# November 7 2021 Sermon Title: A Case of Mistaken Identity

### Thoughts for the Day

Jesus came to announce to us that an identity based on success, popularity and power is a false identity- an illusion! Loudly and clearly he says: 'You are not what the world makes you; but you are children of God. ~Henri J.M. Nouwen

If our identity is in our work, rather than Christ, success will go to our heads, and failure will go to our hearts. ~Timothy Keller

Define yourself radically as one beloved by God. This is the true self. Every other identity is illusion. God's love for you and his choice of you constitute your worth. Accept that, and let it become the most important thing in your life. ~Brennan Manning

I put all my hope on the truth of Your promise, And I steady my heart on the ground of Your goodness.

~Audrey Assad

#### COMING TOGETHER TO WORSHIP

**Prelude** Laura Huckin

#### Song of Gathering (10am only)

All the People Said Amen

You are not alone if you are lonely When you feel afraid you're not the only We are all the same in need of mercy To be forgiven and be free, It's all you got to lean on But thank God it's all you need

#### Chorus:

And all the people said amen whoa
And all the people said amen
Give thanks to the Lord for His love never ends
And all the people said amen

If you're rich or poor well it don't matter
Weak or strong you know love is what we're after
We're all broken but we're all in this together
God knows we stumble and fall
And He so loved the world He sent His son to save us all

#### Chorus

Blessed are the poor in spirit who are torn apart Blessed are the persecuted and the pure in heart Blessed are the people hungry for another start For theirs is the kingdom the kingdom of God

Chorus (x2)

Welcome and Opening Prayer Rev. Tamara Mitchell

## Hymn of Praise (8am only)

Joyful Joyful, We Adore Thee (Hymn 464 v. 1, 2, 4)

# Song of Praise (10am only)

I Stand Amazed (How Marvelous)

I stand amazed in the presence of Jesus the Nazarene And wonder how He could love me A sinner condemned unclean

#### Chorus:

How marvelous, how wonderful, and my song shall ever be How marvelous, how wonderful is my Savior's love for me

He took my sins & my sorrows, He made them His very own (And) He bore the burden to Calvary
And suffered and died alone

Chorus

### (Instrumental)

And with the ransomed in glory, His face I at last shall see It will be my joy through the ages, to sing of His love for me

Chorus

### **Unison Prayer of Confession**

8am: Ally Kiefer 10am: Bill Klyn

Dear Lord, You are the King of the world, the Creator of all things, and the Giver of life. You have made us in Your image and invited us to be Your children—the heirs of Your Kingdom—and we give You our thanks and praise. Yet, we confess that we have sinned and fallen short of what You would have us be. We have found our identity in earthly things like work, money, family, reputation, our homes, our friends, even our nation. We have worshiped them more than You. We have turned away from being part of Your Kingdom work to satisfy our own agendas. We have broken Your heart with our sin, and we are in your debt. Please forgive us. Help us open our hearts to receive the gift of grace and forgiveness that You offer through Jesus' sacrifice on the cross. Create in us clean hearts and fill us with Your presence. Remind us that we belong to you, body and soul. In Jesus' Name we pray, Amen.

# **Assurance of Pardon**

#### Song of Response

Holy Spirit, Truth Divine (Hymn 321 v. 1, 3)

Holy Spirit, truth divine, Dawn upon this soul of mine; Word of God, & inward light, Wake my spirit, clear my sight.

Holy Spirit, right divine, Make my conscience wholly Thine; Be my law, and I shall be Firmly bound, forever free.

### **Passing the Peace of Christ**

(Take a few moments to greet one another)

### **SHARING LIFE TOGETHER**

# Time with Children (10am only)

(Children are now dismissed to Sunday School)

#### **News of the Church Family**

# **Giving Generously of our Tithes and Offerings**

(Electronic giving instructions at pcjh.org/donate)

Glory Be to the Father (Hymn 579)

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be World without end, Amen, Amen

### **HEARING GOD'S WORD**

Scripture Lesson 8am: Ally Kiefer 10am: Bill Klyn Deut. 8:10-18

Luke 12:16-34

### **Pre-Sermon Song**

Good To Me

I put all my hope in the truth of Your promise
And I steady my heart on the ground of Your goodness
When I'm bowed down with sorrow I will lift up Your name
And the foxes in the vineyard will not steal my joy

You are good to me, good to me You are good to me, good to me, You are good to me

And I lift my eyes to the hills where my help is found And Your voice fills the night, raise my head up to hear the sound

And when fires burn all around me, I will praise You, my God And the foxes in the vineyard will not steal my joy

Chorus (repeat)

Your goodness and mercy shall follow me all my life
I trust in Your promise, Your goodness and mercy
Will follow me all my life
I trust in Your promise, Your goodness and mercy
Shall follow me oh all my life
I will trust in Your promise

Chorus (repeat)

**Time for Reflection and Study** Rev. Tamara Mitchell

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### CELEBRATING THE LORD'S SUPPER

All who have received Jesus Christ as their Savior and Lord are welcome to share in the sacrament. Those who are not ready to take communion will receive a blessing from the pastors.

#### Invitation to the Table

### Pastoral Prayer and 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 sins, As we forgive those who've sinned against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, For Thine is the Kingdom, and the Power, and the Glory forever. Amen.

#### **Instructions for the Lord's Supper**

For those at home: Please prepare beforehand to have bread and juice (or some other fruit of the vine) to share among those in your household.

For those in the sanctuary: When prompted please come forward to receive the bread and cup and take them back to your seat and wait for the pastor to instruct you prior to consuming the bread and cup.

When everyone has a piece of bread and an individual cup in front of them, we will all take the bread and the cup at the same time in-person and over livestream as led by the pastors. Those who are not ready to take communion, for whatever reason, will receive a blessing from the pastors.

# Song of Reflection (10am only)

PCJH Choir

Heilig, Heilig (Holy, Holy)

Sharing in the Lord's Supper

**Closing Prayer** 

#### BEING SENT OUT INTO THE WORLD

#### The Benediction Sung

May the Peace of God

May the peace of God our heavenly Father, and the grace of Christ the risen Son, and the fellowship of God the Spirit keep our hearts and minds within His love.

### Chorus:

And to Him be praise for His glorious reign, from the depths of earth to the heights of heav'n We declare the name of the Lamb once slain: Christ eternal, the King of kings!

May this peace which passes understanding, and this grace which makes us what we are, and this fellowship of His communion make us one in spirit and in heart.

Chorus

## The Benediction Spoken

#### **Postlude**

# Musicians:

Laura Huckin – vocals & piano Kirsten Farney - vocals Melissa Elliott – vocals & guitar

#### PCJH Choir

Soprano - Julie Birrer, Kirsten Farney, Joy Steiner, Judith Weikle Alto - Juline Christofferson, Lori Dodd, Deborah Kopp, Therese Metherell

Tenor - Nancy Bohne

Bass - Kraig Kobert, Bob Kopp, Stan Steiner, Rich Viola