

Seedlings 🌱 : "In the whirring, thrumming song  
of the cicadas, help us hear..."



## **Prayer for the Cicadas**

*by Yochanan ben Avraham v'Sarah (John Riehl)*

**Source of Life; Source of Blessing:  
In the whirring, thrumming song of the cicadas,  
Help us hear the pulsating song of the world.  
As we listen to the chanting of their "numberless choir"  
May we appreciate the sacredness and fragility of life  
And the preciousness of time.  
May we learn to listen to the song of your creatures  
Even though we may not always hear it.  
May we learn to see your precious creations  
Even though they may be hidden.**

**Give us the wisdom to see the beauty of the world  
through its imperfections  
And hear Your wisdom in the songs the world sings to  
us.**

**Barukh atah Adonai  
(Blessed art Thou, LORD)**



*Sycamore tree in front of the parsonage on Maplewood  
Road  
hosting the singing cicadas.*

# Graduate Recognition this Sunday, June 9th



## **Graduate's Prayer**

*Dear Lord,  
As I look toward the future  
Bright hope conducts this prayer,  
For I know the plans You have for me  
Were wrought with divine care.*

*Holy Spirit, lead me.  
Let me run at Your command,  
Yet be still and know that You are God  
When trouble is close at hand.*

*Your Word will be a lamp for me,  
A guide to light my way,  
A solid place to set my feet,  
A compass when I stray.*

*May I live my life to praise You,  
Not for fortune, nor for fame,  
May everything I say and do  
Bring glory to Your name.*

*May my eyes stay fixed upon You  
As I seek the way that's pure,  
Tasting Your love and goodness  
Sleeping and rising secure.*

*Planted by Your living streams  
I'll delight in all Your ways,  
Hidden by Your sheltering wings  
With new mercies for each day.*

*Even in a dangerous land  
When storms threaten to destroy,  
At the cross I'll stand upon the Rock  
My Strength, my Hope, my Joy.*

*Dear Lord, show me Your favor,  
At all times keep me blessed,  
May Your face ever shine upon me,  
With peace and perfect rest.*

—by Mary Fairchild



*If you are graduating this spring,  
or know someone who is,  
please complete the following page  
and return it to Pastor Dennis  
to be included in the Summer Issue  
of the congregational newsletter:*

## **Graduate Recognition Form 2024**



*Coastline of the Pacific Northwest in May.*



**Open Air Liturgy of Holy Communion  
The Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost,  
August 4th  
with the Wilson Family  
ELCA Sponsored Missionaries in  
Tokyo**



**Watch for more information  
about open air worship opportunities  
this summer and early autumn.**

## **Memorial Day 2024 in Riverside**



**87-year-old Marine Trumpeter Tom Day  
performing Taps at the Riverside Memorial Day  
Program on May 27th.**

**Mr. Day is the founder and president of [Bugles  
Across America](#)**

**which has performed Taps for over 10,000  
military funerals.**

**Shown here with Pastor Dennis and Jane.**

**Below: Pastor Dennis offering the closing prayer.**



*A world is supported by four things...  
the learning of the wise,  
the justice of the great,  
the prayers of the righteous  
and the valor of the brave.  
But all of these are as nothing...  
without a ruler who knows the art of ruling.  
---Frank Herbert (Dune, #1)*



## [As Ukraine Rebuilds Its Identity, Folk Songs Are the New Cool.](#)



You may read, listen and enjoy [HERE](#)

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*Patriotism consists not in waving the flag,  
but in striving that our country shall be righteous as well  
as strong.*

---James Bryce, Former British Ambassador to the United States.



**LUX CANTORUM**

***Lux Cantorum Chicago***  
will be appearing in a **FREE** concert  
at 5 p.m.  
at **Fourth Presbyterian Church**  
**Buchanan Chapel**  
**126 East Chestnut Street**  
as part of the  
**Make Music Chicago Festival**  
on the **Summer Solstice, June 21st**  
all across the city.

**The concert will feature selections  
from the spring concert:  
"Sacred Classics."**



*Early summer on the Willow Creek  
in the Loess Hills of Western Iowa*

BOY, JESUS  
REALLY *GIVES* IT  
TO THOSE  
SABBATH GUYS!



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THEY'D FORGOTTEN  
THAT THE SABBATH  
IS FOR LIFE-GIVING,  
NOT RULE-KEEPING.



I WONDER IF WE HAVE A  
DIFFERENT PROBLEM. WE'RE  
SO TASK-ORIENTED THAT  
EVEN OUR VACATIONS HAVE  
TO-DO LISTS.



OH, I *NEVER*  
WORRY ABOUT  
BEING TASK-  
ORIENTED.



MARK 2:23-3:6

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*One sabbath he was going through the grainfields; and as they made their way his disciples began to pluck heads of grain. The Pharisees said to him, "Look, why are they doing what is not lawful on the sabbath?" And he said to them, "Have you never read what David did when he and his companions were hungry and in need of food? He entered the house of God, when Abiathar was high priest, and ate the bread of the Presence, which it is not lawful for any but the priests to eat, and he gave some to his companions." Then he said to them, "The sabbath was made for humankind, and not humankind for the sabbath; so the Son of Man is lord even of the sabbath."*

*Again he entered the synagogue, and a man was there who had a withered hand. They watched him to see whether he would cure him on the sabbath, so that they might accuse him. And he said to the man who had the withered hand, "Come forward." Then he said to them, "Is it lawful to do good or to do harm on the sabbath, to save life or to kill?" But they were silent. He looked around at them with anger; he was grieved at their hardness of heart and said to the man, "Stretch out your hand." He stretched it out, and his hand was restored. The Pharisees*



*went out and immediately conspired with the Herodians against him, how to destroy him.*



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*Life can only be understood backwards; but it must be lived forwards.  
---Soren Kierkegaard*

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***Please forward this e-newsletter  
to others who may be interested!***



*For waters break forth in the wilderness,  
and streams in the desert;  
the burning sand shall become a pool,  
and the thirsty ground springs of water...  
(Isaiah 35:6b-7a).*

**Join us every Sunday at 10:15 a.m.**

**For continuing live streaming of the  
liturgy  
please click [HERE](#).**

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viewing at a later date.**



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