



**June 6th, 2021 - Second Sunday After Pentecost
Evening Prayer and Congregational Assembly**

Be Thou My Vision

Be Thou my vision O Lord of my heart
Naught be all else to me save that Thou art
Thou my best thought by day or by night
Waking or sleeping Thy presence my light

Be Thou my wisdom and Thou my true word
I ever with Thee and Thou with me Lord
Thou my great Father I Thy true son
Thou in me dwelling and I with Thee one

Riches I heed not nor man's empty praise
Thou mine inheritance now and always

Thou and Thou only first in my heart
High King of heaven my treasure Thou art

*O God be my everything, be my delight
Be Jesus my glory, my soul satisfied (2x)*

High King of heaven, my vict'ry won,
May I reach heaven's joys,
O bright heaven's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
Still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

Welcome and Opening Sentence

Corporate Confession

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

Absolution

Invitation to Worship

Leader: O Lord, open our lips; **People:** *And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.*

O God, make speed to save us; *O Lord, make haste to help us.*

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; *As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.*

Praise the Lord. *The Lord's Name be praised*

Praise to the Lord

Praise to the Lord the Almighty
The King of creation
O my soul praise Him For He is
thy health and salvation

All ye who hear now to His temple draw near
Praise Him in glad adoration

Praise to the Lord Who over all things
So wondrously reigneth
Shelters thee under His wings
Yea so gently sustaineth

Hast thou not seen
how thy desires ever have been
Granted in what He ordaineth

Praise to the Lord Who doth prosper
Thy work and defend thee
Surely His goodness and mercy
here daily attend thee
Ponder anew what the Almighty can do
If with His love He befriend thee

*Joyful Joyful We adore thee
God of Glory Lord of Love
Hearts unfold like flowers before thee
Opening to the sun above*

Praise to the Lord
O let all that is in me adore Him
All that hath life and breath
Come now with praises before Him
Let the amen sound from His people again
Gladly for all we adore Him

Please be Seated Please join me in proclaiming Psalm 113

Praise the LORD! Praise, O servants of the LORD, praise the name of the LORD! Blessed be the name of the LORD from this time forth and forevermore! From the rising of the sun to its setting, the name of the LORD is to be praised! The LORD is high above all nations, and his glory above the heavens! Who is like the LORD our God, who is seated on high, who looks far down on the heavens and the earth? He raises the poor from the dust and lifts the needy from the ash heap, to make them sit with princes, with the princes of his people. He gives the barren woman a home, making her the joyous mother of children. Praise the LORD

Leader: A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles [6:1-7]

Now in these days when the disciples were increasing in number, a complaint by the Hellenists arose against the Hebrews because their widows were being neglected in the daily distribution. And the twelve summoned the full number of the disciples and said, "It is not right that we should give up preaching the word of God to serve tables. Therefore, brothers, pick out from among you seven men of good repute, full of the Spirit and of wisdom, whom we will appoint to this duty. But we will devote ourselves to prayer and to the ministry of the word." And what they said pleased the whole gathering, and they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit, and Philip, and Prochorus, and Nicanor, and Timon, and Parmenas, and Nicolaus, a proselyte of Antioch. These they set before the apostles, and they prayed and laid their hands on them. And the word of God continued to increase, and the number of the disciples multiplied greatly in Jerusalem, and a great many of the priests became obedient to the faith.

Leader: The word of the Lord **People:** *Thanks be to God*

Sermon: Membership in the Church – Pastor Steve Noll

Announcements

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again 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

Leader: The Lord be with you; **People:** *And with your spirit.*

Let us pray.

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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

Almighty and everlasting God, who alone works great marvels: Send down upon our clergy and the congregations committed to their charge the life-giving Spirit of your grace, shower them with the

continual dew of your blessing, and ignite in them a zealous love of your Gospel; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

O God, you have made of one blood all the peoples of the earth, and sent your blessed Son to preach peace to those who are far off and to those who are near: Grant that people everywhere may seek after you and find you; bring the nations into your fold; pour out your Spirit upon all flesh; and hasten the coming of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The General Thanksgiving and Grace

Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks for all your goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all whom you have made. We bless you for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all for your immeasurable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies, that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up our selves to your service, and by walking before you in holiness and righteousness all our days; Through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all, this day and for ever.

