

## Communion Sunday, June 6, 2021

*"The paralytic's friends had faith that laughed at barriers." ~ William Barclay*

Organ Prelude "My Faith Looks Up to Thee" Mary Mackie

Call to Worship Ben Ball

Hymn of Praise: My Faith Looks Up to Thee (see words on next page) no. 383

Affirmation of Faith: The Apostles' Creed Sharon Dinwiddie

**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.**

Greetings and Announcements

Anthem: "Hymn of Promise"...Natalie Sleeth Choral Ensemble  
Richard Dinwiddie, Director; Mary Mackie, accompanist (CCLI #20405356)

New Testament Reading: Luke 5:17-26

Sermon: "Your Sins Are Forgiven" Rev. Anne Swanson

Hymn of Response: Just as I Am, Without One Plea (see words on next page) no. 370

Silent Prayers of Confession/Assurance of Pardon

Holy Communion

Prayers of the People Bob Kraut

Closing Hymn: The Lord's Prayer (see words on next page)

Benediction

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

Organ Postlude "Praise the Lord, God's Glories Show"

## **MY FAITH LOOKS UP TO THEE**

My faith looks up to Thee, Thou Lamb of Calvary, Savior divine:  
Now hear me while I pray, take all my guilt away.  
O let me from this day be wholly Thine!

May Thy rich grace impart, strength to my fainting heart, my zeal inspire;  
As Thou hast died for me, O may my love to Thee,  
Pure, warm and changeless be, a living fire!

While life's dark maze I tread, and griefs around me spread, be Thou my guide;  
Bid darkness turn to day, wipe sorrow's tears away,  
Nor let me ever stray, from Thee aside.

When ends life's transient dream, when death's cold, sullen stream,  
Shall o'er me roll;  
Blest Savior, then, in love, fear and distrust remove;  
O bear me safe above, a ransomed soul!

## **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.

## **HYMN OF PROMISE** (Choral Ensemble)

In the bulb there is a flower, in the seed, an apple tree;  
In cocoons, a hidden promise: butterflies will soon be free!  
In the cold and snow of winter, there's a spring that waits to be,  
Unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.

There's a song in every silence, seeking word and melody;  
There's a dawn in every darkness, bringing hope to you and me.  
From the past will come the future; what it holds, a mystery,  
Unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.

In our end is our beginning; in our time, infinity;  
In our doubt, there is believing; in our life, eternity.  
In our death, a resurrection; at the last, a victory,  
Unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.

Unrevealed until its season, something yet unknown,  
Which God alone can see.

## **JUST AS I AM, WITHOUT ONE PLEA**

Just as I am, without one plea, but that Thy blood was shed for me,  
And that Thou biddest me come to Thee, O Lamb of God, I come, I come!

Just as I am, though tossed about, with many a conflict, many a doubt,  
Fightings and fears within, without, O Lamb of God, I come, I come!

Just as I am, Thou wilt receive, wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve;  
Because Thy promise I believe, O Lamb of God, I come, I come!

Just as I am, Thy love unknown, has broken every barrier down;  
Now to be Thine, yea, Thine alone, O Lamb of God, I come, I come!

## **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.