

## Transfiguration Sunday – February 14, 2021

*“The retreat to worship and prayer leads inevitably to a return to the everyday world of human need.”*

Organ/Piano Prelude “This Is My Father's World” Toni DiCapua, Mollie Wakeman

Call to Worship Ben Ball

Hymn of Praise: This Is My Father's World (words on next page) no. 293

Prayer of Confession (in unison) Sharon Dinwiddie

**Loving God, we confess that we yearn for the mountaintop experience. We want to retreat from the world, to be in Your presence, and to remain there. Yet You call us to come back to the world in love and grace. Forgive us, O God, and help us to have the courage to come back down from the mountain, nourished and ready to be a healing presence. Hear us now as we silently confess our sins.**

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Friends, believe the Good News of the Gospel.

**People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.**

Gloria Patri

Passing of the Peace

Leader: The peace of the Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Greetings and Announcements

Solo: “The Lord Is My Light and My Salvation”...F. Allisten Richard Jackson  
Mollie Wakeman, accompanist  
(previously recorded; used with permission, CCLI #20405356)

New Testament Reading: Luke 9:28-43

Sermon: “Coming Back Down the Mountain” Rev. Anne Swanson

Hymn of Response: Swiftly Pass the Clouds of Glory (words on next page) no. 73

Prayers of the People Bob Kraut

Closing Hymn: Eternal God, Whose Power Upholds (words on next page) no. 412

Benediction

Congregational Response: Go Now in Peace

Organ/Piano Postlude “Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken”

## **THIS IS MY FATHER'S WORLD**

This is my Father's world, and to my listening ears  
All nature sings, and round me rings the music of the spheres.  
This is my Father's world: I rest me in the thought  
Of rocks and trees, of skies and seas; His hand the wonders wrought.

This is my Father's world: Oh, let me ne'er forget  
That though the wrong seems off so strong, God is the Ruler yet.  
This is my Father's world: the battle is not done;  
Jesus who died shall be satisfied, and earth and heaven be one.

## **GLORIA PATRI**

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.

## **THE LORD IS MY LIGHT AND MY SALVATION (Solo)**

The Lord is my light and my salvation. Whom, then, shall I fear?  
The Lord is the strength of my life. Of whom, then, shall I be afraid?

Though an host of men were laid against me, yet shall not my heart be afraid;  
And though there rose up war against me, yet would I put my trust in Him.

For in the time of trouble, He shall hide me in His tabernacle.  
Yea, in the secret places of His dwelling shall He hide me,  
And set me up upon a rock of stone.

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(Psalm 27)

## **SWIFTLY PASS THE CLOUDS OF GLORY**

Swiftly pass the clouds of glory, Heaven's voice, the dazzling light;  
Moses and Elijah vanish; Christ alone commands the height!  
Peter, James, and John fall silent, turning from the summit's rise,  
Downward toward the shadowed valley, where their Lord has fixed His eyes.

Glimpsed and gone the revelation, they shall gain and keep its truth,  
Not by building on the mountain, any shrine or sacred booth,  
But by following the Savior, through the valley to the cross  
And by testing faith's resilience, through betrayal, pain, and loss.

Lord, transfigure our perception, with the purest light that shines,  
And re-cast our life's intentions, to the shape of Your designs,  
Till we seek no other glory, than what lies past Calvary's hill  
And our living and our dying, and our rising by Your will.

## **ETERNAL GOD, WHOSE POWER UPHOLDS**

Eternal God, whose power upholds, both flower and flaming star  
To whom there is no here nor there, no time, no near nor far  
No alien race, no foreign shore, no child unsought, unknown:  
O send us forth, Thy prophets true, to make all lands Thine own!

O God of love, whose Spirit wakes, in every human breast,  
Whom love, and love alone, can know, in whom all hearts find rest:  
Help us to spread Thy gracious reign, till greed and hate shall cease,  
And kindness dwell in human hearts, and all the earth find peace!

O God of truth, whom science seeks, and reverent souls adore,  
Who lightest every earnest mind, of every clime and shore:  
Dispel the gloom of error's night, of ignorance and fear,  
Until true wisdom from above, shall make life's pathway clear!

O God of righteousness and grace, seen in the Christ, Thy Son,  
Whose life and death reveal Thy face, by whom Thy will was done:  
Inspire Thy heralds of good news, to live Thy life divine,  
Till Christ is formed in every heart, and every land is Thine!

## **GO NOW IN PEACE**

Go now in peace, never be afraid. God will go with you each hour of every day.  
Go now in faith, steadfast strong and true, know He will guide you in all you do.  
Go now in love and show you believe, reach out to others so all the world can see.  
God will be there, watching from above. Go now in peace, in faith, and in love.