

## Fourth Sunday after Pentecost – June 20, 2021

*“Love your enemies, do good to them, and lend to them, never despairing.”~ Luke 6:35*

Prelude “Jesus Is All the World to Me” Toni DiCapua, Mollie Wakeman

Call to Worship Ben Ball

Hymn of Praise: Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me (words on next page) no. 366

Prayer of Confession (in unison) Leland Morine

**Loving God, we confess that we tend to respond to hatred and mistreatment by reciprocating in kind. We want to defend ourselves, and give our enemies what they deserve. Forgive us, we pray, and show us how to live out Your way of love. 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: “Love One Another”...Brad Nix Choral Ensemble  
Richard Dinwiddie, director; Mollie Wakeman, accompanist  
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New Testament Reading: Luke 6:27-36

Sermon: “Counterintuitive Teaching” Rev. Anne Swanson

Hymn of Response: Breathe on Me, Breath of God (words on next page) no. 316

Prayers of the People Bob Kraut

Closing Hymn: Help Us Accept Each Other (words on next page) no. 358

Benediction

Congregational Response: Go Now in Peace

Postlude “This Is My Father's World”

## **JESUS, THY BOUNDLESS LOVE TO ME**

Jesus, Thy boundless love to me, no thought can reach, no tongue declare;  
O knit my thankful heart to Thee, and reign without a rival there!  
Thine wholly, Thine alone, I'd live, myself to Thee entirely give.

O grant that nothing in my soul, may dwell, but Thy pure love alone;  
O may Thy love possess me whole, my joy, my treasure, and my crown!  
All coldness from my heart remove; may every act, word, thought be love.

O Love, how gracious is Thy way! All fear before Thy presence flies;  
Care, anguish, sorrow melt away, where'er Thy healing beams arise.  
O Jesus, nothing may I see, nothing desire, or seek, but Thee.

## **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.

## **LOVE ONE ANOTHER** (Choral Ensemble)

Love is patient, love is kind. Love is gentle, love divine.  
Love forgives, is never rude. Love rejoices in the truth.

*Love one another, as God has also loved you.  
Love one another, as God has also loved you.*

Love is faithful, love is pure. Love is hopeful, love endures.  
Love is humble, love is strong. Love is such a joyous song.

*Love one another, as God has also loved you.  
Love one another, as God has also loved you.*

As God has loved you, as God has loved you.  
As God has also loved you.

## **BREATHE ON ME, BREATH OF GOD**

Breathe on me, Breath of God, fill me with life anew,  
That I may love what Thou dost love, and do what Thou wouldst do.

Breathe on me, Breath of God, until my heart is pure,  
Until with Thee I will one will, to do and to endure.

Breathe on me, Breath of God, Till I am wholly Thine,  
Until this earthly part of me, glows with Thy fire divine.

Breathe on me, Breath of God, so shall I never die,  
But live with Thee the perfect life, of Thine eternity.

## **HELP US ACCEPT EACH OTHER**

Help us accept each other, as Christ accepted us;  
Teach us as sister, brother, each person to embrace.  
Be present, Lord, among us and bring us to believe  
We are ourselves accepted, and meant to love and live.

Teach us, O Lord, Your lessons, as in our daily life  
We struggle to be human, and search for hope and faith.  
Teach us to care for people, for all, not just for some,  
To love them as we find them, or as they may become.

Let Your acceptance change us, so that we may be moved  
In living situations, to do the truth in love;  
To practice Your acceptance, until we know by heart  
The table of forgiveness, and laughter's healing art.

Lord, for today's encounters, with all who are in need,  
Who hunger for acceptance, for righteousness and bread,  
We need new eyes for seeing, new hands for holding on:  
Renew us with Your Spirit; Lord, free us, make us one!

## **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.