



i thank You God for most this amazing  
day: for the leaping greenly spirits of trees  
and a blue true dream of sky; and for everything  
which is natural which is infinite which is yes

(i who have died am alive again today,  
and this is the sun's birthday; this is the birth  
day of life and of love and wings: and of the gay  
great happening illimitably earth)

how should tasting touching hearing seeing  
breathing any—lifted from the no  
of all nothing—human merely being  
doubt unimaginable You?

(now the ears of my ears awake and  
now the eyes of my eyes are opened)

– E. E. Cummings

**JUNE 27, 2021**

**WATTS STREET BAPTIST CHURCH  
DURHAM, NORTH CAROLINA**

**THE WORSHIP OF GOD**  
**JUNE 27, 2021**  
**THE FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

**GATHERING**

Chimes

Welcome – Dorisanne Cooper

*Minister:* The Lord be with you.

*People:* And also with you.

Prayer of Thanksgiving for the Light

Prelude: “Voluntary VIII, Op. 5” (I. Allegro) .....John Stanley

**PRAISING GOD**

Call to Worship

*Minister:* Healing God, we come together in our brokenness, to call to you in your mercy, to make us whole again.

*People:* Wholeness-giving God, listen to our prayers, we pray.

*Minister:* Restoring God, we gather to worship you, even as we hopefully seek to be renewed and restored again.

*People:* God, our Quiet-Center, listen to our prayers this day.

*Minister:* Foundational God, we come to praise and thank you! In the depths of your Holy Being we find peace and rest.

*People:* God – our Beginning and our End, we hope always in you. Amen.

(Based on Psalm 130)

Hymn 506: “Healer of Our Ev’ry Ill” ..... HEALER

Time with Children

**PRAYING TOGETHER**

*Minister:* God calls us in our lives to take a risk, to be like the woman in the gospel who reaches out to Jesus for healing for herself; or the father who risks the scorn of others to bring Jesus to his dying daughter. Let us ponder for a moment the places in our lives where we may resist turning to God for healing and change.

## Prayers of Confession in Silence

Corporate Confession: When we resist your call to open our hearts to allow the freshness of your grace to enter: God, have mercy. When we close our eyes to your new and unexpected possibilities of healing and reconciliation: Christ, have mercy. When we let fear overwhelm us, and cling to the security of what we know instead of risking new steps toward your freedom and justice: God, have mercy. Amen.

### Assurance of Pardon

*People:* Thanks be to God.

### Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer – Dorisanne Cooper

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. Amen.

## TENDING TO THE WORD

### Psalter: Psalm 130

*Minister:* This is the Word of the Lord.

*People:* Thanks be to God.

### Gospel: Mark 5:21-43

*Minister:* The Word of God for the People of Christ.

*People:* May the Spirit grant us understanding.

### Sermon: "The Possibility of Amazement"

Silence

## OFFERING OUR GIFTS

*Minister:* God calls us out of our dark places, offering us the grace of new life.

*People:* When we see nothing but hopelessness, may we be surprised by the breath of God's spirit and filled with compassion, generosity, and peace.

### Receiving Our Gifts

Offertory: "Voluntary VIII, Op. 5" (II. Adagio).....John Stanley

Doxology..... LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.

Praise God all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!

Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!

Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Prayer of Dedication

## COMMITTING OUR LIVES IN FAITH

Invitation

Hymn 538: "Hope of the World" ..... VICAR

Benediction

Carrying the Light into the World

Postlude: "Voluntary VIII, Op. 5" (III. Allegro) .....John Stanley

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Healer of Our Ev'ry Ill

*Refrain* D Em7/D G/D A/DD G Bm7/A G A

Heal-er of our ev-'ry ill, light of each to - mor - row,

give us peace be - yond our fear, and hope be - yond our sor - row.

F#m7 Bm Em7 F#7 G Em A/C# D *Fine*

*Stanzas* Bm F#m/A G

1. You who know our fears and sad-ness, grace us with your
2. In the pain and joy be-hold-ing, how your grace is
3. Give us strength to love each oth-er, ev - 'ry sis - ter,
4. You who know each thought and feel - ing, teach us all your

F Em D/F# G Bm A *To refrain*

peace and glad-ness, Spir - it of all com - fort: fill our hearts.  
 still un - fold - ing, give us all your vi - sion: God of love.  
 ev - 'ry broth - er, Spir - it of all kind - ness: be our guide.  
 way of heal - ing, Spir - it of com - pas - sion: fill each heart.

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## Hope of the World

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*Unison*

1. Hope of the world, O Christ of great com - pas - sion:  
 2. Hope of the world, God's gift from high - est heav - en,  
 3. Hope of the world, a - foot on dust - y high - ways,  
 4. Hope of the world, who by your cross did save us  
 5. Hope of the world, O Christ, o'er death vic - to - rious,

1. speak to our fear - ful hearts by con - flict rent;  
 2. bring - ing to hun - gry souls the bread of life:  
 3. show - ing to wan - dering souls the path of light:  
 4. from death and dark de - spair, from sin and guilt:  
 5. who by this sign did con - quer grief and pain:

1. save us, your peo - ple, from con - sum - ing pas - sion,  
 2. still let your Spir - it un - to us be giv - en  
 3. walk now be - side us, lest the tempt - ing by - ways  
 4. we ren - der back the love your mer - cy gave us;  
 5. we would be faith - ful to your gos - pel glo - rious;

1. who by our own false hopes and aims are spent.  
 2. to heal earth's wounds and end its bit - ter strife.  
 3. lure us a - way from you to end - less night.  
 4. take now our lives and use them as you will.  
 5. you are our Christ and you for - ev - er reign!

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