

September 19, 2021  
Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

PRELUDE

*I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord*<sup>1</sup>

Dr. Troy Winemiller

GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT

*He is Lord*<sup>2</sup> (Sing Verse 1, TWICE)

1. He is Lord, he is Lord! He is ris - en from the dead and he is Lord!  
 2. He is King, he is King! He will draw all na - tions to him, he is King;  
 3. He is Love, he is Love! He has shown us by his life that he is Love;  
 4. He is Life, he is Life! He has died to set us free and he is Life;

Ev - ery knee shall bow, ev - ery tongue con - fess that Je - sus Christ is Lord!  
 and the time shall be when the world shall sing that Je - sus Christ is King!  
 all his peo - ple sing with one voice of joy that Je - sus Christ is Love!  
 and he calls us all to live ev - er - more, for Je - sus Christ is Life.

PRAYER OF INVOCATION & CONFESSION

Pastor: Meditating on and resting in the Lord's divine love and resurrection healing, let us open our hearts and minds to be comforted, challenged, and changed.

*All people:* ***With welcome, we invite the Presence of Christ to teach us how to live with one another.***

Pastor: Together, let us offer a prayer of confession.

*All people:* ***O God, we live our lives as best we can—dealing with difficult relationships and situations, putting failures and disappointments behind us, and moving into each new day with as much energy, goodwill, and optimism as we can muster. But here, right now, we seldom have the right answers, we seldom seek your higher wisdom in our lives, we just move ahead. Forgive us for not asking for your insight. Fill us with your wisdom, that we may live lives of goodness and peace. Amen.***

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS & PASSING OF PEACE<sup>3</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Jones, Joyce. "I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord" *Organ Preludes on Favorite Hymns*. 1978, Bradley Publications, Inc.

<sup>2</sup> Public Domain. CCLI Song # 23839.

<sup>3</sup> Guadino, Rebecca. Worship Elements for Sunday, September 19, 2021. <https://www.ministrymatters.com/all/entry/3076/worship-elements-september-19-2021>

Pastor: When we come before God in humility and honesty, God draws near to us with forgiveness and renewed blessing.

**All people:** *Thanks be to God for that good news!*

Pastor: Jesus came to bring peace among us. So, let us sow the seeds for peace in our world, beginning by sharing the peace of Christ with one another, stranger and friend alike, with a wave or peace sign and the words, "The peace of Christ be with you."

**All people:** *And also, with you.*

**EPISTLE READING**

**James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a**

**GOSPEL READING**

**Mark 9:30-37**

**A SPECIAL TIME WITH OUR YOUNG PEOPLE**

**SERMON**

**Rev. Laura C. Bair**

**SPECIAL MUSIC**

*In the Garden*<sup>4</sup>

**Mrs. Carole Caswell**

**OFFERING INVITATION**

**OFFERTORY PRAYER**

**All:** *Wise and Understanding God, we return to you the very gifts you've given us because you have called us as your children. Give us willing hearts to share with others, as you have shared with us. Amen.*

**COMMISSION AND BLESSING**

Pastor: Go in peace and spiritual wisdom, trusting that God walks with you on your life's journey.

**All people:** *We will go and share the good news of Christ's love to all whom we meet.*

Pastor: In the name of the Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer.

**All people:** *Amen.*

**POSTLUDE**

*Holy, Holy, Holy* (Jones)<sup>5</sup>

<sup>4</sup> Public Domain. CCLI Song # 62858

<sup>5</sup> Jones, Joyce. "Holy, Holy, Holy" *Organ Preludes on Favorite Hymns*. 1978, Bradley Publications, Inc.