

**Sixth Sunday after Pentecost
Independence Day
July 4, 2021**

**Gathering
*God invites us to enter His presence***

Prelude

Trio for Flutes and Piano

Chaminade

Welcome & Announcements

Preparation for Worship (*Time for Silent Preparation*)

🕯️ Call to Worship

Jim Fox

There is none like you, O Lord, nor are there any works like yours.
**All the nations you have made shall come and bow down before you,
O Lord, and shall glorify your name. For you are great and do wondrous things,
you alone are God.**
Let us worship the Triune God.

🕯️ Invocation

Jim Fox

Mighty God,
we do not yet see the glory you plan for all humankind,
but in faith we do see Jesus.
We thank you for the humility and holiness
in which he lived and died.
We praise you that he freed us from our sin,
that he comforts and strengthens us through our struggles,
and that he gives us courage to follow him.
For this, we now join with all creation and shout for joy:
Holy, holy, holy are you, Lord! **Amen.**

🕯️ Hymn

Good Good Father

I've heard a thousand stories of what they think You're like
But I've heard the tender whisper of love in the dead of night
You tell me that You're pleased and that I'm never alone

Chorus
You're a Good Good Father It's who You are
It's who You are It's who You are
And I'm loved by You
It's who I am It's who I am It's who I am

I've seen many searching for answers far and wide
But I know we're all searching for answers
Only You provide Because You know
Just what we need before we say a word

Chorus

Bridge (2x)

You are perfect in all of Your ways
You are perfect in all of Your ways
You are perfect in all of Your ways to us
Love so undeniable I,
I can hardly speak peace so unexplainable I,
I can hardly think
As You call me deeper still,
As You call me deeper still,
As You call me deeper still into love love love

Chorus (2x)

Confessing
God invites us to be honest with Him

Prayer of Confession

Jim Fox

Often, O holy and righteous God, we dare your justice, mock your mercy, jeer your patience, slight your power, and show contempt for your love. We even say "I'm sorry" insincerely and confess our sin flippantly. We plead your help to own up carefully to how we have wronged you, to admit honestly how we have grieved you, to plead penitently for your mercy and pardon. We beg your forgiveness through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Time for Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Jim Fox

He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross,
so that, free from sins,
we might live for righteousness;
by his wounds you have been healed.

Leader: This is the Promise of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God!

‡ 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.
A-men, A-men.*

Offering

Thankful of the gifts God has given us, we offer ourselves to Him

Invitation As we come before God with our tithes and offerings, let us remember the words of Micah 6: What does the Lord require of us? To act justly, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with our God. Thus we bring our money, gifts, and whole lives as an offering to our God.

Offering

Offertory *This Little Light of Mine
(Flute/Piano Duet)
Pamela Johnson, Anna Claire Fulcher, Thomas Alberici*

‡ **Doxology**

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. A-men.*

‡ **Prayer of Dedication**

Almighty and most merciful God, from you comes every good and perfect gift. We give you praise and thanks for all your mercies. Your goodness has created us, your bounty has sustained us, your discipline has chastened us, your patience has borne with us, your love has redeemed us. Give us a heart to love and serve you, and enable us to show our thankfulness for all your goodness and mercy by giving up ourselves to your service and cheerfully submitting in all things to your blessed will, through Jesus Christ, our Savior. **Amen.**

‡ **Hymn 33**

God, the Omnipotent

*God the Omnipotent! King, who ordainest
Thunder Thy clarion, the lightning Thy sword;
Show forth Thy pity on high where Thou reignest;
Give to us peace in our time, O Lord.*

God the all merciful! Earth hath forsaken

*Meekness and mercy, and slighted Thy Word;
Let not Thy wrath in its terrors awaken;
Give to us peace in our time, O Lord.*

*God the all righteous One! Man hath defied Thee;
Yet to eternity standeth Thy Word;
Falsehood and wrong shall not tarry beside Thee;
Give to us peace in our time, O Lord.*

*So shall Thy people, with thankful devotion,
Praise Him who saved them from peril and sword,
Singing in chorus from ocean to ocean,
Peace to the nations, and praise to the Lord. A-men.*

