

∞ Order of Worship ∞

February 28, 2021

10:30 a.m.

PRELUDE "Into the Woods My Master Went" by Wells

CALL TO WORSHIP (paraphrased from Psalm 22):

Leader: God has taken charge and is calling us to worship;

**People: All the poor and powerless are worshipping!**

Leader: All the power-mongers are worshipping!

**People: Along with those who never got it together - they are worshipping!**

**All: Even our children and grandchildren and great grandchildren are hearing and worshipping**

PRAISE SONG "Change My Heart, Oh God"  
by Eddie Espinosa

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

**Loving God, We behave as though we decide everything on our own. Open our eyes and hearts and minds to the truth of Your Son guiding us in Your ways. Help us to see You and Your truth, 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 8:31-38

CHILDREN'S TIME "The Jelly Bean Prayer" Dan Carpenter

SPECIAL MUSIC

"Be Not Afraid"

by Bob Dufford

(sung by Doug Barton & Scott Miller)

SERMON

"Hard to Follow"

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. 382

"Be Thou My Vision" v.1

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

## Change My Heart, Oh God

### Chorus:

Change my heart, oh God,  
Make it ever true.  
Change my heart, oh God,  
May it be like You.

### Verse:

You are the potter,  
I am the clay.  
Mold me and make me,  
This is what I pray.

### Chorus

## Be Thou My Vision

### Verse 1:

Be Thou my Vision, O Lord of my heart;  
Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art –  
Thou my best thought, by day or by night,  
Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.  
Amen.

Text: Ancient Irish hymn, translated by Mary E. Byrne;  
Versified by Eleanor H. Hull

Music: Irish Folk melody; arranged by David Allen  
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### Lent Bible Study

*"40 Days with Jesus: Celebrating His Presence"*

If you haven't joined the Lent Devotional, please join us Wednesday evenings, 7:00 p.m. You can use the same zoom link as we use for the Sunday Service. There will be plenty of good conversation and you'll grow closer to your Christian brothers and sisters. There will even be some chuckles and laughter! Extra booklets are in the church office.

All are welcome!

### Palm Sunday

*"Escape the Tomb"* is the title of the skit the youth and special guests will present via Zoom on Palm Sunday, March 28<sup>th</sup>. The skit is centered around a tourist trap escape room with an Egyptian theme called The Tomb of the Pharaoh.

You won't want to miss the fun!

Members of the Christian Education Committee will be presenting special children messages each week that are related to Easter. Be sure to tune in.

### 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.

### 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](http://www.tompkinsfoodfuture.org/participate)



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