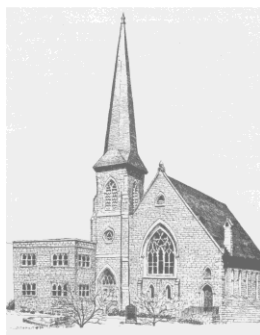


FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

11 WASHINGTON STREET CUMBERLAND, MD 21502



SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

FEBRUARY 21, 2021 11:00 AM

PRELUDE

CHORALE PRELUDE ON 'O MENSCH, BEWEIN DEIN SÜNDE GROß'
BRYAN LOHR, ORGAN

J. S. BACH
BWV 622

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME , ANNOUNCEMENTS, JOYS

INTROIT

DIDN'T MY LORD DELIVER DANIEL
ADAM POMEROY, TENOR
*Didn't my Lord deliver Daniel,
deliver Daniel, deliver Daniel?
Didn't my Lord deliver Daniel,
then why not every man?*

TRADITIONAL SPIRITUAL

He delivered Daniel from the lion's den,
Jonah from the belly of the whale,
and the Hebrew children from the fiery furnace;
Then why not every man?

I set my foot on the Gospel ship,
and the ship began to sail;
It landed me over on Canaan's shore,
and I'll never come back no more.

* HYMN #166

LORD, WHO THROUGHOUT THESE FORTY DAYS

"ST. FLAVIAN"

* CALL TO CONFESSION

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God, you loved us, but we have not loved you. You call, but we have not listened. We walk away from our neighbors in need, wrapped in our own concerns. We condone evil, prejudice, warfare, and greed.

God of grace, help us to admit our sin, so that as you come to us in mercy, we may repent, turn to you, and receive forgiveness; through Jesus Christ our Redeemer.

(Silence for personal prayer and reflection.)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Brothers and sisters, hear these words from the scriptures: "He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins." (Colossians 1:13-14) Friends trust the Good News from the Lord: **In Jesus Christ we are forgiven! Thanks be to God!**

* SUNG RESPONSE #582

GLORY TO GOD, WHOSE GOODNESS SHINES ON ME

"GLORY TO GOD"

Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me, and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me, and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free! As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

GENESIS 3: 8-24

⁸They heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden at the time of the evening breeze, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden. ⁹But the LORD God called to the man, and said to him, "Where are you?" ¹⁰He said, "I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself." ¹¹He said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?" ¹²The man said, "The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit from the tree, and I ate." ¹³Then the LORD God said to the woman, "What is this that you have done?" The woman said, "The serpent tricked me, and I ate." ¹⁴The LORD God said to the serpent, "Because you have done this, cursed are you among all animals and among all wild creatures; upon your belly you shall go, and dust you shall eat all the days of your life.

¹⁵I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; he will strike your head, and you will strike his heel." ¹⁶To the woman he said, "I will greatly increase your pangs in childbearing; in pain you shall bring forth children, yet your desire shall be for your husband, and he shall rule over you."

¹⁷And to the man^[a] he said, "Because you have listened to the voice of your wife, and have eaten of the tree about which I commanded you, 'You shall not eat of it,' cursed is the ground because of you; in toil you shall eat of it all the days of your life; ¹⁸thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you; and you shall eat the plants of the field.

¹⁹By the sweat of your face you shall eat bread until you return to the ground, for out of it you were taken; you are dust, and to dust you shall return."

²⁰The man named his wife Eve,^[b] because she was the mother of all living. ²¹And the LORD God made garments of skins for the man^[a] and for his wife, and clothed them.

²²Then the LORD God said, "See, the man has become like one of us, knowing good and evil; and now, he might reach out his hand and take also from the tree of life, and eat, and live forever"— ²³therefore the LORD God sent him forth from the garden of Eden, to till the ground from which he was taken. ²⁴He drove out the man; and at the east of the garden of Eden he placed the cherubim, and a sword flaming and turning to guard the way to the tree of life.

ANTHEM

NOW IS THE COOL OF THE DAY

JEAN RITCHEY

CAROLYN MATHEWS, ALTO

My Lord, he said unto me:

Do you like my garden so fair?

You may live in this garden if you keep the grasses green,

And I'll return in the cool of the day.

Now is the cool of the day.

Now is the cool of the day.

Oh, this earth it is a garden, the garden of my Lord!

And he walks in his garden

In the cool of the day

Then my Lord, he said unto me,

Do you like my pastures of green?

You may live in this garden if you will feed my lambs,

And I'll return in the cool of the day.

Then my Lord, he said unto me,

Do you like my garden so free?

You may live in this garden, if you keep the people free,

And I'll return in the cool of the day.

