



“INCLUSIVE, INSPIRING WORSHIP IN BEAUTIFUL SACRED SPACE”



Blessed are they...

July 4, 2021 ~ PCC & BLC Joint Service

“Blessed Citizens”

Pastor Clare & Pastor Rich

Gathering in Love

Gathering Music

You are invited to greet those around you or to sit quietly and reflectively prior to the beginning of the service.

Prelude

“Ode to the 4th of July”

H. Garnett

Sharon Neuenfeldt, Worship Accompanist

Words of Welcome

Pastor Clare & Pastor Rich

*Gathering Prayer

Keeper of heaven and Earth, guardian of our coming and going forth, of our times of tender reflection and our moments of turmoil. Our lives are fragile. Sharpen our sensitivities. Stir in us preferences for listening over speaking, for tenderness over aggression, for solidarity and community over alienation. Deepen for us the meaning of the resurrection; may we not only speak words of transformation but embody those words in our lives. Healer, Renewer, Sustainer, Source of Hope and Joy, we offer thanks and praise. Amen.

*Opening Hymn

“This Is My Song”

New Century Hymnal #591

The musical score is written for a piano accompaniment in 4/4 time, featuring a treble and bass clef. The melody is primarily in the treble clef, with a bass line providing harmonic support. The lyrics are arranged in two systems, with the first system containing two verses. The music includes various note values, rests, and dynamic markings.

1 This is my song, O God of all the na - tions, a song of
2 My coun - try's skies are blu - er than the o - cean, and sun - light

peace for lands a - far and mine. This is my home, the
beams on clo - ver - leaf and pine; But oth - er lands have

coun - try where my heart is; here are my hopes, my
sun - light, too, and clo - ver, and skies are ev - ery -

dreams, my ho - ly shrine; But oth - er hearts in oth - er lands are
where as blue as mine. O hear my song, O God of all the

beat - ing with hopes and dreams as true and high as mine.
na - tions, a song of peace for their land and for mine.

These stanzas, published during the period between the two world wars, express a hope for lasting peace among all nations,

Tune: FINLANDIA 10.10.10.10.10
Jean Sibelius, 1895

Acknowledging Our Humanness and God's Grace

***Prayer of Longing**

(see next page)

*Sitting or standing

**Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the realm of heaven.
Forgive us our spiritual arrogance.**

**Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted. Forgive us
our false independence.**

**Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth. Forgive us our
misplaced aggression.**

**Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they
shall be satisfied. Forgive us our gluttony.**

**Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God. Forgive us our
half-hearted commitment.**

**Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called children of God.
Forgive us for waging war.**

**Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for
theirs is the realm of heaven. Forgive us for not taking a stand.**

Gracious God, forgive us.

Please continue in silent prayer and mindful breathing

***Assurance of Grace & Invitation to Pass the Peace**

Pastor: The peace of Christ be with you!

All: And also with you!

Proclaiming God's Love

A Time with Young People

Pastor Clare invites children forward to gather with her

Blessing One Another

Children: God be with you **All:** And also with you

*Children return to their families
to remain in worship or enjoy the playground*

Scriptures Ezekiel 17:22-24, 2 Corinthians 12:7b-10,
Psalm 121, Matthew 5:1-12 ~ *NRSV*

Mary Pilquist, Mindy Peters, Pastor Rich

Psalm 121

I lift up my eyes to the hills—
from where will my help come?

**My help comes from the Lord,
who made heaven and earth.**

God will not let your foot be moved;
The One who keeps you will not slumber.

**The One who keeps Israel
will neither slumber nor sleep.**

The Lord is your keeper;
the Lord is your shade at your right hand.

**The sun shall not strike you by day,
nor the moon by night.**

The Lord will keep you from all evil;
God will keep your life.

**The Lord will keep
your going out and your coming in
from this time on and forevermore.**

Morning Message

“Blessed Citizens”

Pastor Rich

Prayer Hymn

“Make Me a Channel of Your Peace”

*Worship & Rejoice Hymnal #587
(see next page)*

D G/D G/A D

1 Make me a chan-nel of your peace. Where there is ha-tred
 2 Make me a chan-nel of your peace. Where there's de-spair in
 3 Make me a chan-nel of your peace. It is in par-don-

Bm C Asus A7 Em

let me bring your love. (love.) Where there is in - ju -
 life let me bring hope. (hope.) Where there is dark - ness,
 ing that we are par - doned, (par-doned,) in giv - ing of our -

Em7 G/A A Em

ry, your par - don, Lord, and where there's doubt, true
 on - ly light, and where there's sad - ness,
 selves that we re - ceive, and in dy - ing that we're

1, 2 A A7 D D7 to Refrain 3 A A7 D

faith in you. O
 ev - er joy. O
 born to e - ter - nal life.

Refran

Mas-ter, grant that I may nev-er seek so much to be con-
 soled as to con-sole, to be un-der-stood, as to un-der-
 stand, to be loved, as to love with all my soul.

