

## Seventh Sunday of Easter – May 16, 2021

*"We are valuable, because we are God's children."*

Prelude "Come Down, O Love Divine" Mary Mackie

Call to Worship Ben Ball

Hymn of Praise: Great Is Thy Faithfulness (words on next page) no. 276

Prayer of Confession (in unison) Leland Morine

**Loving God, we confess that at times we feel undeserving and unworthy of Your love. We are enslaved by feelings of inadequacy, and it is hard for us to receive Your gift of redemption. Forgive us, O Lord, and help us to draw closer to You. 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: "We All Are God's Children"...Harriet Ilse Ziegenhals Choral Ensemble  
Richard Dinwiddie, director; Jane Kraut, clarinet; Mary Mackie, organ  
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New Testament Reading: Galatians 3:28 - 4:7

Sermon: "Sons and Daughters" Rev. Anne Swanson

Hymn of Response: Blessed Assurance, Jesus is Mine! (words on next page) no. 341

Prayers of the People Bob Kraut

Closing Hymn: What a Friend We Have in Jesus (words on next page) no. 403

Benediction

Congregational Response: Go Now in Peace

Postlude "Shine, Jesus, Shine"

## **GREAT IS THY FAITHFULNESS**

Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father,  
There is no shadow of turning with Thee;  
Thou changest not, Thy compassions they fail not;  
As Thou hast been Thou forever wilt be.

*Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness!  
Morning by morning new mercies I see;  
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided;  
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!*

Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest,  
Sun, moon, and stars in their courses above  
Join with all nature in manifold witness  
To Thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love.

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,  
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;  
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,  
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!

## **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.

## **WE ALL ARE GOD'S CHILDREN** (Choral Ensemble)

We all are God's children, you made us every one.  
You guard and watch over us from morn 'til setting sun.  
Wherever we go, whatever we do, whenever we're far away,  
Your loving arms protect us still, we know you will always with us stay.

Because we're God's children, we seek to do your will,  
To live as you taught us, your teaching to fulfill,  
To pray for the sick, the lonely, the sad and those filled with grief or pain.  
Be with them throughout every day, every night,  
Their hope and their courage to sustain.

Yes, we are God's children, we're proud to be called your own.  
Let's reach 'round the world so that no child will feel alone.  
We'll care for each other, sister and brother, children across the sea,  
'Til every age and race and creed may live free in peace and harmony.

## **BLESSED ASSURANCE**

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine! O what a foretaste of glory divine!  
Heir of salvation, purchase of God, born of His Spirit, washed in His blood.

*This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long;  
This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long.*

Perfect submission, perfect delight, visions of rapture now burst on my sight;  
Angels descending, bring from above, echoes of mercy, whispers of love.

Perfect submission, all is at rest, I in my Savior am happy and blest,  
Watching and waiting, looking above, filled with His goodness, lost in His love.

## **WHAT A FRIEND WE HAVE IN JESUS**

What a friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and griefs to bear!  
What a privilege to carry, everything to God in prayer!  
O what peace we often forfeit, O what needless pain we bear,  
All because we do not carry, everything to God in prayer!

Have we trials and temptations? Is there trouble anywhere?  
We should never be discouraged: Take it to the Lord in prayer!  
Can we find a friend so faithful, who will all our sorrows share?  
Jesus knows our every weakness; Take it to the Lord in prayer!

Are we weak and heavy laden, cumbered with a load of care?  
Precious Savior, still our refuge; Take it to the Lord in prayer!  
Do thy friends despise, forsake thee? Take it to the Lord in prayer!  
In His arms He'll take and shield thee, thou wilt find a solace there.

## **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.