

First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)
Boonsboro, Maryland
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Rev. Ciara Simonson
Sunday, February 7, 2021 – Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany
Worship Service 10:00 am

Organist – Greg Martin
Elders – Conda Slick and Steve Brooks
Lay Leader – Tammy Walker

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Greeting and Welcome- Richard Riddle

Announcements – Richard Riddle

Prayer of Invocation – Tammy Walker

Opening Hymn - #83 There's Something About that Name

Jesus, Jesus, Jesus. There's just something about that name.
Master, Savior, Jesus. Like the fragrance after the rain.
Jesus, Jesus, Jesus. Let all heaven and earth proclaim.
Kings and kingdoms will all pass away,
But there's something about that name.

Responsive Reading- Psalm 147:1-11, 20c

L – Praise the Lord.

All – Because it is good to sing praise to our God! Because it is a pleasure to make beautiful praise.

L – The Lord rebuilds Jerusalem, gathering up Israel's exiles. God heals the brokenhearted and bandages their wounds. God counts the stars by number, giving each one a name.

All – Our Lord is great and so strong! God's knowledge can't be grasped!

L – The Lord helps the poor but throws the wicked down on the dirt.

All – Sing to the Lord with thanks, sing praises to our God with a lyre! God covers the skies with clouds, God makes rain from the earth; God makes the mountains sprout green grass.

L – God gives food to the animals – even to the baby ravens when they cry out. God doesn't prize the strength of a horse, God doesn't treasure the legs of a runner.

All – No. The Lord treasures the people who honor him, the people who wait for his faithful love. Praise the Lord.

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: Isaiah 48:21-31

²¹ Don't you know? Haven't you heard? Wasn't it announced to you from the beginning? Haven't you understood since the earth was founded? ²² God inhabits the earth's horizon – its inhabitants are like locusts – stretches out the skies like a curtain and spreads it out like a tent for dwelling. ²³ God makes dignitaries useless and earth's judges into nothing. ²⁴ Scarcely are they planted, scarcely sown, scarcely is their shoot rooted in the earth when God breathes on them and they dry up, the windstorm carries them off the straw. ²⁵ So to whom will you compare me and who is my equal? says the holy one.

²⁶ Look up at the sky and consider: Who created these? The one who brings out their attendants one by one, summoning each of them by name. Because of God's great strength and mighty power, not one is missing. ²⁷ Why do you say, Jacob and declare, Israel, "My way is hidden from the Lord, my God ignores my predicament"? ²⁸ Don't you know? Haven't you heard? The Lord is the everlasting God, the creator of the ends of the earth. He doesn't grow tired or weary. His understanding is beyond human reach, ²⁹ giving power to the tired and reviving the exhausted. ³⁰ Youths will become tired and weary, young men will certainly stumble, ³¹ but those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength, they will fly up on wings like eagles, they will run and not be tired, they will walk and not be weary.

The Epistle: 1 Corinthians 9:16-23

¹⁶ If I preach the gospel, I have no reason to brag, since I'm obligated to do it. I'm in trouble if I don't preach the gospel. ¹⁷ If I do this voluntarily, I get rewarded for it. But if I'm forced to do it, then I've been charged with a responsibility. ¹⁸ What reward do I get? That when I preach, I offer the good news free of charge. That's why I don't use the rights to which I'm entitled through the gospel.

¹⁹ Although I'm free from all people, I make myself a slave to all people, to recruit more of them. ²⁰ I act like a Jew to the Jews, so I can recruit Jews. I act like I'm under the Law to those under the Law, so I can recruit those who are under the Law (though I myself am not under the Law). ²¹ I act like I'm outside the Law to those who are outside the Law, so I can recruit those outside the Law (though I'm not outside the law of God but rather under the law of Christ). ²² I act weak to the weak, so I can recruit the weak. I have become all things to all people, so I could save some by all possible means. ²³ All the things I do are for the sake of the gospel, so I can be a partner with it.

The Gospel: Mark 1:29-39

²⁹ After leaving the synagogue, Jesus, James and John went home with Simon and Andrew. ³⁰ Simon's mother-in-law was in bed, sick with a fever and they told Jesus about her at once. ³¹ He went to her, took her by the hand, and raised her up. The fever left her, and she served them.

³² That evening, at sunset, people brought to Jesus those who were sick or demon possessed. ³³ The whole town gathered near the door. ³⁴ He healed many who were sick with all kinds of diseases and he threw out many demons. But he didn't let the demons speak because they recognized him.

³⁵ Early in the morning, well before sunrise, Jesus rose and went to a deserted place where he could be alone in prayer. ³⁶ Simon and those with him tracked him down. ³⁷ When they found him, they told him, "everyone's looking for you!"

³⁸ He replied, "Let's head in the other direction to the nearby villages, so that I can preach there too. That's why I've come". ³⁹ He traveled throughout Galilee, preaching in their synagogues and throwing out demons.

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 – #460 Let us Break Bread Together

V1 Let us break bread together on our knees
Let us break bread together on our knees

Refrain

When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun
O Lord have mercy on me.

V2 Let us drink the cup together on our knees
Let us drink the cup together on our knees [Refrain]

V3 Let us praise God together on our knees
Let us praise God together on our knees [Refrain]

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

Beautiful words, wonderful words, Wonderful words of Life
Beautiful words, wonderful words, Wonderful words of Life

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