Responding To God's Love

Prayers of the People

You are invited to speak a brief prayer for yourself, another, or a part of the world. Raise your hand or stand and project your brief joy or concern as loudly as possible. Pastor Clare will follow your prayer with the words, "God, in your love..."

One: God, in your love,
All: Hear our prayer

Lord's Prayer

(see next page)

*Sitting or standing

Lord's Prayer

**Eternal Spirit, Earth-maker, Pain-bearer, Life-giver,
Source of all that is and that shall be, Father and Mother of us all,**

Loving God, in whom is heaven:

the hallowing of your name echo through the universe!

The way of your justice be followed by the peoples of the world!

Your heavenly will be done by all created beings!

**Your commonwealth of peace and freedom sustain our hope and come
on earth. With the bread we need for today, feed us.**

In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us.

In times of temptation and testing, strengthen us.

From trials too great to endure, spare us.

From the grip of all that is evil, free us.

For you reign in the glory of the power that is love, now and forever.

AMEN.

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory

“The Liberty Song”

unknown

***Doxology**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;

Praise God all creatures here below;

Praise God above, you heavenly host;

Creator, Christ and Holy Ghost. Amen

***Prayer of Dedication**

**O God, through the offering of these gifts, may we become
a more open people -**

open-minded in hearing your Word and wisdom,

open-hearted in healing a broken world,

open-handed in heeding your call for charity and enacted love.

**With thanks for all good gifts, we present a portion of our substance
and the whole of ourselves. Amen**

Going Forth to Share God's Love

*Closing Hymn

"For the Healing of the Nations"

Worship & Rejoice Hymnal #621



1 For the heal - ing of the na - tions, Lord, we pray with one ac - cord,
2 Lead your peo - ple in - to free - dom, from de - spair your world re - lease,
3 All that kills a - bun - dant liv - ing, let it from the earth be banned:
4 You, Cre - a - tor - God, have writ - ten your great name on hu - man - kind;



for a just and e - qual shar - ing of the things that earth af - fords.
that, re - deemed from war and ha - tred, all may come and go in peace.
pride of sta - tus, race, or school - ing, dog - mas that ob - scure your plan.
for our grow - ing in your like - ness, bring the life of Christ to mind;



To a life of love in ac - tion help us rise and pledge our word.
Show us how, through care and good - ness, fear will die and hope in - crease.
In our com - mon quest for jus - tice may we hal - low life's brief span.
that by our re - sponse and serv - ice earth its des - ti - ny may find.



*Sitting or standing

***Benediction**

***Sung Response** “Let There Be Peace on Earth”

By Jill Jackson-Miller & Sy Miller

**Let there be peace on Earth, and let it begin with me
Let there be peace on Earth, the peace that was meant to be.
With God as creator, family all are we.
Let us walk with each other in perfect harmony.**

**Let peace begin with me; let this be the moment now.
With ev'ry step I take, let this be my solemn vow;
To take each moment, and live each moment in peace eternally!
Let there be peace on Earth, and let it begin with me.**

***Postlude**

“Before the Lord We Bow”

Darwell

PRAYER CORNER

Please hold these joys and concerns in your prayers:

For PCC:

- Andi Favilla's father Tom Ford in Michigan, as he recovers from knee replacement surgery and looks ahead to replacement of the other knee and a hip.
- Jackie Savage's friend Deb Weyer, who has undergone chemo and surgery for stage four breast cancer and now needs to decide on future treatments.
- Deb Francis, her brother Scott Laiti, and their extended family as they mourn the death of their brother, Bruce Laiti, who was living in Arizona. May he rest in peace.
- Mark Stephan's brother Kurt and their extended family, as they grieve the death of Kurt's wife Lin Stephan. Lin died this past Thursday after a brain hemorrhage caused severe damage from which her brain did not recover. May she rest in peace.

For BLC:

- Pastor Paul and Sally Harris as they both recover from recent surgeries.

For all:

- For the community of Surfside, Florida in the wake of the collapse of the condominium building. May those who have died rest in peace. May those grieving known deaths and those still seeking information about missing persons draw strength from those who love them.
- For our global and local neighbors: for the COVID vaccine to reach everyone, for people living in poverty experience relief from intense suffering, for a just peace in the Gaza Strip, and for all who live without sufficient resources or with constant threats of violence.
- Accountability for killings of black and brown people, for legislative police reform, and for all of us to work to build an antiracist society.



Our churches appreciate gifts of all sizes, mindful that not all have enough financial resources to feasibly give anything away. If you are present at Lakeside Park today and leave a gift in an offering plate, please know that loose offerings and designated checks will go to Valley Outreach. A gift marked for one of the churches will go to that congregation. Let us give generously.

Thank you for all who made today wonderful: Sharon Neuenfeldt (music), Mindy Peters & Mary Pilquist (readings), Mike Bjork (live stream recording), Dan & Ginny Peulen (ushers), Bob Iverson (set up), Lori Gergen & Kimberly Jackson (staff), Pastor Rich and Pastor Clare.




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