



BEATUS VIR: BLESSED IS THE MAN

PSALM 1

# Outdoor Worship in the Grove

***Worship Service***  
***Seventh Sunday of Easter***  
***May 16, 2021 10:15 AM***

*Worshippers present for in-person worship are invited to hum or read the text silently while the musicians sing the hymns and responses. Please be sure cell phones are off or on airplane mode. Please wear a mask.*

Gathering Music

Welcome

Announcements

Prelude Arranged by Thomas Keesecker  
**"Morning Has Broken"**

Call to Worship *Adapted from Psalm 1*

One: Happy are those who do not follow bad advice.

**All: They don't walk the path sinners walk, or sit in the seat of scoffers.**

One: God's children delight in God's word;

**All: They meditate on it day and night.**

One: The ones who follow God are like trees  
planted by streams of water.

All: **God's fruit grows in season; God causes our  
leaves to not wither. Praise God!**

Gathering Hymn

*(Hymnal 14)*

**"For the Beauty of the Earth"**

*Verses 1, 4, 5*

**For the beauty of the earth, for the glory of the skies,  
for the love which from our birth  
over and around us lies:**

***Refrain:* Lord of all, to thee we raise  
this our hymn of grateful praise.**

**For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child,  
friends on earth, and friends above,  
for all gentle thoughts and mild: *Refrain***

**For thyself, best gift divine  
to the world so freely given;  
for that great, great love of thine,  
peace on earth and joy in heaven: *Refrain***

Prayer of Confession *(BCW)*

**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 and soul  
and mind and strength. We have not loved our**

**neighbors as ourselves. In your mercy, forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.**

*~Silent Confession~*

Assurance of Pardon (BCW)

The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting. I declare to you, in the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. **Thanks be to God.**

Passing of the Peace (*air waves, no touching*)

Children's Sermon

Prayer for Understanding

New Testament Reading 1 John 5:9-13

Old Testament Reading Psalm 1

Sermon **"No Loitering"**

Song by Jerry Salley & Steven Curtis Chapman

**"His Strength is Perfect"**

Refrain: *His strength is perfect*

*when our strength is gone,*

*He'll carry us when we can't carry on.*

*Raised in His power, the weak become strong;*

*His strength is perfect, His strength is perfect.*

*I can do all things through Christ  
Who gives me strength,  
But sometimes I wonder, what He can do through me.  
No great success to show, no glory on my own,  
Yet in my weakness  
He is there to let me know: Refrain*

*We can only know the power that He holds  
When we truly see how deep our weakness goes.  
His strength in us begins when ours comes to an end;  
He hears our humble cry and proves again: Refrain*

Moment of Gratitude

Lord's Prayer

Sending Hymn

**“Love is the Flag Flown High”**

**Love is a flag flown high from the castle of my heart  
From the castle of my heart,  
From the castle of my heart;**

**Love is a flag flown high from the castle of my heart,  
When the King is in residence there.**

**So fly it high in the sky, let the whole world know  
Let the whole world know, Let the whole world know;  
So fly it high in the sky, let the whole world know,  
That the King is in residence there.**

**\* Repeat: Peace is a flag flown high ...  
Joy is a flag flown high ...**

Blessing

Choral Blessing

by Mary Cathey

*Go with us, Lord, and guide the way  
through this and every coming day,  
that in your Spirit strong and true  
our lives may be our gift to you.*

Postlude

Participants in today's service: Kathy Zakarian (worship leader), Kim Stamm and Christian LaMotte (deacons), Allison Cotner, Kimberly Green, Kessey Kieselhorst, Sara Triffo (music), Lynne Pabst (children's sermon), Scott Lawvere (audio/video), Joy Christian (organist), Rev. Jason Clapper



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