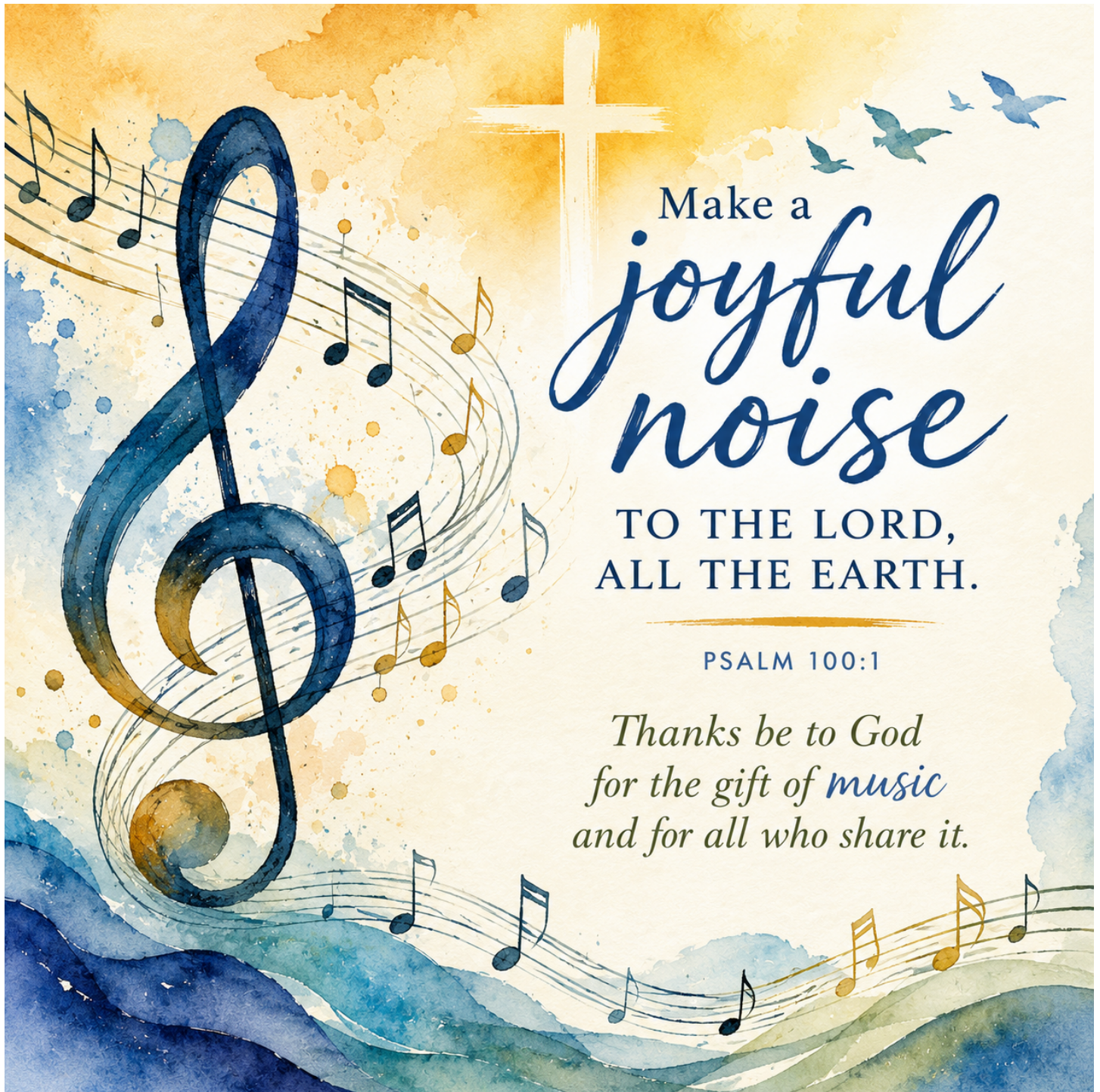




8th Sunday After Pentecost
July 19, 2026



Make a
*joyful
noise*

TO THE LORD,
ALL THE EARTH.

PSALM 100:1

Thanks be to God
for the gift of *music*
and for all who share it.

The Gathering

*The assembly's parts are in **bold type**.*

PRELUDE

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

God has filled creation with beauty, harmony, and song.

We join all creation in praising God's name.

God has led us in worship through diverse voices and instruments.

We give thanks for those who help us sing, pray, and praise.

Let us worship the Lord with gladness!

CHORAL INTROIT

You Are My All in All

Messiah Choir

READING

Psalm 150

Praise the Lord!

Praise the Lord!

Praise God in his sanctuary;

praise him in his mighty heavens.

Praise him for his acts of power;

praise him for his surpassing greatness.

Praise him with the sound of the trumpet,

praise him with the harp and lyre,

praise him with timbrel and dancing,

praise him with the strings and pipes,

praise him with the clash of cymbals,

praise him with resounding voices.

Let everything that has breath praise the Lord.

Praise the Lord!

GATHERING SONG

Praise Ye the Lord (alt.)

ELW 872

Refrain



Praise ye the Lord, hal- le- lu - jah! Ev'ry-bod-y praise the Lord!



Praise God with the sound of the trump - et;
Praise God with the loud clash - ing cym - bals.
Praise God on the top of the moun-tains.



Praise God with the lute and the harp;
Praise God with the strings and with pipes;
Praise God in the val - leys so low.



Praise God with the tim - brel and danc - ing;
Praise God for his boun - ti - full mer - cies;
Praise God in the morn-ing and eve - ning;

Refrain



Praise God where - ev - er you are!
Praise God with all of your might!
Praise God where - ev - er you go!

