

First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)
Boonsboro, Maryland
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Sunday, February 21, 2021 – First Sunday in Lent
Worship Service 10:00 am

Organist – Gwen Pangborn
Elders – Sarah Seibert and Roz Johnson
Lay Leader – Renee Riddle

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Greeting and Welcome- Richard Riddle

Announcements – Richard Riddle

Prayer of Invocation

Opening Hymn - #688 Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us

V1 – 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 hast bought us, thine we are
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V2 – We are thine do thou befriend us, be the guardian of our way
Keep Thy flock from sin defend us, seek us when we go astray
Blessed Jesus, Blessed Jesus, hear O hear us when we pray
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V3 – Thou has promised to receive us, poor and sinful tho' we be
Thou hast mercy to relieve us, grace to cleanse and pow'r to free
Blessed Jesus, Blessed Jesus, early let us turn to thee
Blessed Jesus, Blessed Jesus, early let us turn to thee

V4 – Early let us seek Thy favor, early let us do Thy will
Blessed Lord and only Savior, with Thy love our beings fill
Blessed Jesus, Blessed Jesus, thou hast loved us, love us still
Blessed Jesus, Blessed Jesus, thou hast loved us, love us still

Lectionary readings this week from
www.lectionary.library.vanderbilt.edu

Responsive Reading- Genesis 9:8-17

L – Then God said to Noah and to his sons with him

All – I now establish my covenant with you and your descendants after you

L – and with every living creature that was with you, the birds, the livestock and all the wild animals, all those that came out of the ark with you – every living creature on earth

All – I establish my covenant with you. Never again will all life be destroyed by the waters of a flood; never again will there be a flood to destroy the earth.

L – And God said, “This is the sign of the new covenant I am making between me and you and every living creature with you, a covenant for all generations to come.

All – I have set my rainbow in the clouds, and it will be the sign of the covenant between me and the earth.

L – Whenever I bring clouds over the earth and the rainbow appears in the clouds, I will remember my covenant between me and you and all living creatures of every kind.

A – Never again will the waters become a flood to destroy all life.

L – Whenever the rainbow appears in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and all living creatures of every kind on the earth.

A – So God said to Noah, “This is the sign of the covenant I have established between me and all life on the earth.”

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: Psalm 25:1-10 (for your own reading)

In you, Lord my God, I put my trust. I trust in you; do not let me be put to shame, nor let my enemies triumph over me. No one who hopes in you will ever be put to shame, but shame will come on those who are treacherous without cause.

Show me your ways, Lord, teach me your paths. Guide me in your truth and teach me for you are God my Savior, and my hope is in you all day long. Remember Lord, your great mercy and love for they are from of old. Do not remember the sins of my youth and my rebellious ways; according to your love remember me, for you Lord are good.

Good and upright is the Lord, therefore he instructs sinners in his ways. He guides the humble in what is right and teaches them his way all the ways of the Lord are loving faithful toward those who keep the demands of his covenant.

The Epistle: I Peter 3:18-22 (for your own reading)

For Christ also suffered once for sins the righteous for the unrighteous to bring you to God. He was put to death in the body but made alive in the Spirit. After being made alive, he went and made proclamation to the imprisoned spirit to those who were disobedient long ago when God waited patiently in the days of Noah while the ark was being built. In it only a few people, eight in all, were saved through water, and this water symbolizes baptism that now save you also – not the removal of dirt from the body but the pledge of a clear conscience toward God. It saves you by the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at God's right hand – with angels, authorities, and powers in submission to him.

The Gospel: Mark 1:9-15

At that time Jesus came from Nazareth in Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. Just as Jesus was coming up out of the water, he saw heaven being torn open and the Spirit descending on him like a dove. And a voice came from heaven: You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased.

At once, the Spirit sent him out into the wilderness, and he was in the wilderness forty days being tempted by Satan. He was with the wild animals and angels attended him. After John was put in prison, Jesus went into Galilee proclaiming the good news of God.

“The time has come,” he said. “The kingdom of God has come near. Repent and believe the good news!”

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 – #638 I Need Thee Every Hour

V1 - I need Thee every hour, most gracious Lord,
No tender voice like Thine can peach afford.

Refrain

I need Thee, O I need Thee, every hour I need Thee
O bless me now, my Savior, I come to Thee

V2 – I need Thee every hour, stay Thou nearby
Temptations lose their pow'r when Thou art nigh. [Refrain]

V3 – I need Thee every hour, in joy or pain
Come quickly and abide, or life is vain. [Refrain]

V4 – I need Thee every hour, most Holy One,
O make me Thine indeed, Thou blessed Son [Refrain]

Prayers of the Elders
Sharing of the Bread and Cup

The Lord's Prayer

Closing Hymn – O Jesus, I Have Promised

V1 – O Jesus, I have promised to serve Thee to the end
Be Thou forever near me, my Master and my friend
I shall not fear the battle if Thou art by my side
Nor wander from the pathway if Thou wilt be my guide

V2 – O let me feel Thee near me, the world is ever near
I see the sights that dazzle, the tempting sounds I hear
My foes are ever near me, around me and within
But Jesus draw Thou nearer and shield my soul from sin.

V3 – O let me hear Thee speaking in accents clear and still
Above the storms of passion, The murmurs of self will
O speak to reassure me, to hasten or control
O speak and make me listen, Thou guardian of my soul.

V4 – O Jesus Thou hast promised to all who follow Thee
That where Thou art in glory, there shall Thy servant be
And Jesus I have promised to serve Thee to the end
O give me grace to follow, my Master and my friend.

Benediction

Postlude