Better Is One Day

How lovely is Your dwelling place
O Lord almighty
For my soul longs and even faints for You
For here my heart is satisfied
Within Your presence
I sing beneath the shadow of Your wings

*Better is one day in Your courts
Better is one day in Your house
Better is one day in Your courts
Than thousands elsewhere (repeat line)*

One thing I ask and I would seek
To see Your beauty
To find You in the place
Your glory dwells
One thing I ask and I would seek
To see Your beauty
To find You in the place
Your glory dwells

CONGREGATIONAL ASSEMBLY

Questions Regarding Membership – Steve Noll

Recognition of New Vestry and Search Committee – Karen Getz

Vestry:

Bobby Brown
Matt Werner
Christi-Lynn Martin
Seth Stayer
Olivia Townsend
Karen Getz

Search Committee:

Kelly Koble
Rachel Blumer
Beth Campbell
Madelyn Werner
Stewart Wicker

Recognition of Mission Partners – Olivia Townsend

Tim & Jamie Sestak (R. A.) Chris Kirkland (CCO) The Twitchells (Agape Year)

Welcome to Church Army Officers Rev. Greg Miller & Rev. Herb Bailey – Steve Noll

Farewell to the Colliers – Karen Getz

How Great Is Our God

The splendor of the King,
Clothed in majesty
Let all the earth rejoice
All the earth rejoice
He wraps Himself in light
And darkness tries to hide
And trembles at His voice
And trembles at His voice

*How great is our God
Sing with me
How great is our God
And all will see how great
How great is our God*

And age to age He stands
And time is in His hands
Beginning and the End
Beginning and the End
The Godhead three in one
Father Spirit Son
The Lion and the Lamb
The Lion and the Lamb

Name above all names
Worthy of all praise
My heart will sing
How great is our God

The Blessing

All of our problems: *We send to the cross of Christ* All of our difficulties: *We send to the cross of Christ*
All of the devil's works: *We send to the cross of Christ* And all of our hopes: *We set on the risen Lord!*

Leader: May God bless you and keep you, may his face shine upon you, may he be gracious unto you and give you peace. In the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.

Leader: Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.

People: *Thanks be to God!*

Announcements:

- **Ladies' Night & Prayer Night for Baby Townsend:** This Friday, June 11th at 7pm - look out for a women-only email with more details
- Run (or walk) the **North Boroughs' 5k** this summer: August 21st at 8am. Help raise funds for North Hills Community Outreach and The Northgate Cross Country Team by running a 5K or joining for the 1 mile walk. More details in email.
- **Free Prayer Books Available** at each Sunday service: See Pastor Steve Noll.
- **Bellevue & Avalon Community Care Day trash pickup:** June 12th at 10am. Mark your calendars and let Melissa know if you're interested or would like to be a point person.
- **Intercession:** If you'd like to join a group to meet every other week to **pray for Redeemer**, contact Karen Getz at karengetz3@gmail.com or via her cell phone: 412-310-0496
- **Prayer triads:** Connect with two other people twice a month to study scripture, pray for one another and keep each other accountable to obeying Jesus. Email Melissa at the main email (below) to get connected with others.
- **Pastoral Care:** Since his vaccination was complete on May 1st, Steve would like to meet in-person with those who are comfortable. He is available for any special needs or occasions. Contact him personally by email (snoll822@gmail.com) or by phone (home: 412-741-7797 cell: 703-598-6143). In case of emergency, contact Melissa via her cell phone at 412-414-9980. She will make sure Steve gets the message in a timely fashion. As usual, you can email Melissa at rnbcares@gmail.com with any care needs as well.
- **Announcements:** Keep us in the loop with community events, service opportunities, or personal announcements! Email Melissa at our main email (below) with announcements.