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning you created us in your image and placed us in a well-watered garden. In the desert, you promised pools of water for the parched, and you gave us water from the rock. When we did not know the way, you sent the Good Shepherd to lead us to still waters. At the cross, you washed us from Jesus' wounded side, and on this day, you shower us again with the water of life.

We praise you for your salvation through water, for the water in this font, and for all water everywhere. Bathe us in your forgiveness, grace, and love. Satisfy all who thirst, and give us the life only you can give. **Amen.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Gracious God, we thank you for the many blessings you pour out upon your church, especially the gift of music that lifts our hearts in praise. We give thanks for Tony's faithful ministry and for the ways you have used his talents to strengthen our worship and faith. As seasons change, remind us that your steadfast love never changes. Continue to call forth the gifts of your people and unite us in your song of joy; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

The Word

Just as rain brings life to the earth, God's word brings growth, joy, and songs of praise to all creation.

A reading from Isaiah 55:10–13.

Glory to you, O Lord.

As the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return to it without watering the earth and making it bud and flourish, so that it yields seed for the sower and bread for the eater, so is my word that goes out from my mouth: It will not return to me empty, but will accomplish what I desire and achieve the purpose for which I sent it.

You will go out in joy and be led forth in peace; the mountains and hills will burst into song before you, and all the trees of the field will clap their hands. Instead of the thornbush will grow the juniper, and instead of briers the myrtle will grow. This will be for the Lord's renown, for an everlasting sign, that will endure forever."

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Jesus reminds us that when we remain connected to him, our lives bear fruit through love, joy, and faithful service.

The Gospel according to John 15:1-11.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus said, "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me.

I am the vine; you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.

As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete."

This is the gospel of our Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

SONG OF THE DAY

We Are Marching in the Light of God

ELW 866

The musical score is written for a single voice part in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody is simple and rhythmic, with a tempo of 7/8 indicated by a '7' over a quarter note. The lyrics are: 'We are march - ing in the light of God, we are march - ing in the light of God. We are march - ing in the light of God, we are march - ing in the light of God. We are march - ing (march - ing, we are march - ing) OO we are march - ing in the light of God. We are march - ing (march - ing, we are march - ing) OO we are march - ing in the light of God.' The score includes various musical notations such as eighth notes, quarter notes, and half notes, as well as triplet markings (indicated by a '3' over a group of notes) and a final double bar line.

We are march - ing in the light of God, we are march - ing in the
light of God. We are march - ing in the light of God,
we are march - ing in the light of God.
We are march - ing (march - ing, we are march - ing) OO
we are march - ing in the light of God.
We are march - ing (march - ing, we are march - ing) OO
we are march - ing in the light of God.

2 We are dancing in the light of God...

3 We are praying in the light of God...

4 We are singing in the light of God...

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Trusting in God's steadfast love for all God has made, let us pray for the church, the world, and all of creation.

God our source, protect your church from those who sow weeds among the wheat. Where we trade grace for judgment, restore us, and where we get lost among the complexities of life, guide us. God of grace,

You hear our prayer.

God our creator, sustain creation in places not easily seen; the depths of oceans, microscopic plants and animals, galaxies beyond our own. May we share earth's dedication to hope for what we do not yet see. God of grace,

You hear our prayer.

God our soil, we yearn to live on your lands and waters with justice and in righteousness. Renew the hearts of all in authority, that our leaders guide wisely toward the flourishing of all. God of grace,

You hear our prayer.

God our rock, be a source of constancy for those whose lives have been uprooted by war, eviction, global climate change, unemployment, harassment, or illness or injury. Be with those who are in any need, especially those we now name out loud or silently in our hearts. *(30 seconds of silence)* God of grace,

You hear our prayer.

God our Composer, we thank you for the gift of music and for those who share their musical talents. Bless Tony, Terry, and our choir as they lead us in singing your praises. God of grace,

You hear our prayer.

God our hope, the message of your salvation is planted among us in all times and places. We give you thanks for the witness of all the saints who shine like the sun in your presence. God of grace,

You hear our prayer.

Receive our prayers O God, in the name of Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

SHARING OF GOD'S PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Meal

OFFERTORY

OFFERING PRAYER

Generous God, thank you for all that you have given us. Receive the gifts we bring, and nourish us to proclaim your abiding love in our communities and in the world, In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

INVITATION

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.

Yet we remember, on the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Pour out your Holy Spirit in this meal, and make us one in this community of faith and with your people worldwide. **Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

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.

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

Come and receive Jesus, who welcomes all to his table.

COMMUNION MEDITATION

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

We thank you, generous God, for the refreshment we have received at your banquet table. Send us now to spread your generosity into all the world, through the one who is our dearest treasure, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

BLESSING UPON TONY

Gracious God, today we especially thank you for the gift of music and for the faithful ministry Tony has shared among us these past sixteen years. Bless him as he begins a new chapter of service. Continue to fill his heart with joy, his hands with skill, and his life with your peace. Bless also this congregation, that we may continue to lift our voices in praise, trusting that the same Spirit who has guided us through the years will continue to lead us in songs of faith and hope. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Sending

BLESSING

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace. **Amen.**

SENDING SONG

Lord, I Lift Your Name on High

ELW 857

Lord, I lift your name on high; Lord, I love to sing your

prais - es. I'm so glad you're in my life; I'm so glad you came

save us. You came from heaven to earth to show the way; from the earth to the cross

my debt to pay; from the cross to the grave, from the grave to the sky,

Lord, I lift your name on high.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace.

Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

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