

First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)
Boonsboro, Maryland
Rev. Ciara Simonson
Sunday, January 17, 2021 – Second Sunday after the Epiphany
Worship Service 10:00 am

Organist – Gwen Pangborn
Elders – Sarah Seibert and Steve Brooks
Lay Leader – Donna Levey

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Greeting and Welcome- Richard Riddle

Announcements – Richard Riddle

Prayer of Invocation

Opening Hymn - #571 Trust and Obey

V1 When we walk with the Lord in the light of his Word,
What a glory He sheds on our way
While we do His good will, He abides with us still,
And with all who will trust and obey.

Refrain

Trust and obey, For there's no other way
To be happy in Jesus, but to trust and obey

V2 Not a shadow can rise, not a cloud in the skies,
But His smile quickly drives it away.
Not a doubt nor a fear, not a sigh nor a tear
Can abide while we trust and obey. [Refrain]

V3 Not a burden we bear, Not a sorrow we share,
But our toil He doth richly repay;
Not a grief nor a loss, Not a frown nor a cross
But is blest if we trust and obey [Refrain]

V4 But we never can prove the delights of His love
Until all on the alter we lay; For the favor He shows
And the joy He bestows
Are for them who will trust and obey [Refrain]

V5 Then in fellowship sweet, we will sit at His feet
Or we'll walk by His side in the way
What He says we will do, Where He sends we will go
Never fear, only trust and obey. [Refrain]

Responsive Reading- Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18

L – Lord, you have examined me. You know me.

All – You know when I sit down and when I stand up. Even from far away, you comprehend my plans.

L –You study my traveling and resting. You are thoroughly familiar with all my ways.

All – There isn't a word on my tongue, Lord, that you don't already know completely.

L –You surround me – front and back. You put your hand on me.

All – That kind of knowledge is too much for me; it's so high above me that I can't reach it...

L- You are the one who created my innermost parts;

All – You knit me together while I was still in my mother's womb.

L- I give thanks to you that I was marvelously set apart.

All – You words are wonderful – I know that very well.

L – My bones weren't hidden from you when I was being put together in a secret place, when I was being woven together in the deep parts of the earth.

All – Your eyes saw my embryo and on your scroll every day was written that was being formed for me, before any one of them had yet happened.

L – God, your plans are incomprehensible to me! Their total number is countless!

A – If I tried to count them – they outnumber grains of sand. If I came to the very end – I'd still be with you.

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

Bible Reading

The Epistle – I Corinthians 6:12-20

¹²I have the freedom to do anything but not everything is helpful. I have the freedom to do anything, but I won't be controlled by anything. ¹³Food is for the stomach and the stomach is for food, and yet God will do away with both. The body isn't for sexual immorality but for the Lord, and the Lord is for the body. ¹⁴God has raised the Lord and will raise us through his power. ¹⁵Don't you know that your bodies are parts of Christ? So then, should I take parts of Christ and make them a part of someone who is sleeping around? No way! ¹⁶Don't you know that anyone who is joined to someone who is sleeping around is one body with that person? The scripture says, The two will become one flesh. ¹⁷The one who is joined to the Lord is one spirit with him. ¹⁸Avoid sexual immorality! Every sin that a person can do is committed outside the body, except those who engage in sexual immorality commit sin against their own bodies. ¹⁹Or don't you know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you? Don't you know that you have the Holy Spirit from God, and you don't belong to yourselves? ²⁰You have been bought and paid for, so honor God with your body.

The Lesson – I Samuel 3:1-10 (11-20)

Now the boy Samuel was serving to the Lord under Eli. The Lord's word was rare at that time; visions were not widely known.

²One day Eli, whose eyesight had grown so weak he was unable to see, was lying down in his room;

³ God's lamp hadn't gone out yet, and Samuel was lying down in the Lord's temple, where God's chest was.

⁴The Lord called to Samuel! "I'm here," he said.

⁵Samuel hurried to Eli and said, "I'm here. You called me?" "I didn't call you, Eli replied. Go lie down." So he did.

⁶Again the Lord called Samuel, so Samuel got up and went to Eli, and said, "I'm here. You called me?" "I didn't call my son," Eli replied, "Go and lie down."

