

First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)
Boonsboro, Maryland
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Rev. Ciara Simonson
Sunday, February 14, 2021 – Transfiguration Sunday
Worship Service 10:00 am

HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY

Organist – Greg Martin
Elders – Steve Brooks and Sarah Seibert
Lay Leader – Roz Johnson

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Greeting and Welcome- Richard Riddle

Announcements – Richard Riddle

Prayer of Invocation

Opening Hymn - #348 My Savior's Love

V1 - I stand amazed in the presence of Jesus, the Nazarene
And wonder how He could love me, A sinner, condemned, unclean.

Refrain

How marvelous, How wonderful
Any my song shall ever be
How marvelous, How wonderful
Is my Savior's love for me

V2 – For me it was in the garden He prayed, Not my will, by Thine
He had no tears for His own griefs but sweat drops of blood for mine. [Refrain]

V3 – In pity angels beheld Him and came from the world of light
To comfort Him in the sorrows He bore for my soul that night. [Refrain]

V4 – He took my sins and my sorrows, He made them His very own.

He bore the burden to Calv'ry and suffered and died alone. [Refrain]

V5 – When with the ransomed in glory His face I at last shall see
“Twill be my joy thro’ the ages to sing of His love for me. [Refrain]

Responsive Reading- Psalm 50:1-6

L – From the rising of the sun to where it sets, God, the Lord God, speaks, calling out to the earth.

All – From Zion, perfect in beauty, God shines brightly.

L – Our God is coming: he won't keep quiet. A devouring fire is before him; a storm rages all around him.

All – God calls out to the skies above and to the earth in order to judge his people.

L – Bring my faithful to me, those who made a covenant with me by sacrifice.

All – The skies proclaim his righteousness because God himself is the judge.

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.**

Joys and Concerns

Interlude for Prayer

Pastoral Prayer

Threefold Amen

Children's Message

Special Music

Scripture Reading

The Lesson: 2 Kings 2:1-12 (for your own reading)

Now the Lord was going to take Elijah up to heaven in a windstorm and Elijah and Elisha, “stay here, because the Lord has sent me to Bethel.” But Elisha said, “as the Lord lives and as you live, I won't leave you.” So they went down to Bethel.

The group of prophets from Bethel came out to Elisha. These prophets said to Elisha, “Do you know that the Lord is going to take your master away from you today?” Elisha said, “yes, I know. Don't talk about it!” Elijah said, “Elisha, stay here, because the Lord has sent me to Jericho.” But Elisha said, “as the Lord lives and as you live, I won't leave you.” So they went to Jericho. The group of prophets from Jericho

approached Elisha and said to him, “Do you know that the Lord is going to take your master away from you today?” He said, “Yes, I know. Don’t talk about it!”

Elijah said to Elisha, “stay here, because the Lord has sent me to the Jordan.” But Elisha said, “as the Lord lives and as you live, I won’t leave you.” So both of them went on together. Fifty members from the group of prophets also went along but they stood at a distance. Both Elijah and Elisha stood beside the Jordan River. Elijah then took his coat, rolled it up, and hit the water. Then the water was divided in two. Both of them crossed over on dry ground. When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, “what do you want me to do for you before I’m taken away from you?”

Elisha said, “let me have twice your spirit.” Elijah said, “you’ve made a difficult request. If you can see when I’m taken from you, then it will be yours. If you don’t see me, it won’t happen.” They were walking along, talking, when suddenly a fiery chariot and fiery horses appeared and separated the two of them. Then Elijah went to heaven in a windstorm.

Elisha was watching and he cried out, “Oh, my father, my father! Israel’s chariots and its riders!” When he could no longer see him, Elisha took hold of his clothes and ripped them in two.

*The Epistle: **2 Corinthians 4:3-6** (for your own reading)*

And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are on the road to destruction. The god of this age has blinded the minds of those who don’t have faith so they couldn’t see the light of the gospel that reveals Christ’s glory. Christ is the image of God.

We don’t preach about ourselves. Instead, we preach about Jesus Christ as Lord, and we describe ourselves as your slaves for Jesus’ sake. God said that the light should shine out of the darkness. He is the same one who shone in our hearts to give us the light of the knowledge of God’s glory in the face of Jesus Christ.

*The Gospel: **Mark 9:2-9** (for your own reading)*

Six days later Jesus took Peter, James and John and brought them to the top of a very high mountain where they were alone. He was transformed in front of them and his clothes were amazingly bright, brighter than if they had been bleached white. Elijah and Moses appeared and were talking with Jesus. Peter reacted to all of this by saying to Jesus, “Rabbi, it’s good that we’re here. Let’s make three shrines – one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.” He said this because he didn’t know how to respond for the three of them were terrified.

Then a cloud overshadowed them and a voice spoke from the cloud, “this is my Son, whom I dearly love. Listen to him!” Suddenly, looking around, they no longer saw anyone with them except Jesus. As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered

them not to tell anyone what they had seen until after the Human One has risen from the dead.

Sermon

Offering

The Doxology: **Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him all creatures here below; Praise him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, Amen.**

Offertory Prayer

Invitation to Communion

Communion Hymn – #70 Perfect Heart

Bless the Lord who reigns in beauty
Bless the Lord who reigns in wisdom and pow'r
Bless the Lord who reigns my life with so much love
He can make a perfect heart.

Prayers of the Elders
Sharing of the Bread and Cup

The Lord's Prayer

Closing Hymn - #406 Wonderful Words of Life

V1 - Sing, them over again to me, Wonderful words of life
Let me more of their beauty see, Wonderful words of life
Words of life and beauty teach me faith and duty.

Refrain

V2 - Christ, the blessed One, gives to all Wonderful words of life
Sinner, list to the loving call, Wonderful words of life
All so freely given, wooing us to heaven [Refrain]

V3 - Sweetly echo the gospel call, Wonderful words of life
Offer pardon and peace to all, Wonderful words of life
Jesus, only Savior, Sanctify forever [Refrain]

Benediction

Postlude