

GOD'S WORD REVEALED

Sermon "Hidden Treasure" *Rev. Dr. Carol Ann Fleming*

Musical Selection Like as a Mother Comforteth *John B. Dykes*
arr. Dick Anthony

Kathy Fisk, soprano

Prayers of the People

GO IN GOD'S NAME

Benediction and Blessing

Postlude Spirituoso *Alessandro Scarlatti*

NRSV – New Revised Standard Version of the Bible

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Mrs. Jan Thyren, guest organist
Mrs. Kathy Fisk, soloist



COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
SCRANTON, PENNSYLVANIA

Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 9, 2021

GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

Prelude Intermezzo (For My Mother) *James Mansfield*

Call to Worship

Prayer of Invocation

Welcome

Hymn Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna! *Hymn to Joy*

Invitation to Confession and Prayer

Assurance of Pardon and Grace

GOD'S WORD PROCLAIMED

Scripture Reading Matthew 13: 45-46
Matthew 19: 16-30 *NRSV*

“Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it.”

Then someone came to him and said, “Teacher, what good deed must I do to have eternal life?” And he said to him, “Why do you ask me about what is good? There is only one who is good. If you wish to enter into life, keep the commandments.” He said to him, “Which ones?” And Jesus said, “You shall not murder; You shall not commit adultery; You shall not steal; You shall not bear false witness; Honor your father and mother; also, You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” The young man said to him, “I have kept all these; what do I still lack?” Jesus said to him, “If you wish to be perfect, go, sell your possessions, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me.” When the young man heard this word, he went away grieving, for he had many possessions.

Then Jesus said to his disciples, “Truly I tell you, it will be hard for a rich person to enter the kingdom of heaven. Again I tell you, it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God.” When the disciples heard this, they were greatly astounded and said, “Then who

can be saved?” But Jesus looked at them and said, “For mortals it is impossible, but for God all things are possible.” Then Peter said in reply, “Look, we have left everything and followed you. What then will we have?” Jesus said to them, “Truly I tell you, at the renewal of all things, when the Son of Man is seated on the throne of his glory, you who have followed me will also sit on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel. And everyone who has left houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or children or fields, for my name's sake, will receive a hundredfold, and will inherit eternal life. But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first.

Children's Sermon

Musical Selection I Will Sing New Songs *Antonin Dvorak*
Kathy Fisk, soprano

Scripture Reading Proverbs 31: 10-31 *NRSV*

A capable wife who can find? She is far more precious than jewels. The heart of her husband trusts in her, and he will have no lack of gain. She does him good, and not harm, all the days of her life. She seeks wool and flax, and works with willing hands. She is like the ships of the merchant, she brings her food from far away. She rises while it is still night and provides food for her household and tasks for her servant-girls. She considers a field and buys it; with the fruit of her hands she plants a vineyard. She girds herself with strength, and makes her arms strong. She perceives that her merchandise is profitable. Her lamp does not go out at night. She puts her hands to the distaff, and her hands hold the spindle. She opens her hand to the poor, and reaches out her hands to the needy. She is not afraid for her household when it snows, for all her household are clothed in crimson. She makes herself coverings; her clothing is fine linen and purple. Her husband is known in the city gates, taking his seat among the elders of the land. She makes linen garments and sells them; she supplies the merchant with sashes. Strength and dignity are her clothing, and she laughs at the time to come. She opens her mouth with wisdom, and the teaching of kindness is on her tongue. She looks well to the ways of her household, and does not eat the bread of idleness. Her children rise up and call her happy; her husband too, and he praises her: “Many women have done excellently, but you surpass them all.” Charm is deceitful, and beauty is vain, but a woman who fears the Lord is to be praised. Give her a share in the fruit of her hands, and let her works praise her in the city gates.