

Third Sunday of Easter – April 18, 2021

“Brimming with God’s Grace and Energy”

Organ Prelude “Martyrdom”

Mary Mackie

Call to Worship

Ben Ball

Hymn of Praise: For the Beauty of the Earth (words on next page)
Toni DiCapua, organist

no. 473

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

Sharon Dinwiddie

Loving God, we confess that we have not fully trusted in You. We have kept quiet when we should have spoken up, and we have not faithfully followed You. We have not used our gifts and talents to Your service. Forgive us, we pray, and help us to depend on You to lead us in the coming days. 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: “Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us/He Leadeth Me”...Geschke
Richard Dinwiddie, director (CCLI #20405356)

Chancel Bells

New Testament Reading: Acts 6:1-15; 7:44-60

Sermon: “Receive My Spirit”

Rev. Anne Swanson

Hymn of Response: Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples (words on next page)

no. 434

Prayers of the People

Bob Kraut

Closing Hymn: We All Are One in Mission (words on next page)

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Benediction

Congregational Response: Go Now in Peace

Organ Postlude “Thine Is the Glory”

FOR THE BEAUTY OF THE EARTH

For the beauty of the earth, for the glory of the skies,
For the love which from our birth, over and around us lies,
Lord of all, to Thee we raise, this our hymn of grateful praise.

For the wonder of each hour, of the day and of the night,
Hill and vale, and tree and flower, sun and moon and stars of light,
Lord of all, to Thee we raise, this our hymn of grateful praise.

For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind's delight,
For the mystic harmony, linking sense to sound and sight,
Lord of all, to Thee we raise, this our hymn of grateful praise.

For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child,
Friends on earth, and friends above, for all gentle thoughts and mild,
Lord of all, to Thee we raise, this our hymn of grateful praise.

For Thy church that evermore, lifteth holy hands above,
Offering up on every shore, her pure sacrifice of love,
Lord of all, to Thee we raise, this our hymn of grateful praise.

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.

SAVIOR, LIKE A SHEPHERD LEAD US/HE LEADETH ME (Chancel Bells)

Savior, like a shepherd lead us, much we need Thy tender care;
In Thy pleasant pastures feed us, for our use Thy folds prepare.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, Thou has bought us, Thine we are;
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, Thou has bought us, Thine we are.

He leadeth me, O blessed thought! O words with heav'nly comfort fraught!
Whate'er I do, where-e'er I be, still 'tis God's hand that leadeth me.
He leadeth me, He leadeth me, by His own hand He leadeth me;
His faithful follower I would be, for by his hand He leadeth me.

TODAY WE ALL ARE CALLED TO BE DISCIPLES

Today we all are called to be, disciples of the Lord,
To help to set the captive free, make plowshare out of sword,
To feed the hungry, quench their thirst, make love and peace our fast,
To serve the poor and homeless first, our ease and comfort last.

God made the world and at its birth, ordained our human race
To live as stewards of the earth, responding to God's grace.
But we are vain and sadly proud, we sow not peace but strife,
Our discord spreads a deadly cloud, that threatens all of life.

Pray justice may come rolling down, as in a mighty stream,
With righteousness in field and town, to cleanse us and redeem.
For God is longing to restore, an earth where conflict cease,
A world that was created for, a harmony of peace.

May we in service to our God, act out the living Word,
And walk the road the saints have trod, till all have seen and heard.
As stewards of the earth may we, give thanks in one accord
To God who calls us all to be, disciples of the Lord.

WE ALL ARE ONE IN MISSION

We all are one in mission, we all are one in call.
Our varied gifts united, by Christ, the Lord of all.
A single, great commission, compels us from above
To plan and work together, that all may know Christ's love.

We all are called for service, to witness in God's name,
Our ministries are different, our purpose is the same.
To touch the lives of others, by God's surprising grace
So every folk and nation, may feel God's warm embrace.

Now let us be united, and let our song be heard.
Now let us be a vessel, for God's redeeming word.
We all are one in mission, we all are one in call,
Our varied gifts united, by Christ, the Lord 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.