



THE WORSHIP OF GOD
Second Sunday After Epiphany
January 17, 2021

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

The Rev. Dr. Thomas Martin
Senior Minister

MUSIC OF PREPARATION

Prière à Notre-Dame, from Suite Gothique
Nicole Marane, organ

Léon Boëllmann

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Rev. Allyson Lawrence
Associate Minister

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP

Lord, Speak to Me

CANONBURY

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Psalm 139:1-6

Rev. Lawrence and **People**

O LORD, you have searched me and known me.

You know when I sit down and when I rise up; you discern my thoughts from far away.

You search out my path and my lying down, and are acquainted with all my ways.

Even before a word is on my tongue, O LORD, you know it completely.

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

Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is so high that I cannot attain it.

***HYMN**

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

EBENEZER

*Come, thou Fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;
streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above.
Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it, mount of thy redeeming love.*



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*Here I raise mine Ebenezer; hither by thy help I'm come;
and I hope, by thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger, wandering from the fold of God;
he to rescue me from danger, interposed his precious blood.*

*O to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be!
let thy goodness, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to thee.
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;
here's my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for thy courts above.*

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

The Apostles' Creed

Rev. Lawrence and **People**

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord: who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy *catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen. **universal UMH 881*

***GLORIA PATRI**

MEINEKE

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.

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

*Offer one another signs of reconciliation and love:
"The peace of Christ be with you." "And also with you."*

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Rev. Lawrence

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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

ANTHEM

Open My Eyes, Let Me See

Hugh Livingston, Jr.

*Open my eyes that I may see glimpses of truth thou hast for me;
Place in my hands the key to set me free.
Silently now I wait for thee, ready, my God, thy will to see;
Open my eyes, illumine me, Holy Spirit!*

*Open my ears that I may hear lessons of truth thou sendest clear;
And as I wait, all else shall disappear.
Silently now I wait for thee, ready, my God, thy will to see;
Open my eyes, illumine me!*

*Let me see Jesus every day; every hour;
Let me hear his voice, let me feel his mighty power.
Let me know his presence; in everything I do give me faith,
give me hope, with his love my heart renew.*

*Open my mouth and let me bear gladly the warm truth everywhere;
Open my heart and all thy love I'll share!
Silently now I wait for thee, ready, my God, thy will to see;
Open my eyes, illumine me, Holy Spirit!
Open my eyes, Holy Spirit, let me see.*

***DOXOLOGY**

OLD 100th

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.

***PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION**

Rev. Lawrence and **People**

**Lord, open our hearts and minds
by the power of your Holy Spirit,
that, as the Scriptures are read
and your Word proclaimed,
we may hear with joy what you say to us today. Amen.**

***SCRIPTURE LESSON**

1 Samuel 3:1-10

Rev. Lawrence

Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the Lord under Eli. The word of the Lord was rare in those days; visions were not widespread. ²At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his room; ³the lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the Lord, where the ark of God was. ⁴Then the Lord called, "Samuel! Samuel!" and he said, "Here I am!" ⁵and ran to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call; lie down again." So he went and lay down. ⁶The Lord called again, "Samuel!" Samuel got up and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call, my son; lie down again." ⁷Now Samuel did not yet know the Lord, and the word of the Lord had not yet been revealed to him. ⁸The Lord called Samuel again, a third time. And he got up and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." Then Eli perceived that the Lord was calling the boy. ⁹Therefore Eli said to Samuel, "Go, lie down; and if he calls you, you shall say, 'Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening.'" So Samuel went and lay down in his place. ¹⁰Now the Lord came and stood there, calling as before, "Samuel! Samuel!" And Samuel said, "Speak, for your servant is listening."

May God bless the hearing of this scripture.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

That Voice

Dr. Martin

***HYMN**

Here I Am, Lord

HERE I AM, LORD

*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?*

*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 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?*

*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.*

***BENEDICTION**

Dr. Martin

*May the peace of Christ go with you wherever he may send you.
May he guide you through the wilderness, protect you through the storm.
May he bring you home rejoicing at the wonders he has shown you.
May he bring you home rejoicing once again into our arms.*

POSTLUDE

Menuet Gothique, from Suite Gothique
Nicole Marane, organ

Léon Boëllmann

*Please stand in body or spirit.

Congregational responses are in **bold type**.

*Please exit by the chancel only.
Place bulletin in recycling bin or take it with you.
Offerings will be received by the chancel as you exit.*

Please remember in your prayers:

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Carolyn Broady
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Richard Clayton
Kathie Cochran
Summer Dorsey
Howard Dunham

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