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Fifteenth Sunday After Pentecost

8:00 AM & 10:30 AM

Blanket Sunday Offering
(10:30 AM) Blessing of the Backpacks & Blankies

If you are a guest, thank you for worshipping with us today. We invite you to take a moment to complete a visitor's card located in the back of the pew in front of you and place it in the offering plate when it is passed. We also invite you to sign your name in our guest book located in the back entrance of the sanctuary. We pray God's blessing upon you.
For today's service, we will be using the black hymnal.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Back to School Slideshow

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: People of God, look around and see the faces of those we know and love--

P: neighbors and friends, sisters and brothers-- a community of kindred hearts.

L: People of God, look around and see the faces of those we hardly know--

P: strangers, guests, forgotten friends-- the ones who need an outstretched hand.

L: People of God, look around and see all the images of God assembled here.

P: In me, in you, in each of us, God's Spirit shines for all to see.

L: People of God, come.

P: Let us worship together.

OPENING HYMN (see insert)

No Matter

*Those for whom it is comfortable, please rise.

*TIME OF CONFESSION

ALL: You asked for my hands, O God, that you might use them for your purpose. I gave them for a moment, then withdrew them for the work was hard. You asked for my mouth, to speak out against injustice. I gave you a whisper, that I might not be accused. You asked for my eyes, to see the pain of poverty. I closed them, for I did not want to see. You asked for my life, that you might work through me. I gave a small part, that I might not get too involved. O God, forgive me for my calculated efforts to serve you only when it is convenient for me to do so, only in those places where it is safe to do so, and only with those who make it easy to do so. O God, forgive me, renew me, send me out as a useable instrument, that I might take seriously the meaning of your cross and the way of discipleship.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

ACT OF PRAISE¹ (sing 2 times)

The First Song of Isaiah

ALL SING: Surely, it is God who saves me; I will trust in him and not be afraid. For the Lord is my strong-hold and my sure defense, and He will be my Savior.

BLANKET SUNDAY OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Praise Him, All Ye Little Children

by Bonner

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

(10:30 AM) **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE** Blessing of the Backpacks & Blankies

(10:30 AM) **SONG TO THE CHILDREN**

(Sung to the tune of *Child of Blessing, Child of Promise*)

ALL SING: Child of God, Mt. Zion's dearest, we're so glad you came today!
We are learning, growing with you; trying to walk in Jesus' way.

SCRIPTURE Luke 14: 1,7-14

MESSAGE

HYMN NO. 539 (black hymnal)

Won't You Let Me Be Your Servant

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

ALL: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

*Those for whom it is comfortable, please rise.

SPECIAL MUSIC (solo sung by Debbie Butcher)

OFFERING

INVITATION TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Oh, How I Love Jesus

by Whitfield

*OFFERTORY RESPONSE² (see insert, verse 1)

Grace Alone

ALL SING: Every promise we can make, every prayer and step of faith, every difference we will make is only by his grace. Every mountain we will climb, every ray of hope we shine, every blessing left behind is only by his grace. Grace alone which God supplies, strength unknown he will provide. Christ in us our corner-stone; we will go forth in grace alone.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

CLOSING HYMN NO. 524 (black hymnal)

This Little Light of Mine

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Sunday School March

by Schreiner

*Those for whom it is comfortable, please rise.

We welcome infants and children in our worship! For your comfort, we also have a children's corner in the back of the sanctuary where your child can relax and play and you can still participate in the worship experience. We also have nursery care downstairs during our 10:30 AM worship service. Please see a member of the welcoming team for assistance!

We offer a hearing assistance system called *Listen Technologies*. If you would like to use a receiver, please check with the volunteers at the sound booth at the rear of the sanctuary.

The bulletins are presented in memory of Ann Chronister by Anne Henry.

Thank you to Debbie Butcher for performing today's special music.

8 AM Worship Tech: Ken Dunbar

8 AM Welcome Team: Brent & Kerri Ames, Ivy & Norman Leach

10:30 AM Worship Tech: Bonnie Dull

10:30 AM Welcome Team: Scott, Debbie & Jonathan Butcher, Thomas Green

10:30 AM Sound Tech: John Schriver

10:30 AM Nursery: Wendy Kindig

10:30 AM WOW Kids: Holly Ray & Nancy Sleeper

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*Those for whom it is comfortable, please rise.

