

∞ Order of Worship ∞

February 21, 2021

10:30 a.m.

PRELUDE "Jesus My Friend" by Thomas Knighton

CALL TO WORSHIP (paraphrased from Psalm 25):

Leader: Show us how you work, God;

People: School us in Your ways.

Leader: Take us by the hand

People: Lead us down Your path of truth.

All: Certainly, You are our Savior.

PRAISE SONG "I Have a Shelter" v. 1
by Steve & Vikki Cook and Bob Kaufflin

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Loving God, We behave as though we are lost in the wilderness. We think we can get out on our own. Open our eyes and hearts to the brightness of Your light guiding us to Your Truth. Help us to see You and Your light, Lord, and to be more loving in all we say, think and do. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Even as we all have sinned,

People: You, Lord, continue to love all creation and bring us to Your Sabbath.

Leader: You, Lord, continue to forgive us and hold us in Your loving family,

People: And lead us as we confess and repent.

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE Mark 1:9-15

CHILDREN'S TIME "Springtime Seeds" Steve Kotula

SPECIAL MUSIC "Praise the Lord"
by Elliott B. Bannister & Michael V. Hudson
(sung by Scott Miller)

SERMON "Wilderness Preparation"

PRAYER TIME-THANKSGIVING AND PASTORAL

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 No. 435 "What a Friend We Have in Jesus" v.2

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE "Faith" by Mozart

I Have a Shelter

Verse 1:

I have a shelter in the storm,
When troubles pour upon me;
Though fears are rising like a flood,
My soul can rest securely;

O Jesus, I will hide in You,
My place of peace and solace;
No trial is deeper than Your love
That comforts all my sorrows.

O Jesus, I will hide in You,
The One who bears my burdens;
With faithful hands that cannot fail,
You'll bring me home to Heaven.

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What a Friend We Have in Jesus

Verse 2:

Have we trials and temptations?
Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged,
Take it to the Lord in prayer.
Can we find a friend so faithful
Who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our every weakness,
Take it to the Lord in prayer.

Text: Joseph M. Scriven
Music: *Converse*, Charles C. Converse

Lent Bible Study

We have begun a Lent Bible Study gathering at 7 p.m. via zoom each Wednesday through March 31. If you do not receive a devotional, or know of someone who would like to join in please have them stop at the church office and pick up a copy.

The theme of our study is: "40 Days with Jesus: Celebrating His Presence", by Sarah Young. Whether you can join us each week, just once or twice, or not at all, enjoy the devotions and prepare your heart for the Easter Season. You can join the conversation through the same Zoom link as we use for the regular Sunday service. Hope to see you there!!

Listen . . . is that Jesus inviting you to walk with him?

Offering Envelopes

The pledge offering envelopes for 2021 have arrived and are in the administrative office on the table. Please sign your name next to the number on the box that you take.

Food Policy Council of Tompkins County

Changes to our food system change our relationships to one another and to the planet. To ensure a secure food future, we are seeking ideas from you, our community, about changes for the better.

Take the Survey SHAPE OUR FOOD SYSTEM
Visit: www.tompkinsfoodfuture.org/participate

The Washington Day Dinner

After consideration for the safety of everyone - church members and the public - it is with heavy heart we have decided to cancel the Washington Day Dinner at this time. Thank you for the encouragement, and positive comments about keeping this tradition part of our church when it can be done safely. - - - Evan Carpenter

Zoom

Session has approved purchasing a video camera and tripod to enhance the live streaming and to free Tim up from having to bring his equipment each week. The cost is \$1,500. We currently have \$500 from the "Staying Connected Grant" from Presbytery that can be used toward this investment.

If you would like to contribute, please mark "Video Equipment" on your check...

Administrative Door

There is a new push button lock on the administrative door. Each person (family) has their own code.

Please call **Arlene or Dave Parsons** to get your personal code. Hold your palm over the lock and the device will come on, then punch in your number and hit the * key.



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