Proclaiming

God speaks to us through His Word

Scripture Reading

Proverbs 2:1-22

² My son, if you receive my words
and treasure up my commandments with you,
² making your ear attentive to wisdom
and inclining your heart to understanding;
³ yes, if you call out for insight
and raise your voice for understanding,
⁴ if you seek it like silver
and search for it as for hidden treasures,
⁵ then you will understand the fear of the Lord
and find the knowledge of God.
⁶ For the Lord gives wisdom;
from his mouth come knowledge and understanding;
⁷ he stores up sound wisdom for the upright;
he is a shield to those who walk in integrity,
⁸ guarding the paths of justice
and watching over the way of his saints.
⁹ Then you will understand righteousness and justice
and equity, every good path;
¹⁰ for wisdom will come into your heart,
and knowledge will be pleasant to your soul;
¹¹ discretion will watch over you,
understanding will guard you,
¹² delivering you from the way of evil,
from men of perverted speech,
¹³ who forsake the paths of uprightness

to walk in the ways of darkness,
¹⁴ who rejoice in doing evil
and delight in the perverseness of evil,
¹⁵ men whose paths are crooked,
and who are devious in their ways.

¹⁶ So you will be delivered from the forbidden woman,
from the adulteress with her smooth words,
¹⁷ who forsakes the companion of her youth
and forgets the covenant of her God;
¹⁸ for her house sinks down to death,
and her paths to the departed;
¹⁹ none who go to her come back,
nor do they regain the paths of life.

²⁰ So you will walk in the way of the good
and keep to the paths of the righteous.
²¹ For the upright will inhabit the land,
and those with integrity will remain in it,
²² but the wicked will be cut off from the land,
and the treacherous will be rooted out of it.

Sermon

*"The Way of Wisdom"
Rev. Tim Latham*

Responding
We respond to God's Word

 **Hymn**

Blessed Be Your Name

*Blessed be Your name
In the land that is plentiful
Where Your streams of abundance flow
Blessed be Your name*

*Blessed be Your name
When I'm found in the desert place
Though I walk through the wilderness
Blessed be Your name*

*Pre-Chorus
Ev'ry blessing You pour out
I'll Turn back to praise
When the darkness closes in Lord
Still I will say*

Chorus
Blessed be the name of the Lord
Blessed be Your name
Blessed be the name of the Lord
Blessed be Your glorious name

Blessed be Your name
When the sun's shining down on me
When the world's all as it should be
Blessed be Your name

Pre-Chorus

Chorus

Bridge (x2)
You give and take away
You give and take away
My heart will choose to say
Lord blessed be Your name

Sacrament of Communion

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts!

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God!

People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise!

Invitation to the Table

Leader: For as often as you eat this bread and drink this cup, you
proclaim the Lord's death until He comes Again!

**People: Christ has died. Christ has risen. Christ will come
again!**

Prayer of Consecration

Profession of Faith

Leader: Let us now profess our faith along with the saints through
the ages.

**People: We believe in God,
the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
And in Jesus Christ his only Son, Our Lord;
Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit.
Born of the Virgin Mary,
Suffered under Pontius Pilate,**

Was crucified, died, and buried;

**The third day he rose from the dead;
He ascended into heaven
and sitteth at the right hand of God the
Father Almighty;
From thence he shall come to judge the
Quick and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
The holy catholic church.
The communion of saints,
The forgiveness of sins,
The resurrection of the body,
And the life everlasting. Amen.**

Commissioning

God sends us out into the world as His witnesses

Hymn 6

Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above

*Sing praise to God who reigns above, The God of all creation,
The God of pow'r, the God of love, The God of our salvation.
With healing balm my soul He fills, and ev'ry faithless murmur stills:
To God all praise and glory!*

*What God's almighty pow'r hath made His gracious mercy keepeth,
By morning glow or evening shade His watchful eye ne'er sleepeth.
Within the kingdom of His might, Lo! All is just and all is right:
To God all praise and glory!*

*The Lord is never far away, But, thru all grief distressing,
An ever present help and stay, Our peace and joy and blessing.
As with a mother's tender hand He leads His own, His chosen band:
To God all praise and glory!*

*Thus all my toil some way along I sing aloud His praises,
That men may hear the grateful song My voice unwearied raises.
Be joyful in the Lord, my heart! Both soul and body bear your part:
To God all praise and glory A-men.*

Benediction & Blessing

Postlude