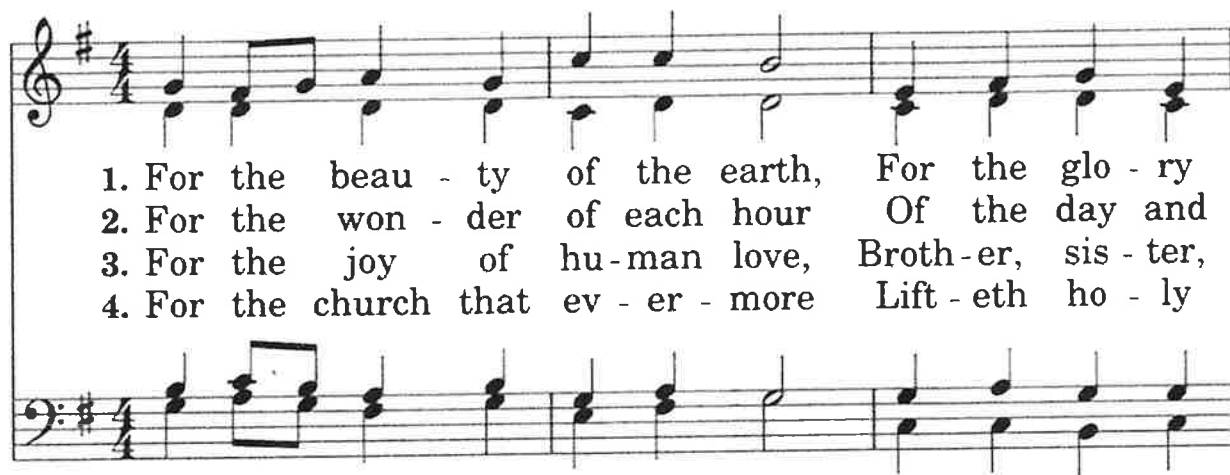


May Jesus Christ be praised! A - like at work and prayer,
May Jesus Christ be praised! The pow'rs of dark-ness fear,
May Jesus Christ be praised! Let all the earth a - round
May Jesus Christ be praised! Let earth, and sea, and sky



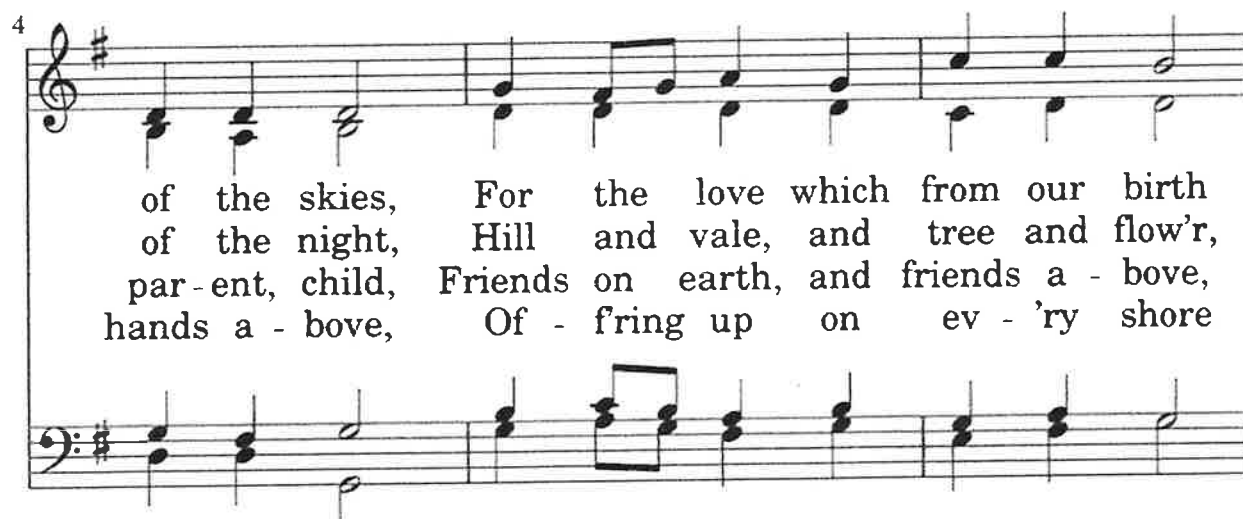
To Je - sus I re - pair; May Je - sus Christ be praised.
When this sweet song they hear, May Je - sus Christ be praised.
Ring joy - ous with the sound: May Je - sus Christ be praised.
From depth to height re - ply, May Je - sus Christ be praised.

