Communion Sunday, March 7, 2021

"How often I have longed to gather your children together, as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings." Luke 13:34

Two-Piano Prelude "How Firm a Foundation"

Toni DiCapua, Mollie Wakeman

<u>Call to Worship</u>

Ben Ball

Hymn of Praise: How Firm a Foundation (see words on next page)

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Affirmation of Faith: The Apostles' Creed

Bob Kraut

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried; he descended into hell. On the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Gloria Patri

Passing of the Peace

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

<u>Greetings and Announcements</u>

Solo: "And Can It Be?"...Dan Forrest

Leland Morine

Mollie Wakeman, accompanist (CCLI #20405356)

New Testament Reading: Luke 13: 31-35

Sermon: "Jesus' Lament Over Jerusalem"

Rev. Anne Swanson

Hymn of Response: Ah, Holy Jesus (see words on next page)

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<u>Silent Prayers of Confession/Assurance of Pardon</u>

Holy Communion

Prayers of the People

<u>Closing Hymn</u>: The Lord's Prayer (see words on next page)

Benediction

Congregational Response: Go Now in Peace (see words on next page)

Two-Piano Postlude "At the Cross"

HOW FIRM A FOUNDATION

How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord, Is laid for your faith in God's excellent Word! What more can be said than to you God hath said, To you who for refuge, to Jesus have fled?

"Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dismayed, For I am thy God, and will still give thee aid; I'll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand, Upheld by My righteous, omnipotent hand.

"When through the deep waters I call thee to go, The rivers of sorrow shall not overflow; For I will be near thee, thy troubles to bless, And sanctify to thee thy deepest distress.

"When through fiery trials thy pathway shall lie, My grace, all-sufficient, shall be thy supply; The flame shall not hurt thee; I only design Thy dross to consume, and thy gold to refine.

"The soul that on Jesus hath leaned for repose, I will not, I will not desert to its foes; That soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake, I'll never, no never, no never forsake."

AND CAN IT BE? (Solo)

And can it be? And can it be? Amazing love, how can it be? And can it be that I should gain, an interest in the Savior's blood? Died Him for me who caused His pain? For me who Him to death pursued? Amazing love! How can it be, that Thou, my God, shouldst die for me?

He left His father's throne above, so free, so infinite His grace Emptied Himself of all but love, and bled for Adam's helpless race; 'Tis mercy all, immense and free; For, O my God, it found out me. And can it be? Amazing love, how can it be?

No condemnation now I dread; Jesus and all in Him is mine! Alive in Him, my living Head, and clothed in righteousness divine, Bold I approach the eternal throne, and claim the crown through Christ my own.

Amazing love, how can it be, that Thou, my God shouldst die for me? Amazing love!

AH, HOLY JESUS

Ah, holy Jesus, how have You offended, That mortal judgment has on You descended? By foes derided, by Your own rejected, O most afflicted!

Who was the guilty? Who brought this upon You? It is my treason, Lord, that has undone You. 'Twas I, Lord Jesus, I it was denied You; I crucified You.

For me, dear Jesus, was Your incarnation, Your mortal sorrow, and Your life's oblation, Your death of anguish, and Your bitter passion, for my salvation.

Therefore, dear Jesus, since I cannot pay You, I do adore You, and will ever praise You, Think on Your pity, and Your love unswerving, not my deserving.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, which 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 debts as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil,
For Thine is the Kingdom and the Power and the Glory, forever. Amen.

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.