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**Centenary United Methodist Church
Order of Worship
January 17, 2021 8:30 AM, 11:00 AM
The Second Sunday after the Epiphany**

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY (11:00)

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

8:30

Come Thou Fount Of Every Blessing
Paul Saik-piano

11:00

Come Thou Fount Of Every Blessing
Paul Saik-organ

GREETING

Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18

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 afar.**

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 altogether.**

You pursue me behind and before,
and lay your hand upon me.

**Such knowledge is too wonderful for me;
it is high, I cannot attain it.**

For it was you who formed my inward parts,
you knit me together in my mother's womb.

I praise you, for you are fearful and wonderful.

Wonderful are your works!

You know me very well;

**my frame was not hidden from you,
when I was being made in secret,
intricately wrought in the depths of the earth.**

Your eyes beheld my unformed substance;

in your book were written

the days that were formed for me,

every day, before they came into being.

How profound to me are your thoughts, O God!

How vast is the sum of them!

If I would count them, they are more than the sand.

When I awake, I am still with you.

HYMN

Praise To The Lord, The Almighty

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation!
All ye who hear, now to his temple draw near;
Join me in glad adoration!

Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigning
Bears thee on eagle's wings, e'er in his keeping maintaining.
God's care enfolds all whose true good he upholds.
Hast thou not known his sustaining?

Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work and defend thee;
Surely his goodness and mercy here daily attend thee.
Ponder anew what the Almighty can do,
Who with his love doth befriend thee.

Praise to the Lord, who doth nourish thy life and restore thee,
Fitting thee well for the tasks that are ever before thee.
Then to thy need God as a mother doth speed,
Spreading the wings of grace o'er thee.

Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!
All that have life and breath, come now with praises before him!
Let the amen sound from his people again;
Gladly forever adore him.

OPENING PRAYER

Awesome God, you knew us before we were born. You love us into life. Open our hearts and our spirits today to hear your word for us. And, upon hearing the word, may we be convinced of our call to ministry and mission through the church. Bless us with your presence and your powerful love, for we ask this in Jesus' Name. Amen.

ANTHEM (11:00)

My Redeemer And My Friend
Centenary Choral Ensemble

McDonald

THE CHILDREN'S TIME

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Gracious God, as we turn to your Word for us, may your Spirit rest upon us. Help us to be steadfast in our hearing, in our speaking, in our believing, and in our living. Amen.

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. At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his room; the 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. Then the LORD called, "Samuel! Samuel!" and he said, "Here I am!" and 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. The 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." Now Samuel did not yet know the LORD, and the word of the LORD had not yet been revealed to him. The 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. Therefore 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. Now the LORD came and stood there, calling as before, "Samuel! Samuel!" And Samuel said, "Speak, for your servant is listening." Then the LORD said to Samuel, "See, I am about to do something in Israel that will make both ears of anyone who hears of it tingle. On that day I will fulfill against Eli all that I have spoken concerning his house, from beginning to end. For I have told him that I am about to punish his house forever, for the iniquity that he knew, because his sons were blaspheming God, and he did not restrain them. Therefore I swear to the house of Eli that the iniquity of Eli's house shall not be expiated by sacrifice or offering forever." Samuel lay there until morning; then he opened the doors of the house of the LORD. Samuel was afraid to tell the vision to Eli. But Eli called Samuel and said, "Samuel, my son." He said, "Here I am." Eli said, "What was it that he told you? Do not hide it from me. May God do so to you and more also, if you hide anything from me of all that he told you." So Samuel told him everything and hid nothing from him. Then he said, "It is the LORD; let him do what seems good to him." As Samuel grew up, the LORD was with him and let none of his words fall to the ground. And all Israel from Dan to Beer-sheba knew that Samuel was a trustworthy prophet of the LORD.

THE EPISTLE

Philippians 4:10-14

I rejoice in the Lord greatly that now at last you have revived your concern for me; indeed, you were concerned for me, but had no opportunity to show it. Not that I am referring to being in need; for I have learned to be content with whatever I have. I know what it is to have little, and I know what it is to have plenty. In any and all circumstances I have learned the secret of being well-fed and of going hungry, of having plenty and of being in need. I can do all things through him who strengthens me. In any case, it was kind of you to share my distress.

This is the word of God for us the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

THE GLORIA PATRI

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.

THE GOSPEL

John 1:43-51

The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, "Follow me." Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. Philip found Nathanael and said to him, "We have found him about whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth." Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see." When Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him, he said of him, "Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!" Nathanael asked him, "Where did you get to know me?" Jesus answered, "I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you." Nathanael replied, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!" Jesus answered, "Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these." And he said to him, "Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man."

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SERMON

Enough: Contentment

The Rev. Tom Greener

HYMN

God of the Sparrow, God of the Whale

God of the sparrow
God of the whale
God of the swirling stars
How does the creature say Awe
How does the creature say Praise
God of the earthquake
God of the storm
God of the trumpet blast
How does the creature cry Woe
How does the creature say Save
God of the rainbow
God of the cross
God of the empty grave
How does the creature say Grace
How does the creature say Thanks
God of the hungry
God of the sick
God of the prodigal
How does the creature say Care
How does the creature say Life

God of the neighbor
God of the foe
God of the pruning hook
How does the creature say Love
How does the creature say Peace

God of the ages
God near at hand
God of the loving heart
How do your children say Joy
How do your children say Home

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**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.**

THE OFFERING

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THE OFFERTORY

8:30	<i>My Redeemer and My Friend</i> Centenary Choral Ensemble	McDonald
11:00	<i>Be Still, My Soul</i> Paul Saik-piano	

DOXOLOGY

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below:
Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ, whose
power uplifts! Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

INTERCESSORY REQUESTS AND THANKSGIVINGS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND 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 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.

THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

HYMN

Lift Every Voice and Sing

Lift every voice and sing, till earth and heaven ring,
Ring with the harmonies of liberty;
Let our rejoicing rise high as the listening skies,
Let it resound loud as the rolling sea.
Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us;
Sing a song full of the hope that the present has brought us;
Facing the rising sun of our new day begun,
Let us march on till victory is won.

Stony the road we trod, bitter the chastening rod,
Felt in the days when hope unborn had died;
Yet with a steady beat, have not our weary feet
Come to the place for which our fathers sighed?
We have come over a way that with tears has been watered;
We have come, treading our path thru the blood of the slaughtered,
Out from the gloomy past, till now we stand at last
Where the white gleam of our bright star is cast.

God of our weary years, God of our silent tears,
Thou who hast brought us thus far on the way;
Thou who hast by thy might led us into the light,
Keep us forever in the path, we pray.
Lest our feet stray from the places, our God, where we met thee;
Lest our hearts drunk with wine of the world, we forget thee;
Shadowed beneath thy hand, may we forever stand,
True to our God, true to our native land.

BENEDICTION

Now May The God Of Peace
Centenary Choral Ensemble

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY (11:00)

POSTLUDE

(8:30)

Be Still, My Soul
Paul Saik-piano

Sykes

(11:00)

The Solid Rock
Paul Saik-organ

Sykes