No Matter

♩=120

F Dm Gm⁷ C F F⁷

No mat-ter who, no mat-ter what no mat-ter where you are on the

B^b G⁷ F Dm G⁷ Gm⁷ C⁷

jour-ney of life; you're wel- come, wel- come in this. place. No mat-ter

F Dm Gm⁷ C F F⁷

who, no mat-ter what, no mat-ter where you are on the

B^b G⁷ F Dm Gm⁷ C⁷ C F F

To verses Last time, Fine

jour-ney of life: ac- cept- ed, wel- comed by God's grace. grace.

Verses

F B^badd9 B^bmadd9

1. For we are fam - i - ly, meant to be
2. And in di - ver - si - ty, u - ni - ty,
3. To - geth - er we will sing, wor - ship bring,
4. The God who spoke through Christ, speaks to us;

F F⁹ F⁷ B^badd9

pur - posed for e - ter - ni - ty. Born in love,
 har - mo - ny for all to see: Just - ice and
 hands and hearts out - stretched to all. Je - sus praise,
 lis - ten to our Sav - ior's call. Wel - come home,

B^bmadd9 G⁹ G⁷ Gm⁷/C C⁷ D.C.

from a - bove, God's com - mu - ni - ty.
 e - qui - ty, God's com - mu - ni - ty.
 hearts a - blaze, lis - ten to God's call.
 wel - come in, wel - come one and all.

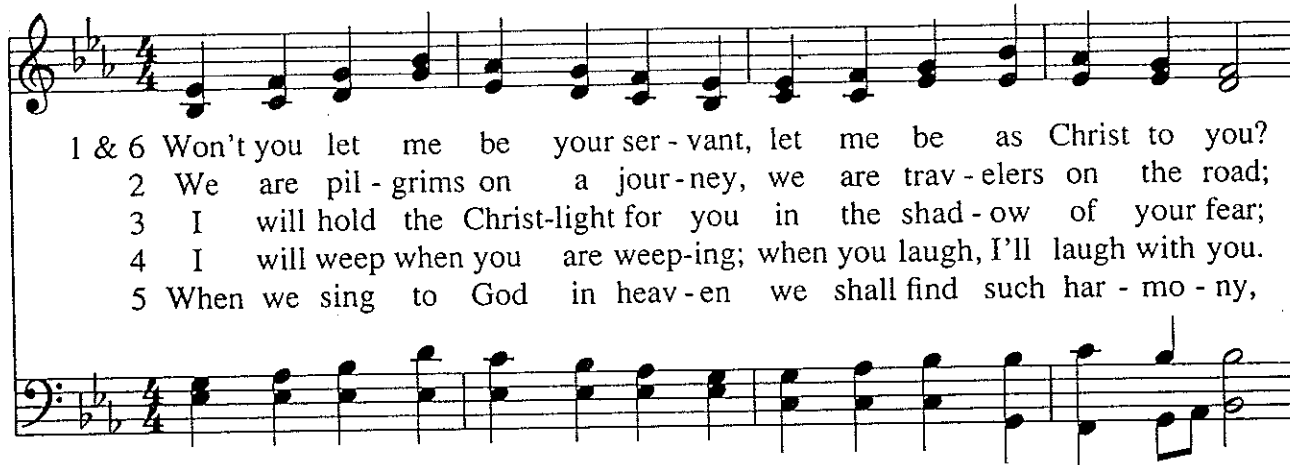
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Won't You Let Me Be Your Servant?

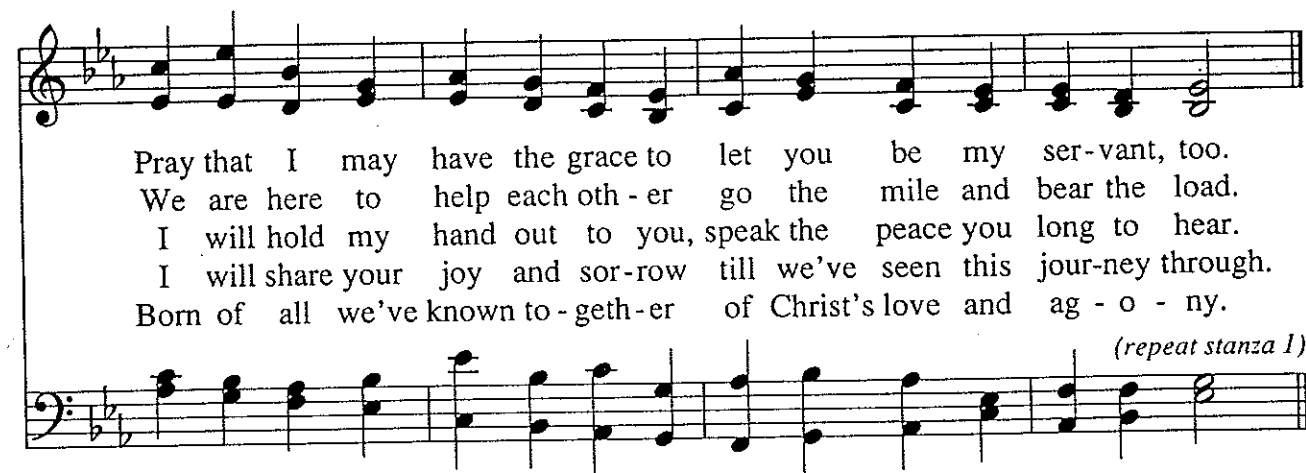
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Richard Gillard, 1977; alt.

