

**Third Sunday after Epiphany – January 24, 2021**

*“You are my child, in whom I am well pleased.”*

Two-Piano Prelude “Praise Him, Praise Him”

Toni DiCapua, Mollie Wakeman

Call to Worship

Ben Ball

Hymn of Praise: Christ of the Upward Way (words on next page)

no. 344

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

Sharon Dinwiddie

**Loving God, You have called us to be children of God, to find our identity in You and to place our faith in Your promises. In troubled times we often become anxious, go our own way and forget who You are and who we are. Forgive us, we pray. 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

Solo: “Immortal, Invisible”...Cloninger, Rosasco  
Mollie Wakeman, accompanist  
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Leland Morine

New Testament Reading: Luke 4:1-13

Sermon: “Who Shall I Be?”

Rev. George Swanson

Hymn of Response: Standing on the Promises (words on next page)

Prayers of the People

Rev. Anne Swanson

Closing Hymn: God of Grace and God of Glory (words on next page)

no. 420

Benediction

Congregational Response: Go Now in Peace

Organ/Piano Postlude “Immortal, Invisible”

## **CHRIST OF THE UPWARD WAY**

Christ of the upward way, my guide divine,  
Where You have set Your feet, may I place mine;  
And move and march wherever You have trod,  
Keeping face forward up the hill of God.

Give me the heart to hear, Your voice and will,  
That without fault or fear I may fulfill  
Your purpose with a glad and holy zest,  
Like one who would not bring less than the best.

Christ of the upward way, my guide divine,  
Where You have set Your feet, may I place mine;  
And when Your last call comes serene and clear,  
Calm may my answer be, "Lord, I am here."

## **IMMORTAL, INVISIBLE (Solo)**

Come stars in space and bow down to His glory.  
Come hearts of praise and tell His holy story.  
Let ev'ry rock, let ev'ry realm, let ev'ry voice speak His name.  
Let ev'ry song and ev'ry tongue proclaim His glory, glory,  
filling the night with His praise.

Immortal, invisible, God only wise, in light, inaccessible hid from our eyes,  
Most blessed, most glorious the Ancient of Days,  
Almighty, victorious your great name we praise.

Not with our eyes, but unseen we adore Him.  
Lost in His light we stand trembling before Him.  
With ev'ry breath, with ev'ry song, we love to worship His name.  
With ev'ry word, with ev'ry prayer we bring Him glory, glory,  
lifting our voices in praise.

Immortal, invisible, silent as night. Not wanting, nor wasting but ruling in light;  
Your justice like mountains is soaring above,  
Your clouds which are fountains of goodness and love. Immortal, invisible.

Though now we can only see dimly, some day we'll see face to face.  
Love once invisible we will see shining before us crowned in a chorus of praise.

Immortal, invisible, Father of Light, Your angels adore You, all veiling their sight;  
Most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,  
Almighty, victorious, your great name we praise. Immortal, invisible!

## **STANDING ON THE PROMISES**

Standing on the promises of Christ my king,  
through eternal ages let his praises ring;  
Glory in the highest, I will shout and sing, standing on the promises of God.

*Standing, standing, standing on the promises of God my Savior;  
Standing, standing, I'm standing on the promises of God.*

Standing on the promises that cannot fail,  
When the howling storms of doubt and fear assail,  
By the living Word of God I shall prevail, standing on the promises of God.

Standing on the promises of Christ the Lord,  
Bound to him eternally by love's strong cord,  
Overcoming daily with the Spirit's sword, standing on the promises of God.

Standing on the promises I cannot fall,  
Listening every moment to the Spirit's call,  
Resting in my Savior as my all in all, standing on the promises of God.

## **GOD OF GRACE AND GOD OF GLORY**

God of grace and God of glory, on Thy people pour Thy power;  
Crown Thine ancient church's story, bring its bud to glorious flower.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, for the facing of this hour,  
For the facing of this hour.

Lo! The hosts of evil round us, scorn Thy Christ, assail Thy ways!  
From the fears that long have bound us, free our hearts to faith and praise.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, for the living of these days,  
For the living of these days.

Cure Thy children's warring madness, bend our pride to Thy control;  
Shame our wanton, selfish gladness, rich in things and poor in soul.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, lest we miss Thy kingdom's goal,  
Lest we miss Thy kingdom's goal.

Set our feet on lofty places; gird our lives that they may be  
Armored with all Christ-like graces, pledged to set all captives free.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, that we fail not them nor Thee!  
that we fail not them nor Thee!

## **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.