

Worship for First Presbyterian Church, Newton
January 17, 2021
2nd Sunday after Epiphany

Prelude: "Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring"

J.S. Bach

Chiming of the Hour

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

Beloved, let us love one another!

For love is of God. Whoever loves is born of God and knows God!

Let us love one another!

In this is love, that we love one another, and God's love is perfected in us.

Opening Hymn: "I, the Lord of Sea and Sky" (GTG #69)

Daniel L. Schutte

I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry.

All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save.

I, who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright.

Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?

(refrain) Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night.

I will go, Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.

I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my people's pain.

I have wept for love of them. They turn away.

I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love alone.

I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send? (refrain)

I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.

I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.

Finest bread I will provide till their hearts be satisfied.

I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send? (refrain)

Prayer of Confession

Like young Samuel we hear your call at times, O God, but we mistake it for other voices. Teach us to listen for your voice, and to hear your call. Forgive us for the ways we go after our own desires. Send your Spirit to us, so that we become your faithful disciples, and keep us from the ways of sin and evil. In Jesus' name we pray! Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Congregational Response to Confession: "I Come With Joy" (GTG # 515) Brian Wrenn/arr. Lovelace

I come with joy, a child of God, forgiven, loved, and free,

The life of Jesus to recall, in love laid down for me, in love laid down for me.

Special Music: "O God, You Search Me"

Bernadette Farrell

(Laura Sparks – Soprano)

O God, you search me and you know me. All my thoughts lie open to your gaze.
When I walk or lie down you are before me; ever the maker and keeper of my days.

You know my resting and my rising. You discern my purpose from afar,
And with love everlasting you besiege me; in every moment of life or death, you are.

Before a word is on my tongue, Lord, you have known its meaning through and through.
You are with me beyond my understanding; God of my present, my past, and future, too.

Although your Spirit is upon me, still I search for shelter from your light.
There is no where on earth I can escape you; even the darkness is radiant in your sight.

For you created me and shaped me, gave me life within my mother's womb.
For the wonder of who I am, I praise you; safe in your hands, all creation is made new.

Scripture: 1 Samuel 3: 1-20

Sermon: "The Sons of Eli"

Rev. David Roquemore

Hymn – "Guide My Feet" (GTG # 741)

African American Spiritual

Guide my feet while I run this race; *(repeat 3 times)*
For I don't want to run this race in vain!

Hold my hand while I run this race; *(repeat 3 times)*
For I don't want to run this race in vain!

Stand by me while I run this race; *(repeat 3 times)*
For I don't want to run this race in vain!

I'm your child while I run this race; *(repeat 3 times)*
For I don't want to run this race in vain!

Search my heart while I run this race; *(repeat 3 times)*
For I don't want to run this race in vain!

Guide my feet while I run this race; *(repeat 3 times)*
For I don't want to run this race in vain!

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

Hymn: "Lord, Speak to me That I May Speak" (GTG # 722)

Frances Ridley Havergal/Schumann

Lord, speak to me that I may speak in living echoes of your tone.
As you have sought, so let me seek your erring children, lost and lone.

O lead me, Lord, that I may lead the wandering and the wavering feet.
O feed me, Lord, that I may feed your hungering ones with manna sweet.

**O teach me, Lord, that I may teach the precious truths which you impart.
And wing my words that they may reach the hidden depths of many a heart.**

**O fill me with your fullness, Lord, until my very heart o'er flow
In kindling thought and glowing word, your love to tell, your praise to show.**

**O use me, Lord, use even me, just as you will, and when, and where
Until your blessed face I see, your rest, your joy, your glory share.**

Benediction

Postlude: "Rondeau"

Joseph Mouret

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