

## Fifth Sunday after Pentecost – June 27, 2021

*“One must put the lamp on a stand,  
so that those who come in can see the light.”*

Prelude “This Little Light of Mine”...Joel Raney Toni DiCapua, Mollie Wakeman

Call to Worship Ben Ball

Hymn of Praise: Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise (words on next page) no. 263

Prayer of Confession (in unison) Sharon Dinwiddie

**Loving God, we confess that we are prone to keep our light hidden, rather than let it shine for those around us to see. Even as You have revealed Christ to us, we have at times hidden the Light of the Gospel from those around us. Forgive us, we pray, and help us to enter into Your light, to be illuminated by it, and to respond by sharing that Light with others. 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: “Song of Witness”...Donna Butler Douglas Choral Ensemble  
Richard Dinwiddie, director; Mollie Wakeman, accompanist  
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New Testament Reading: Luke 8:16-18

Sermon: “Seeing the Light” Rev. Anne Swanson

Hymn of Response: O Word of God Incarnate (words on next page) no. 327

Prayers of the People Leland Morine

Closing Hymn: Lord of Light, Your Name Outshining (words on next page) no. 425

Benediction

Congregational Response: Go Now in Peace

Postlude “This Little Light of Mine”...Joel Raney

## **IMMORTAL, INVISIBLE, GOD ONLY WISE**

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

Un-resting, un-hasting, and silent as light,  
Nor wanting, nor wasting, Thou rulest in might;  
Thy justice like mountains high soaring above,  
Thy clouds, which are fountains of goodness and love.

To all, life Thou givest, to both great and small;  
In all life Thou livest, the true life of all;  
We blossom and flourish like leaves on the tree,  
Then wither and perish but naught changeth Thee.

Thou reignest in glory, Thou rulest in light,  
Thine angels adore Thee, all veiling their sight;  
All praise we would render, O help us to see  
'Tis only the splendor of light hideth Thee!

## **SONG OF WITNESS** (Choral Ensemble)

Christ has no hands on earth but our hands,  
To guide and point the way, to hold a hand in need.  
Christ has no hands on earth but our hands. So Lord, let me be Your hands.

Christ has no feet on earth but our feet,  
To walk a different path, and follow where He leads.  
Christ has not feet on earth but our feet. So Lord, let me be Your feet.

My heart is filled with gladness when I look around and see  
The wonder of salvation and how He uses me. Christ uses me.

Christ has no witness but through our lives,  
To show the world His grace, and share His bountiful love.  
Christ has no witness but through our lives. So Lord, use my life today.

## **O WORD OF GOD INCARNATE**

O Word of God incarnate, O Wisdom from on high  
O Truth unchanged, unchanging, O Light of our dark sky:  
We praise You for the radiance, that from the hallowed page,  
A lantern to our footsteps, shines on from age to age.

The church from You, dear Savior, received this gift divine,  
And still that light is lifted, on all the earth to shine.  
It is the chart and compass, that all life's voyage through,  
Amid the rocks and quick-sands, still guides, O Christ, to You.

O make Your church, dear Savior, a lamp of purest gold  
To bear before the nations, Your true light, as of old;  
O teach Your wandering pilgrims, by this our path to trace,  
Till clouds and storms thus ended, we see You face to face.

## **LORD OF LIGHT, YOUR NAME OUTSHINING**

Lord of light, Your name outshining, all the stars and suns of space,  
Use our talents in Your kingdom, as the servants of your grace;  
Use us to fulfill Your purpose, in the gift of Christ Your Son:  
Abba, as in highest heaven, so on earth Your will be done.

By the toil of faithful workers, in some far outlying field,  
By the courage where the radiance, of the cross is still revealed,  
By the victories of meekness, through reproach and suffering won:  
Abba, as in highest heaven, so on earth Your will be done.

Grant that knowledge, still increasing, at your feet may lowly kneel;  
With Your grace our triumphs hallow, with Your charity our zeal;  
Lift the nations from the shadows, to the gladness of the sun;  
Abba, as in highest heaven, so on earth Your will be done.

By the prayers of faithful watchers, never silent day or night;  
By the cross of Jesus bringing, peace to all and healing light;  
By the love that passes knowledge, making all Your children one:  
Abba, as in highest heaven, so on earth Your will be done.

## **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.