Rom. 12:9-18; Col. 1:24-29



1 & 6 Won't you let me be your ser - vant, let me be as Christ to you?
2 We are pil - grims on a jour - ney, we are trav - elers on the road;
3 I will hold the Christ - light for you in the shad - ow of your fear;
4 I will weep when you are weep - ing; when you laugh, I'll laugh with you.
5 When we sing to God in heav - en we shall find such har - mo - ny,



Pray that I may have the grace to let you be my ser - vant, too.
We are here to help each oth - er go the mile and bear the load.
I will hold my hand out to you, speak the peace you long to hear.
I will share your joy and sor - row till we've seen this jour - ney through.
Born of all we've known to - geth - er of Christ's love and ag - o - ny.

(repeat stanza 1)

Richard Gillard was born in England and later made his home in New Zealand. Largely self-taught, Gillard has described his musical style as "folk." This is the best known of his many songs in the United States.

Tune: SERVANT SONG 8.7.8.7.
Richard Gillard, 1977
Arr. Betty Carr Pulkingham, 1977; adapt.

Grace Alone

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1. Ev - ery prom - ise we can make, ev - ery prayer and
 2. Ev - ery soul we long to reach, ev - ery heart we



step of faith, ev - ery dif - ference we will make
 hope to teach, ev - ery - where we share his peace



is on - ly by his grace. Ev - ery moun - tain
 is on - ly by his grace. Ev - ery lov - ing



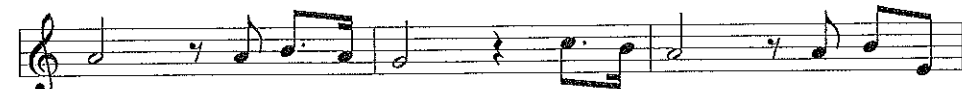
we will climb, ev - ery ray of hope we shine,
 word we say, ev - ery tear we wipe a - way,



ev - ery bless - ing left be - hind } is on - ly by his
 ev - ery sor - row turned to praise }

Refrain

grace. Grace a - lone which God sup - plies, strength un -



known he will pro - vide. Christ in us our Cor - ner -



stone; we will go forth in grace a - lone.

WORDS: Scott Wesley Brown and Jeff Nelson (Eph. 2:8-10)

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GRACE ALONE
 Irregular with Refrain

This Little Light/This Joy I Have

Matt. 5:14-16

African-American spiritual

1 This lit-tle light of mine, I'm gon-na let it shine.
 1 This . . . joy I have, the world did-n't give to me.

I am gon - na let it, let it shine,
 oh, the world did not give to me,

This lit - tle light of mine, I'm gon-na let it shine:
 This joy . . . I have, the world did-n't give to me.

This lit - tle light of mine, I'm gon-na let it shine,
 This . . . joy I have, the world did-n't give to me.

Hal - le - lu - jah,
 Hal - le - lu, the

let it shine, let it shine, let it shine, (oh let it shine.)
 No, the world did-n't give it, the world can't take it a - way.

"This Little Light" continued:

- 2 Ev-ery-where I go . . .
- 3 All-through the night . . .

"This Joy I Have" continued:

- 2 This love I have . . .
- 3 This hope I have . . .
- 4 This faith I have . . .
- 5 This peace I have . . .

The texts of these two spirituals may be used interchangeably with the tune This Joy. For an alternate version, this melody may be sung with the accompaniment of "Glory, Glory Hallelujah." A more traditional setting of "This Little Light" is provided with the tune Lattimer.

Tune: THIS JOY Irr.
 African-American spiritual
 Arr. Jeffrey Radford, 1993
 See also LATTIMER