

9OPENING VOLUNTARY *Contemplation* W. A. Mozart

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: The world cries to us in its distress. How shall we answer?

All: We cannot pass by as though nothing is wrong.

One: How shall we answer?

All: We cannot become so focused on ourselves that others mean nothing to us.

One: How shall we answer?

All: We shall be the neighbor in service, reconciliation, and compassion wherever we can.

One: Amen, may it be so.

* **HYMN** *I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say* KINGSFOLD

*I heard the voice of Jesus say, "Come unto me and rest;
Lay down, O weary one, lay down your head upon my breast."
I came to Jesus as I was, so weary, worn, and sad;
I found in him a resting place, and he has made me glad.*

*I heard the voice of Jesus say, "I am this dark world's light;
Look unto me, your morn shall rise, and all your day be bright."
I looked to Jesus, and I found in him my star, my sun;
and in that light of life I'll walk till traveling days are done.*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy One, Yours is a story of grace and mercy. Yours is a harvest of righteousness and truth. Yours is a gospel of goodness and sharing. Yours is a love that overflows. Forgive us of the ways we fall short of your call. Convict us of our failings. Enlighten us to your truth. Enliven us for your service. Empower us through your forgiveness. Shower us with your grace. Amen.

(Silent Reflection)

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE (Sing Twice) SHEPHERD ME

*Shepherd me, O God, beyond my wants,
Beyond my fears, from death into life.*

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

* **GLORIA PATRI**

* **PASSING OF THE PEACE**

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Kelly Hickey

SCRIPTURE READINGS Colossians 1:9-14
Luke 10:25-37

SERMON *"Parable of the Good Samaritan"* Rev. Nick Cheek

ANTHEM *It Is Well with My Soul* Philip Bliss
John Michael Osteen, Piano Solo

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

* **HYMN** African American Spiritual

Lord, I Want to Be a Christian
Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart, in my heart;
Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart.
In my heart, in my heart,
Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart.
Lord, I want to be more loving in my heart, in my heart;
Lord, I want to be more loving in my heart.
In my heart, in my heart,
Lord, I want to be more loving in my heart.

* **BENEDICTION**

* **CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE** African American Spiritual

Lord, I want to be like Jesus in my heart, in my heart;
Lord, I want to be like Jesus in my heart,
In my heart, in my heart,
Lord, I want to be like Jesus in my heart.

CLOSING VOLUNTARY *Bachiana* Gordon Young

* **Please stand as you are able**

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Special thanks to Denise Lynch, guest organist, for sharing her musical talents with us this morning.

A congregational meeting has been called for next Sunday, March 7, for the purpose of electing the Church Officer Nominating Committee for 2021.



Youth meets via Zoom on Sunday evenings.

Middle School 5:00-5:45 p.m.

Senior High 6:00-6:45 p.m.

An email is mailed to parents each week with the Zoom link. Please contact Taylor with any questions or if you have any problems connecting to Zoom.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

The Council of Presbyterian Women will meet tomorrow, March 1, at 10:00 a.m. via Zoom. Please see the Focus for a complete listing of Circle meeting times.

OUTDOOR WORSHIP BEGINNING SUNDAY, MARCH 7 11:00 A.M.

Green space across from the playground.

Please bring a chair or blanket and practice social distancing. Chairs will be provided, if needed. Everyone age 4 and above is asked to wear a face mask. Online worship will also continue.

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR OFFICERS BEING RECEIVED

Recommendations for the office of Elder and Deacon are now being received from the congregation by the Officer Nominating Committee. Please submit your recommendations by Tuesday, March 9, by using the form found in Focus or by contacting Kay Smith (kwsmith0925@yahoo.com) or Missy Coulter (coulterm@aol.com).

JOYS AND CONCERNS

Levine Cancer Hospital (Charlotte): Ceasie Myers Johnson

Home: John Safford, David R. Brown, Bill Scobee,

Tiny Owens, Serena Davell (Marie Mills' Sister),

Charles King (Greg King's Father)

West Chester, NY: Rhodes Danner (Pam George's Nephew)

Austin, TX: Robert Cain (George Cain's Father)

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



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