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Sixth Sunday after Epiphany

8:00 & 10:30 AM

Pursue the Good: Give Patience

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

It Is Well

by Bliss

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: We gather to worship God this day with the joy of the wedding guests.

P: Invited, welcome, and offered a seat at the feast.

L: We gather to worship God this day with the impatience of those feasting.

P: Our cups are empty, and the wine has run out.

L: We gather to worship God this day with the hope of Mary.

P: Our cups will overflow if we listen to Him.

L: We gather to worship God this day with the awe of the disciples.

P: Transformed by God's kingdom showing up here in this place.

L: And knowing this, we gather as a people with hearts overflowing in celebration.

P: The party continues. The feast has no end. God's love abounds this day and always.

***OPENING HYMN NO. 473** (BH, see p. 3)

Blessed Assurance

***TIME OF CONFESSION¹**

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

P: When our lives run dry, we rest in the hope that you will replenish us. We await the hour when you come and reinvent the world.

*Those for whom it is comfortable, please rise.

With patience at times and sometimes without it, we plead with you to transform our lives and provide what we can never provide for ourselves. We trust you to take the emptiness of human brokenness and fill us with the richness of new creation in you. We submit ourselves to your transforming power and your wisdom to make us into our true selves, the people you made us to be. With joy, we praise you for your wonderful power and grace, coming once to give us what we needed and coming again to make all things complete. We place our trust in you. Help us also to believe in the glory you have revealed as we look expectantly toward the fullness of the future you bring.
Come, Lord Jesus. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

ACT OF PRAISE NO. 160 (BH, v. 2 & refrain, see p. 4) *Jesus the Light of the World*

ALL SING: Joyful, all you saints arise, Jesus, the light of the world;
Join the triumph of the skies, Jesus, the light of the world. We will follow the light, beautiful light, come where the dewdrops of mercy are bright, Shine all around us by day and by night, Jesus, the light of the world.

(10:30 AM) **SUNDAY SONGS**

This Little Light of Mine

Traditional

(10:30 AM) **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

SCRIPTURE

1 Thessalonians 5: 14-15

John 2: 1-11

MESSAGE

HYMN NO. 433 (BH, see p. 5)

In the Bulb There is a Flower

JOYS & CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & 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.

***HYMN NO. 506** (BH, see p. 6)

What a Friend We Have in Jesus

***BENEDICTION²**

POSTLUDE

Thanks Be to Thee

by Handel

*Those for whom it is comfortable, please rise.

Thank you to John Schriver, Jack Herlocker, Jim Firestone, & Elaine Bevivino for serving on the tech team. Thank you to Braden Bicher for reading Scripture this morning. Thank you to Brenda Beyer, Debbie Butcher, Braden Bicher, & Missy Kiefer for serving on the praise team. Thank you to Kathy & Bob Ensminger, Scott Kiefer, Lana Fritz, and Les & Doris Loucks for serving on the welcome team.

¹The Confession and Forgiveness was posted on An Old Song with a New Dance.

<http://oldsongnewdance.wordpress.com/> and accessed on February 7, 2022

²The Benediction is adapted by one written by Katie Cook. From Sacred Seasons, Pentecost/Ordinary Time 2000.

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Blessed Assurance

Fanny J. Crosby, 1820-1915

Phoebe P. Knapp, 1839-1908.

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Piano $\text{♩} = 80$

1. Bless-ed as - sur - ance, Je-sus is mine! O what a
 2. Per-fect sub - mis - sion, per-fect de - light! Vi-sions of
 3. Per-fect sub - mis - sion, all is at rest, I in my

4
 fore - taste of glo - ry di - vine! Heir of sal -
 rap - ture now burst on my sight; An - gels de -
 Sav - ior am hap - py and blessed; Watch-ing and

6
 - va - tion, pur-chase of God, born of the
 - scend - ing, bring from a - bove ech - oes of
 wait - ing, look - ing a - bove, filled with God's

8
 Spir - it, washed in Christ's blood. This is my sto - ry, this is my
 mer - cy, whis-pers of love.
 good - ness, lost in Christ's love.

11
 song, prais-ing my Sav - ior all the day long; This is my

14
 sto - ry, this is my song, prais-ing my Sav - ior all the day long.

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Jesus, the Light of the World

Evelyn Simpson-Curenton

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Piano 

1. Hark! the her - ald an - gels sing, Je - sus, the light of the world;
2. Joy - ful, all you saints a - rise, Je - sus, the light of the world;
3. Christ, by high - est heaven a - dored, Je - sus, the light of the world;
4. Hail the Bear - er of God's peace! Je - sus, the light of the world;

8 

Glo - ry to the Christ - child bring, Je - sus, the light of the
Join the tri - umph of the skies, Je - sus, the light of the
Christ, the ev - er - last - ing Word, Je - sus, the light of the
Hail the Sun of righ - teous - ness! Je - sus, the light of the

15 *Refrain* 

world. We will fol - low the light, beau - ti - ful light, come where the
world.
world.
world.

22 

dew - drops of mer - cy are bright, Shine all a - round us by day and by night,

29 

Je - sus the light of the world.

In the Bulb There is a Flower

Natalie Sleeth

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Piano $\text{♩} = 80$

1. In the bulb there is a flow - er; in the seed, an ap - ple
2. There's a song in ev - ery si - lence, seek - ing word and mel - o -
3. In our end is our be - gin - ning; in our time, in - fin - i -

5
tree; in co - coons, a hid - den prom - ise; but - ter - flies will soon be
- dy; there's a dawn for ev - ery dark - ness, bring - ing hope to you and
- ty; in our doubt there is be - liev - ing; in our life, e - ter - ni -


9
free! In the cold and snow of win - ter there's a spring that waits to be, un - re -
me. From the past will come the fu - ture; what it holds, a mys - ter - y, un - re -
- ty. In our death, a res - ur - rec - tion; at the last, a vic - to - ry, un - re -

14
- vealed un - til its sea - son, some - thing God a - lone can see.
- vealed un - til its sea - son, some - thing God a - lone can see.
- vealed un - til its sea - son, some - thing God a - lone can see.

What a Friend We Have in Jesus


$\text{♩} = 80$

Piano



1. What a friend we have in Je - sus, all our sins and griefs to
2. Have we tri - als and temp - ta - tions? Is there trou-ble an - y -
3. Are we weak and heav - y lad - en, bur - dened with a load of


4



bear!
- where?
care?

What a priv-i-lege to car - ry ev - ery-thing to God in
We should nev-er be dis - cour - aged; take it to our God in
Pre - cious Sav-ior, still our ref - uge, take it to our God in


8



prayer!
prayer!
prayer!

Oh, what peace we of - ten for - feit, oh, what need-less pain we
Can we find a friend so faith - ful, who will all our sor-rows
Do your friends de-spise for - sake you? Take it to our God in


12



bear,
share?
prayer!

All be-cause we do not car - ry ev - ery-thing to God in
Je - sus knows our ev - ery weak - ness; take it to our God in
Je - sus' arms will take and shield you; you will find a sol-ace

16



prayer.
prayer!
there.