

CALVIN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

January 17, 2021

Revised Common Lectionary Readings
2nd Sunday after Epiphany
Year B

1 Samuel 3:1-10 (11-20)
Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18
1 Corinthians 6:12-20
John 1:43-51

Prelude

Welcome and Opening Prayer

You invite us, O God, to live in your ways. Show us your will; help us to listen to your voice; direct our path, that we may faithfully answer when you invite us to come and see. Tune our hearts, and open our eyes as we worship you this morning. Amen.

Call to Worship

adapted from Psalm 139 & 1 Samuel 3:10

O LORD, you have searched me and known me

Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening.

You hem me in, behind and before, and lay your hand upon me.

Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening.

I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works; that I know very well.

Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening.

How weighty to me are your thoughts, O God! How vast is the sum of them!

Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening.

Hymn

Lord, Speak to Me, That I May Speak
The Presbyterian Hymnal, # 426

Confession*

1 Corinthians 6:15

"Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ?"

Holy God, you see into each of us and know us fully as creatures in need of your constant care. We confess that we have neither listened to your word nor followed your will. We have failed our nation, neighbors, families, friends, and ourselves. We have sold out what is good and true for the lie of power. We have not listened to our sisters and brothers, and we have not listen to you.

Give us ears to hear your truth; lead us to honesty and faithful trust in you so that we may find courage for repentance, and strength to do your will.

**adapted from Feasting on the Word Worship Companion., (c) 2014 Westminster John Knox Press*

(personal confession)

Assurance and Peace

1 Corinthians 6:20

"For you were bought with a price; therefore glorify God in your body."

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

Thanks be to God

May the Peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Sermon

Opening Questions

Hymn

Will You Come and Follow Me (The Summons)

Glory to God Hymnal, #726

Offering and Doxology

John 1:51

"Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending up on the Son of Man."

Please prayerfully consider the time, talents, or gifts you have received, and how you can give them back to God in love and service to others.

Prayer of Dedication and Prayers of the People*

**adapted from Rev. Roger Gench, Presbyterian Outlook liturgy for the 2nd Sunday after Epiphany, 2021*

O God, receive the gifts we offer as a sign of our commitment to live into our calling as your people – a community of hope, love, justice, grace, and righteousness. May these gifts be part of your own work in the world; may they be part of our prayers that your kingdom would come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Lord we are in difficult, and even dark times. In these tumultuous days, give us courage to speak truth in love. As we continue to reel from these months of pandemic and the violence we have seen, give us courage to lead the way in selfless love and honest accounting of who we are and who we have become.

Here on this weekend when our nation celebrates the life and work of the Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr., echoing the prophetic call for justice to roll down like waters and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream, we celebrate the strides we have made. And yet it is abundantly clear how much work there is yet for us to do. And we are also reminded of the danger that comes with speaking truth to power, and the violence lurking in each of our hearts.

We pray for peace in the days ahead as we navigate transitions in our nation's leadership. Grant all of our leaders wisdom and patience and courage to work for the common good.

God, you are our help in times of trouble, and so we continue to pray for local and global communities as we grapple with a pandemic seeming to grow worse before it gets better. We pray that you would give each of us the fortitude and the love to act in each other's best interests. We pray for the healing of those who are sick, encouragement and spiritual fellowship for those who are isolated, comfort for those who are mourning, strength for those working long tireless hours, and wisdom and insight for our public health officials. And for all who are exhausted, weary, and worn down from the toll that has been taken.

And we pray for those known to us...

We pray for our sisters and brothers in our Presbytery, and especially the community of Martin Luther King Community Presbyterian Church, and the trauma they are experiencing as a fire was set, intentionally burning down their church building, and the fears and concerns that it likely was racially motivated.

And now here us as we offer prayers for those on our hearts and in our minds...

(personal prayers)

Teach us to follow you, Lord. May our steps follow the path of your kingdom. For we desire to see heaven opened and the angels ascending and descending upon the Son of Man; who is our Teacher, Messiah, Son of Joseph and Son of God, and true king - the one who has fulfilled all that you have said. It is in his name that we pray, and we pray together with boldness the prayer he taught us, saying

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed by thy name, thy Kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the Kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

Hymn

I Want Jesus to Walk with Me
The Presbyterian Hymnal, #363

Charge and Benediction

John 1:38-39

For all that we are looking for, Jesus invites us to come, and see. May his kingdom echo in and through your life.

And the love of God the Father, the grace of Jesus the Son, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you, now and forevermore. Amen.