NEW TESTAMENT READING

ROMANS 7: 15-25

¹⁵I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. ¹⁶Now if I do what I do not want, I agree that the law is good. ¹⁷But in fact it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me. ¹⁸For I know that nothing good dwells within me, that is, in my flesh. I can will what is right, but I cannot do it. ¹⁹For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do. ²⁰Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me.

²¹So I find it to be a law that when I want to do what is good, evil lies close at hand. ²²For I delight in the law of God in my inmost self, ²³but I see in my members another law at war with the law of my mind, making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. ²⁴Wretched man that I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? ²⁵Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!

So then, with my mind I am a slave to the law of God, but with my flesh I am a slave to the law of sin.

SERMON

“IS ANYTHING WRONG WITH US? WE ARE, AFTER ALL, JUST HUMAN.”

REV. DR. JAMES RM. YOUNG

* HYMN #440

JESUS, LOVER OF MY SOUL

”ABERYSTWYTH”

PRAYERS FOR ONE ANOTHER, OUR COMMUNITY, OUR NATION, ENDING WITH THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be 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 #775

I WANT JESUS TO WALK WITH ME

”WALK WITH ME”

* BENEDICTION

* RESPONSE AFTER BENEDICTION #750

GOODNESS IS STRONGER THAN EVIL

”GOODNESS IS STRONGER”

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

FUGUE IN E MINOR
BRYAN LOHR, ORGAN

J. S. BACH

* When this symbol precedes an element of the service, if you are able, please stand.
Please join in reading or singing those parts of the service printed in **bold**.

This Morning’s Worship Leaders

Preacher.....Rev. Dr. James R.M. Young
Liturgist.....Katie Ross
Director of Music Ministries.....Bryan Lohr
Musicians.....Carolyn Mathews, Alto; Adam Pomeroy, Tenor
Audio/Video Technicians.....Joe Aurigemma and Eric Ringler

Music Notes

Now Is The Cool Of The Day is perhaps the best known song of Appalachian folk singer and dulcimer player, Jean Ritchie (1922-2015.) Her music, which usually possessed a strong melody coupled with a powerful message of social justice, inspired a wide array of musicians, including Bob Dylan, Joan Baez, Joni Mitchell, Emmylou Harris, and Judy Collins.

SESSION OF FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

REV. DR. JAMES R.M. YOUNG, MODERATOR OF THE SESSION
DAVID STICKLER, CLERK

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Aaron Hendrickson: Mission

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Evan Swanger: Building & Grounds

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Sharon Kazary: Worship & Music
Jan Layman: Congregational Care & Outreach
Buck Belt: Worship & Music

MISSION STATEMENT

Empowered by the Holy Spirit, we worship God and proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ by loving our neighbors and promoting peacemaking, justice and care of the earth.

VISION STATEMENT

We strive to be a community grounded in the good news of God's love in Christ where all of God's children are:

- Welcomed and cherished
- Called to worship, learn and grow together in faith, and
- Sent to share God's love and justice with a broken and hurting world.

Adopted by the Session on September 17, 2015

SANCTUARY FLOWERS: Please contact Michael Levitas or the church office if you would like to sponsor flowers for a special occasion like a birthday or anniversary or in memory or honor of someone. You may specify live or silk flowers. Silk flower money will be directed to the Special Ministries Fund.

ADMINISTRATION & FINANCE

RULING ELDERS: GARY HENDRICKSON & CINDY CORLEY

ANNUAL GIVING YEAR-TO-DATE:	as of February 7, 2021
Total 2021 Pledges Promised	\$192,124.00
Pre-paid pledges	\$ 400.00
<u>2021 Pledge Balance Promised</u>	<u>\$191,724.00</u>
Pledge Balance Received Year-to-Date	\$18,661.00
Pledge Balance Promised Year-to-Date	\$22,572.00
Over/(Under)	\$(3,911.00)

ONLINE PLEDGE SUBMISSION NOW AVAILABLE: This year, we have created a way to submit your pledges online via our webpage. If you are interested in submitting your pledge online, please visit <http://www.fpc-cumberland.org/pledge/>.

CONGREGATIONAL CARE & OUTREACH

RULING ELDERS: JAN LAYMAN

NOON PRAYER INVITATION: The Congregational Care & Outreach Committee invites you to join them in communal prayer, every day at Noon, Monday through Saturday, just for 5 minutes. It will give you a quiet mini retreat in the middle of a busy day, or a sense of a virtual community in case you are suffering from quarantine loneliness. You can pray anywhere, any prayer, any language, and know that someone from our Congregation is there with you in spirit.

The best way to be in sync is to put the Noon Prayer into the Alarm on your cell phone - at least that is how some of us do it. Thank you for joining us! - and if you miss, do not worry, we will pray for you.