

Third Sunday after Pentecost – June 13, 2021

“Jesus invites us into his kingdom.”

Prelude “Grace Greater than Our Sin”

Toni DiCapua, Mollie Wakeman

Call to Worship

Ben Ball

Hymn of Praise: All People That on Earth Do Dwell (words on next page)

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Prayer of Confession (in unison)

Bob Kraut

Loving God, Your love for us is so very evident. Everywhere we look, we see tangible proof of Your great care for us, and how You invite us into Your kingdom. Yet when it comes to following You, we confess that we often don’t surrender ourselves. We hold back portions of our lives that we would rather control, instead of releasing them to Your loving care. Have mercy upon us, Lord. Forgive us for frequently saying one thing and doing another. Help us to trust in Your goodness and grace, believing that Your very touch brings life and joy. May we live in the light of Your love so that others might see and draw near 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

Solo: “How Blest Are Those”...Ken and Jane Medema

Leland Morine

Mollie Wakeman, accompanist (used with permission CCLI #20405356)

New Testament Reading: Matthew 5:1-12

Sermon: “Blessed Are You, Too”

Rev. George Swanson

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

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Prayers of the People

Rev. Anne Swanson

Closing Hymn: Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee (words on next page)

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Benediction

Congregational Response: Go Now in Peace

Postlude “Blessed Assurance”

ALL PEOPLE THAT ON EARTH DO DWELL

All people that on earth do dwell, sing to the Lord with cheerful voice;
Him serve with mirth, His praise forth tell. Come ye before Him and rejoice.

Know that the Lord is God indeed; without our aid He did us make;
We are His folk, He doth us feed, and for His sheep He doth us take.

O enter then His gates with praise, approach with joy His courts unto;
Praise, laud, and bless His name always, for it is seemly so to do.

For why? The Lord our God is good, His mercy is forever sure;
His truth at all times firmly stood, and shall from age to age endure.

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.

HOW BLEST ARE THOSE (Solo)

How blest are those who know that they are poor,
For theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

How blest are those who are sorrowful, for they shall have comfort.

How blest are those of a gentle spirit,

For they shall have the earth as their inheritance.

How blest are those who hunger and thirst to see right prevail,

For they shall be satisfied.

How blest are those who show mercy, for mercy shall be shown unto them.

How blest are those whose hearts are pure, for they shall see God.

How blest are those who are the makers of peace,

For God shall call them His children.

How blest are those persecuted for the sake of the right,

For theirs is the kingdom of Heaven.

How blest are you when you shall suffer persecution for My sake.

Accept it gladly, for rich is your reward in Heaven.

How blest are those who know that they are poor.

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!
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JESUS THE VERY THOUGHT OF THEE

Jesus, the very thought of Thee, with sweetness fills my breast;
But sweeter far Thy face to see, and in Thy presence rest.

Nor voice can sing, nor heart can frame, nor can the mind recall
A sweeter sound than Thy blest name, O Savior of us all.

O hope of every contrite heart, O joy of all the meek,
To those who fall, how kind Thou art! How good to those who seek!

But what to those who find? Ah, this, nor tongue nor pen can show:
The love of Jesus, what it is, none but His loved ones know.

Jesus, our only joy be Thou, as Thou our prize wilt be;
Jesus, be Thou our glory now, and through eternity.

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.