

**Organ Prelude**  
**Ring of the Bell**

**\*Call to Worship**

In a vision, John the Elder heard a voice proclaim,

**See, the home of God is among mortals.**

God will dwell with them, and they will be God's peoples.

**God will wipe every tear from their eyes.**

Death will be no more; mourning, crying, and pain will be no more.

**For God will make all things new! Amen.**

*\*Hymn                      My Lord, What a Morning                      #64*

**\* Prayer of Confession**

**Loving God, You invited us to lift our eyes above this world and be strengthened by Your glory. Yet our eyes and hearts stay fixed upon this world and this life as if nothing more existed. You do call us to bring Your love and peace to this world. Yet, when we try to do this by our own vision and efforts alone, we fail miserably. We need the power of Your vision of eternal life to keep going. We make our own confessions to You in silent prayer . . .**

The Risen Christ is our life. In Him, we are forgiven; in Him, we live. **Lift our spirits, Lord, and empower us with the eternal love of Jesus Christ. Amen.**

**\*Gloria Patri**

*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.*

**\*Welcome and Announcements**

**Children's Sermon**

**Scripture Readings**

**Revelation 21:1-6a**

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. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. 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; 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.”

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.” 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.

**John 13:34-35**

I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.”

**Sermon                      “Beyond ‘Pie-in-the-Sky”**

**Sermon Hymn                      I Want to be Ready                      #300**

**Prayers of the People**

Pastoral - Silent - Lord's Prayer – *Cares Chorus*

**Offering our Gifts**

Invitation

Offertory Music

**\*Doxology**

*Praise God from who all blessings flow, Praise God all creatures here below, Praise God above ye heavenly hosts, Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen*

**\*Offering Prayer**

**Gracious God, we thank You John's vision of eternal life, which keeps us going in the pain and struggles of this life. We give with love, as Christ commanded, that others may be lifted up by the love of Jesus. Amen.**

*\*Hymn                      “Every Time I Feel the Spirit”                      # 269*

**\*Benediction**

**\*Postlude**

## Prayer Corner

### In Our Prayers:

Karla Maurer, Lucy Reiman, Terri Kroehler, Larry Teschendorf,  
Bill Jones, Tammy Meyer, Lois Schroeder, Linda Duzan

### Homebound:

Gaylord

Pauline Woehler – Bayside Manor

LeSueur

Ed Nye – Ridgeview LeSueur Nursing Home

Sharon Nagel – Ridgeview LeSueur Nursing Home

Carmen Wigand—Oak Terrace

Arline Karels—Oak Terrace

At Home:

Larry McConnell

## Council Members

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## *St Paul's United Church of Christ Henderson, Minnesota*



*May 15, 2022 at 9:30am*

**Reverend Kent Meyer Preaching**