

Second Sunday after Epiphany – January 17, 2021

"I had to be in my Father's house." ~ Jesus

Organ/Piano Prelude

Toni DiCapua, Mollie Wakeman

"There's Something About That Name"...Gaither

Call to Worship

Ben Ball

Hymn of Praise: Once in Royal David's City (words on next page)

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Prayer of Confession (in unison)

Bob Kraut

Gracious God, we confess that as we seek Jesus in our daily lives, we ponder how best to find Him and to know Him. We desire to draw closer to our Lord, but find ourselves anxious and distracted in these troubled times. Forgive us, O God, and help us to open our hearts to His loving presence. Hear us now as we silently confess our sins.

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Friends, believe the Good News of the Gospel.

People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

Gloria Patri

Passing of the Peace

Leader: The peace of the Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Greetings and Announcements

Anthem: "Jesus, Oh What a Wonderful Child"...Hayes

Chancel Choir

Richard Jackson, soloist; Mollie Wakeman, accompanist

(recorded previously; used with permission, CCLI #20405356)

New Testament Reading: Luke 2:41-52

Sermon: "Seeking Jesus in a Time Like This"

Rev. Anne Swanson

Hymn of Response: My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less (words on next page)

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Prayers of the People

Leland Morine

Closing Hymn: Lord, I Want to Be a Christian (words on next page)

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Benediction

Congregational Response: Go Now in Peace

Organ/Piano Postlude "Jesus Is All the World to Me"

ONCE IN ROYAL DAVID'S CITY

Once in royal David's city, stood a lowly cattle shed,
Where a mother laid her baby, in a manger for His bed.
Mary was that mother mild, Jesus Christ her little child.

He came down to earth from heaven, who is God and Lord of all,
And His shelter was a stable, and His cradle was a stall.
With the poor, oppressed, and lowly, lived on earth our Savior holy.

Jesus is our childhood's pattern, day by day like us He grew;
He was little, weak and helpless, tears and smiles like us He knew;
And He feels for all our sadness, and He shares in all our gladness.

And our eyes at last shall see Him, through His own redeeming love,
For that child so dear and gentle, is our Lord in heaven above;
And He leads His children on, to the place where He is gone.

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. Amen.

JESUS, OH WHAT A WONDERFUL CHILD (Chancel Choir, previously recorded)

Jesus, Jesus, oh, what a wonderful Child! Jesus, Jesus, so lowly, meek and mild.

*New life, new hope, new joy He brings. Won't you listen to the angels sing,
"Glory, glory, glory to the newborn King."*

Jesus, my Lord Jesus, oh, what a wonderful Child;
Jesus, talkin' 'bout Jesus, so lowly, meek and mild.

*New life, new hope, new joy He brings. Won't you listen to the angels sing,
"Glory, glory, glory to the newborn King."*

He was herald by the angels, born in a lowly manger.
The virgin Mary was His mother, and Joseph was His earthly father.
Let me tell ya 'bout
Oh, three wise men came from afar, they were guided by a shining star,
To see King Jesus where He lay, in a manger filled with hay.

MY HOPE IS BUILT ON NOTHING LESS

My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness;
I dare not trust the sweetest frame, but wholly lean on Jesus' name.

*On Christ the solid rock I stand; all other ground is sinking sand,
All other ground is sinking sand.*

When darkness veils His lovely face, I rest on His unchanging grace;
In every high and stormy gale, my anchor holds within the veil.

His oath, His covenant, His blood, support me in the 'whelming flood;
When all around my soul gives way, He then is all my hope and stay.

When He shall come with trumpet sound, O may I then in Him be found,
Dressed in His righteousness alone, faultless to stand before the throne.

LORD, I WANT TO BE A CHRISTIAN

Lord, I want to be a Christian, in-a my heart, in-a my heart,
Lord I want to be a Christian, in-a my heart.
In-a my heart, in-a my heart. Lord I want to be a Christian in-a my heart.

Lord, I want to be more loving, in-a my heart, in-a my heart,
Lord I want to be more loving, in-a my heart.
In-a my heart, in-a my heart. Lord I want to be more loving in-a my heart.

Lord, I want to be more holy, in-a my heart, in-a my heart,
Lord I want to be more holy, in-a my heart.
In-a my heart, in-a my heart. Lord I want to be more holy in-a my heart.

Lord, I want to be like Jesus, in-a my heart, in-a my heart,
Lord I want to be like Jesus, in-a my heart.
In-a my heart, in-a my heart. Lord I want to be like Jesus in-a my heart.

GO NOW IN PEACE

Go now in peace, never be afraid. God will go with you each hour of every day.
Go now in faith, steadfast strong and true, know He will guide you in all you do.
Go now in love and show you believe, reach out to others so all the world can see.
God will be there, watching from above. Go now in peace, in faith, and in love.