For the Beauty of the Earth



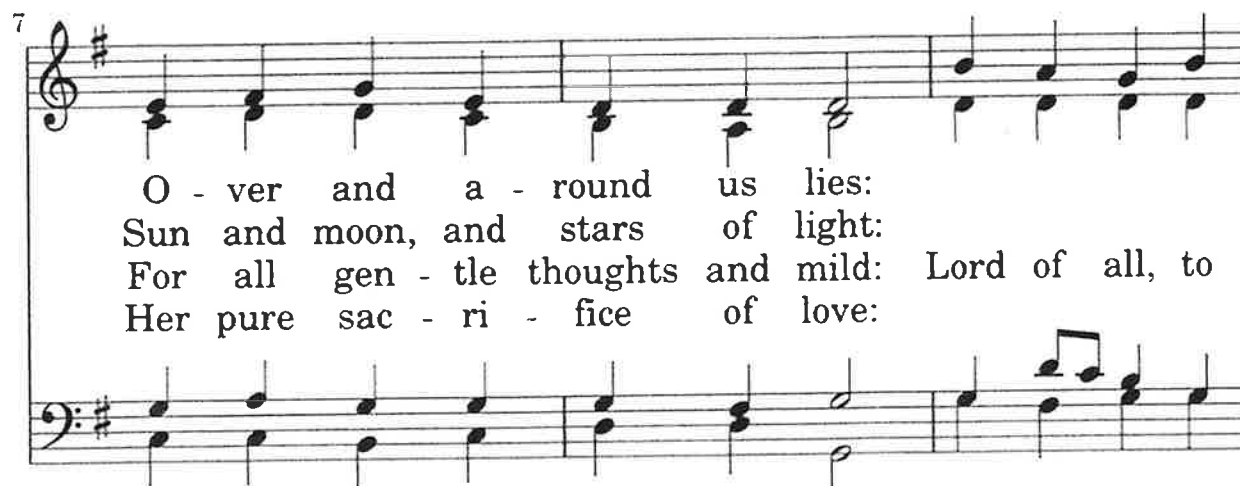
1. For the beau - ty of the earth, For the glo - ry
 2. For the won - der of each hour Of the day and
 3. For the joy of hu - man love, Broth - er, sis - ter,
 4. For the church that ev - er - more Lift - eth ho - ly

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of the skies, For the love which from our birth
 of the night, Hill and vale, and tree and flow'r,
 par - ent, child, Friends on earth, and friends a - bove,
 hands a - bove, Of - fring up on ev - 'ry shore

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O - ver and a - round us lies:
 Sun and moon, and stars of light:
 For all gen - tle thoughts and mild: Lord of all, to
 Her pure sac - ri - fice of love:

This Is My Father's World

Maltbie D. Babcock, 1901 (1858-1901)

TERRA BEATA S.M.D.
Franklin L. Sheppard, 1915 (1852-1930)



1. This is my Fa - ther's world, And to my lis - tening ears, All
 2. This is my Fa - ther's world, The birds their car - ols raise, The
 3. This is my Fa - ther's world, O let me ne'er for - get That



na - ture sings, and round me rings The mu - sic of the spheres
 morn - ing light, the lil - y white, De - clare their Mak - ers praise
 though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the Rul - er yet



This is my Fa - ther's world, I rest me in the thought Of
 This is my Fa - ther's world; He shines in all that's fair; In the
 This is my Fa - ther's world, Why should my heart be sad? The



rocks and trees, of skies and seas, His hand the won - ders wrought
 rus - tling grass, I hear Him pass, He speaks to me ev - ery - where
 Lord is King, let the heav - ens ring! God reigns, let the earth be glad!