

Bulletin for July 4, 2021 – 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

**THE HOLY SPIRIT CALLS US TOGETHER AS THE PEOPLE OF GOD**

Prelude *This is My Song (ELW #887)* by Dani Lemieux

Welcome and Announcements

Invocation P: We worship in the name of the Father, and the Son +, and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Litany (Based on Psalm 123)

*WL: To you I lift up my eyes,*

*O you who are enthroned in the heavens!*

**C: Have mercy upon us, O Lord, have mercy upon us,  
for we have had more than enough of contempt.**

*WL: Our soul has had more than its fill  
of the scorn of those who are at ease,  
of the contempt of the proud.*

Gathering Music

***I Will Follow*** (CCLI #1519037)

**Intro**

**Where You go I'll go  
Where You stay I'll stay  
When You move I'll move  
I will follow**

**Verse 1**

**All Your ways are good  
All Your ways are sure  
I will trust in You alone  
Higher than my sight  
High above my life  
I will trust in You alone**

**Chorus**

**Where You go I'll go  
Where You stay I'll stay  
When You move I'll move  
I will follow You  
Whom You love I'll love  
How You serve I'll serve  
If this life I lose  
I will follow (You)  
I will follow (You)**

Verse 2

Light into the world  
Light into my life  
I will live for You alone  
You're the One I seek  
Knowing I will find  
All I need in You alone  
In You alone

Chorus

Where You go I'll go  
Where You stay I'll stay  
When You move I'll move  
I will follow You  
Whom You love I'll love  
How You serve I'll serve  
If this life I lose  
I will follow (You)

Chorus

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How You serve I'll serve  
If this life I lose

I will follow (You) x4

Confession and Forgiveness

P: Trusting God's promise of forgiveness, let us confess our sin against God and one another.

*(A time for personal confession and reflection.)*

P: Eternal God our creator and redeemer,

**C: in you we live and move and have our being. Look upon us, your children, the work of your hands. Forgive us all our offenses, and cleanse us from proud thoughts and empty desires. By your grace draw us near to you, our refuge and our strength; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

P: We are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. God's grace has been poured into our hearts, creating them anew, through the Holy Spirit. In the mercy of almighty God, Christ died for you while you were still a sinner; and for his sake, God forgives all your sins. As a called and ordained minister in the Christ of Christ, I declare to you the entire forgiveness of your sins. In the name of the Father, and the + Son, and the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C: And also with you.**

Prayer of the Day

WL: Let us pray.

**C: God of the covenant, in our baptism you call us to proclaim the coming of your kingdom. Give us the courage you gave the apostles, that we may faithfully witness to your love and peace in every circumstance of life, in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.**

**Amen.**

### ***GOD SPEAKS TO US IN SCRIPTURE, PREACHING AND SONG***

First Lesson      **Ezekiel 2: 1-5**

Second Lesson    **2 Corinthians 11: 28-29, 12: 5-10**

Children's Sermon

Gospel              **Mark 6: 1-13**

(Before) **C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

(After) **C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon

Music of the Day              ***How Firm a Foundation*** (ELW #796)

**1 How firm a foundation, O saints of the Lord,  
is laid for your faith in Christ Jesus, the Word!  
What more can he say than to you he has said  
who unto the Savior for refuge have fled?**

**2 "Fear not, I am with you, oh, be not dismayed,  
for I am your God and will still give you aid;  
I'll strengthen you, help you, and cause you to stand,  
upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand."**

**3 "When through fiery trials your pathway shall lie,  
my grace, all-sufficient, shall be your supply.  
The flames shall not hurt you; I only design  
your dross to consume and your gold to refine."**

**4 "Throughout all their lifetime my people shall prove  
my sov'reign, eternal, unchangeable love;  
and then, when gray hairs shall their temples adorn,  
like lambs they shall still in my bosom be borne."**

Confession of Faith..... Apostle's Creed

**C: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended into hell.**

**On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living 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.**

Prayers of the People

WL: Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

Sharing a Sign of Christ's Peace

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always! **C: And also with you!**

### **GOD FEEDS US WITH THE PRESENCE OF JESUS CHRIST**

Offering

Offering Prayer

P: Let us pray,

**C: Merciful God, you open wide your hand and satisfy the need of every living thing. You have set this feast before us. Open our hands to receive it. Open our hearts to embrace it. Open our lives to live it. We pray this through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Words of Institution

Lord's Prayer

Distribution

**Let Us Break Bread Together (ELW #471)**

- 1 Let us break bread together on our knees;  
let us break bread together on our knees.**

***Refrain***

**When I fall on my knees,  
with my face to the rising sun,  
O Lord, have mercy on me.**

- 2 Let us drink wine together on our knees;  
let us drink wine together on our knees. *Refrain***

- 3 Let us praise God together on our knees;  
let us praise God together on our knees. *Refrain***

Post Communion Blessing

P: The Body and Blood of Our Lord Jesus Christ be with you now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

Post Communion Prayer

P: God of abundance, with this bread of life and cup of salvation you have united us with Christ, making us one with all your people. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

## **GOD BLESSES US AND SENDS US IN MISSION TO THE WORLD**

Blessing

P: The Lord God Almighty, whose power working in us can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine, grant you the gifts of faith and hope. Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. Amen.

Sending Music

***Lift Every Voice and Sing*** (ELW #841)

**1 Lift ev'ry voice and sing till earth and heaven ring,  
ring with the harmonies of liberty.**

**Let our rejoicing rise high as the list'ning skies,  
let it resound loud as the rolling sea.**

**Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us;  
sing a song full of the hope that the present has brought us;  
facing the rising sun of our new day begun,  
let us march on till victory is won.**

**2 Stony the road we trod, bitter the chast'ning rod,  
felt in the days when hope unborn had died;  
yet with a steady beat, have not our weary feet  
come to the place for which our parents sighed?**

**We have come over a way that with tears has been watered;  
we have come, treading our path through the blood of the slaughtered,  
out from the gloomy past, till now we stand at last  
where the white gleam of our bright star is cast.**

**3 God of our weary years, God of our silent tears,  
thou who hast brought us thus far on the way;  
thou who hast by thy might led us into the light,  
keep us forever in the path, we pray.**

**Lest our feet stray from the places, our God, where we met thee;  
lest, our hearts drunk with the wine of the world, we forget thee;  
shadowed beneath thy hand may we forever stand,  
true to our God, true to our native land.**

Sending

P: Go in Peace. Christ is with you.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

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