



SIXTH SUNDAY

AFTER PENTECOST

JULY 4, 2021
10:00 AM

CHURCH LIFE UPDATE

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* PRAYER OF THE DAY

Doug DeCelle

(adapted from a prayer composed by Frederick Schmidt)

* OPENING HYMN 338

O Beautiful for Spacious Skies

O beautiful for spacious skies, for amber waves of grain,
For purple mountain majesties above the fruited plain!
America! America! God shed his grace on thee,
And crown thy good with brotherhood from sea to shining sea!

O beautiful for heroes proved in liberating strife,
Who more than self their country loved, and mercy more than life!
America! America! God mend thine every flaw;
Confirm thy soul in self control, thy liberty in law!

O beautiful for patriot dream that sees beyond the years
Thine alabaster cities gleam, undimmed by human tears!
America! America! May God thy gold refine
Till all success be nobleness and every gain divine!

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Steven Phillips

Boundary-breaking God,
We confess our need to label and divide:
we are rich, we are poor;
 we are citizen, we are alien;
 we are young, we are old.
We segregate by race and creed and stories shared—
 —whom we love and how we vote.
We are destined; we are overlooked.

In the stillness of this hour,
strip from us the identities that harden our hearts
and clothe us, instead, with Christ.

(silent prayer)

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

**Those who are able will please stand.*

SONG OF RESPONSE 340 (vv. 1 & 2) *This Is My Song*

Finlandia

This is my song, O God of all the nations,
A song of peace for lands afar and mine.
This is my home, the country where my heart is;
Here are my hopes, my dreams, my holy shrine;
But other hearts in other hands are beating
With hopes and dreams as true and high as mine.

My country's skies are bluer than the ocean,
And sunlight beams on cloverleaf and pine.
But other lands have sunlight too, and clover,
And skies are everywhere as blue as mine.
So hear my song, O God of all the nations,
A song of peace for their land and for mine.

*** THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Carrie Mills

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Psalm 123 and Mark 3:19-35

SERMON

The Servant's Prayer

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*** AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

Philippians 2:5-11
Doug DeCelle

Let the same mind be in us that was in Christ Jesus,
who, though he was in the form of God,
did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited,
but emptied himself,
taking the form of a slave,
being born in human likeness.
And being found in human form,
he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—
even death on a cross.

Therefore, God also highly exalted him
and gave him the name that is above every name,
so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

*** HYMN OF PREPARATION 727 (vv. 1-3, 5 & 6)** *Will You Let Me Be Your Servant* The Servant Song

Will you let me be your servant,
Let me be as Christ to you?
Pray that I may have the grace
To let you be my servant too.

We are pilgrims on a journey;
We're together on the road.
We are here to help each other
Walk the mile and bear the load.

I will hold the Christ-light for you
In the nighttime of your fear.
I will hold my hand out to you,
Speak the peace you long to hear.

When we sing to God in heaven,
We shall find such harmony,
Born of all we've known together
Of Christ's love and agony.

Will you let me be your servant,
Let me be as Christ to you?
Pray that I may have the grace
To let you be my servant too.

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE 530 (REFRAIN) *One Bread, One Body*

One bread, one body, one Lord of all,
one cup of blessing which we bless.
And we, though many, throughout the earth,
we are one body in this one Lord.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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 debts
as we forgive our debtors;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom and the power
and the glory, forever. Amen.

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE SHARING OF THE BREAD AND THE CUP

PRAYER OF RESPONSE

CALL FOR THE OFFERING

Steven Phillips

SONG OF OFFERING*How Beautiful*

Paris

How beautiful the hands that served
The wine and the bread and the children of earth.
How beautiful the feet that walked
The long dusty roads and the hill to the cross.
How beautiful, how beautiful!
How beautiful is the body of Christ.

How beautiful the heart that bled,
That took all my sin and bore it instead.
How beautiful the tender eyes
That chose to forgive and never despise.
How beautiful, how beautiful!
How beautiful is the body of Christ.

Bridge

And as he laid down his life we offer this sacrifice –
That we will live just as he died.
Willing to pay the price.
Willing to pay the price.

How beautiful the radiant bride
Who waits for her groom with his light in her eyes.
How beautiful when humble hearts give
The fruit of pure lives so that others may live.

How beautiful the feet that bring
The sound of good news and the love of the king.
How beautiful the hands that serve
The wine and the bread and the children of earth.
How beautiful, how beautiful!
How beautiful is the body of Christ.

*** SENDING SONG 757 (vv, 1, 3 & 4) *Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples***

Kingsfold

Today we all are called to be disciples of the Lord,
To help to set the captive free, make plowshare out of sword,
To feed the hungry, quench their thirst, make love and peace our fast,
To serve the poor and homeless first, our ease and comfort last.

Pray justice may come rolling down as in a mighty stream,
With righteousness in field and town to cleanse us and redeem.
For God is longing to restore an earth where conflicts cease,
A world that was created for a harmony of peace.

May we in service to our God act out the living word,
And walk the road the saints have trod till all have seen and heard.
As stewards of the earth may we give thanks in one accord
To God who calls us all to be disciples of the Lord.

*** BENEDICTION**

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POSTLUDE*All Creatures of Our God and King*

Charles Callahan