

## Fourth Sunday in Lent – March 14, 2021

*“Parables offer a glimpse into the kingdom and heart of God.”*

Two-Piano Prelude “Cross of Christ Medley”

Toni DiCapua, Mollie Wakeman

Call to Worship

Ben Ball

Hymn of Praise: The Church's One Foundation (words on next page)

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Prayer of Confession (in unison)

Sharon Dinwiddie

**Our loving God, we confess that at times we do not even see those who are hurting and in need of our help. We look the other direction, and pretend to be unaware of their desperation and poverty. Forgive us, O God, and help us to acknowledge our fellow human beings and to offer compassion and care. 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

Anthem: “God So Loved the World”...Stainer

Chancel Choir

(previously recorded; used with permission, CCLI #20405356)

New Testament Reading: Luke 16:19-31

Sermon: “A Glimpse into the Kingdom”

Rev. Anne Swanson

Hymn of Response: Open My Eyes That I May See (words on next page)

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Prayers of the People

Leland Morine

Closing Hymn: Be Thou My Vision (words on next page)

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Benediction

Congregational Response: Go Now in Peace

Organ/Piano Postlude “The Church's One Foundation”

## **THE CHURCH'S ONE FOUNDATION**

The church's one foundation, is Jesus Christ her Lord;  
She is His new creation, by water and the word;  
From heaven He came and sought her, to be His holy bride;  
With His own blood He bought her, and for her life He died.

Elect from every nation, yet one o'er all the earth,  
Her charter of salvation, one Lord, one faith, one birth;  
One holy name she blesses, partakes one holy food,  
And to one hope she presses, with every grace endued.

Mid toil and tribulation, and tumult of her war,  
She waits the consummation, of peace forevermore;  
Till with the vision glorious, her longing eyes are blest,  
And the great church victorious, shall be the church at rest.

Yet she on earth has union, with God the Three in One,  
And mystic sweet communion, with those whose rest is won:  
O happy ones and holy! Lord, give us grace that we,  
Like them, the meek and lowly, may live eternally.

## **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.

## **GOD SO LOVED THE WORLD** (Chancel Choir, previously recorded)

God so loved the world.  
God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son,  
That whoso believeth, believeth in Him,  
Should not perish, should not perish but have everlasting life.

For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world;  
But that the world through Him might be saved.

## **OPEN MY EYES, THAT I MAY SEE**

Open my eyes, that I may see, glimpses of truth Thou hast for me;  
Place in my hands the wonderful key, that shall unclasp and set me free.  
Silently now I wait for Thee, ready, my God, Thy will to see;  
Open my eyes, illumine me, Spirit divine!

Open my ears, that I may hear, voices of truth Thou sendest clear;  
And while the wave notes fall on my ear, everything false will disappear.  
Silently now I wait for Thee, ready, my God, Thy will to see;  
Open my ears, illumine me, Spirit divine!

Open my mouth, and let me bear, gladly the warm truth everywhere;  
Open my heart, and let me prepare, love with Thy children thus to share.  
Silently now I wait for Thee, ready, my God, Thy will to see;  
Open my heart, illumine me, Spirit divine!

## **BE THOU MY VISION**

Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;  
Nought be all else to me, save that Thou art –  
Thou my best thought, by day or by night,  
Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.

Riches I heed not, nor vain, empty praise,  
Thou mine inheritance now and always;  
Thou and Thou only, first in my heart,  
Great God of heaven, my treasure Thou art.

Be Thou my wisdom, and Thou my true word;  
I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord;  
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,  
Still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

## **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.