⁷ (Now Samuel didn't yet know the Lord, and the Lord's word hadn't yet been revealed to him.)

⁸ A third time the Lord call Samuel. He got up, went to Eli, and said, "I'm here. You called me?" Then Eli realized that it was the Lord who was calling the boy.

⁹ So Eli said to Samuel, "Go, and lie down. If he calls you, say, 'Speak, Lord. Your servant is listening.'" So, Samuel went and lay down where he'd been.

¹⁰ Then the Lord came and stood there, calling just as before, "Samuel, Samuel!" Samuel said, "Speak, your servant is listening."

¹¹ Then the Lord said to Samuel, "I am about to do something in Israel that will make the ears of all who hear it tingle."

¹² On that day I will bring to pass against Eli everything I said about his household – every last bit of it!

¹³ I told him that I would punish his family forever because of the wrongdoing he knew about – how his sons were cursing God, and he wouldn't stop them.

¹⁴ Because of that I swore about Eli's household that his family's wrongdoing will never be reconciled by sacrifice or by offering."

¹⁵ Samuel lay there until morning; then opened the doors of the Lord's house. Samuel was afraid to tell the vision to Eli.

¹⁶ But Eli called Samuel and saying: "Samuel, my son." "I'm here," Samuel said.

¹⁷ "What did he say to you?" Eli asked. "Don't hide anything from me. May God deal harshly with you and worse still if you hide from me a single word from everything he said to you."

¹⁸ So Samuel told him everything and hid nothing from him. "He is the Lord," Eli said. "he will do as he pleases."

¹⁹ So Samuel grew up, and the Lord was with him, not allowing any of his words to fail.

²⁰ All Israel from Dan to Beer-sheba knew that Samuel was trustworthy as the Lord's prophet.

Gospel Reading – John 1:43-51

⁴³ The next day Jesus wanted to go into Galilee, and he found Philip. Jesus said to him "Follow me."

⁴⁴ Philip was from Bethsaida, the hometown of Andrew and Peter.

⁴⁵ Philip found Nathanael and said to him, "We have found the one Moses wrote about in the Law and the Prophets: Jesus, Joseph's son, from Nazareth."

⁴⁶ Nathanael responded, "Can anything from Nazareth be good?" Philip said, "Come and see."

⁴⁷ Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him and said about Him, "Here is a genuine Israelite in whom there is no deceit."

⁴⁸ Nathanael asked him, "How do you know me?" Jesus answered, "Before Philip called you, I saw you under the fig tree."

⁴⁹ Nathanael replied, "Rabbi, you are God's Son. You are the King of Israel."

⁵⁰ Jesus answered, "Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these!

⁵¹ I assure you that you will see heaven open and God's angels going up to heaven and down to earth on the Human One."

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 - #408 How Firm a Foundation

V1 How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,
Is laid for your faith in His excellent Word!
What more can He say than to you He hath said,
To you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?

V2 Fear not! I am with thee; O be not dismayed,
For I am thy God and will still give thee aid.
I'll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,
Upheld by My righteous, omnipotent hand.

V3 When through fiery trials thy pathway shall lie,

May grace, all sufficient shall be thy supply.
The flame shall not hurt thee; I only design
Thy dross to consume and thy gold to refine.

V4 The soul that on Jesus hath leaned for repose
I will not, I will not desert to his foes.
That soul though all hell should endeavor to shake,
I'll never no never no never forsake!

Prayers of the Elders
Sharing of the Bread and Cup

The Lord's Prayer

Closing Hymn - #389 Spirit of the Living God

V1 Spirit of the living God fall fresh on me. Spirit of the living God fall fresh on me.
Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me. Spirit of the living God, fall fresh on me.

V2 Soul of heaven, heart of God, wash over me. Soul of heaven,
Heart of God wash over me. Cleanse me, teach me, hold me, reach me.
Soul of heaven, heart of God, wash over me.

V3 Holy presence, love divine, cast out my fear.
Holy presence, love divine, cast out my fear.
Shield me, free me, call me, lead me. Holy presence, love divine, cast out my fear.

Benediction

Postlude