

# *The First Congregational Church in Worcester*

*Sunday Worship*

*April 18, 2021*

Prelude

Ringing of the Chimes

Call to Worship

Invocation and 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 that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, But deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

\*Opening Hymn

*Christ is Alive*

Christ is alive! Let Christians sing.  
The cross stands empty to the sky.  
Let streets and homes with praises ring.  
Love, drowned in death, shall never die.

Christ is alive, and comes to bring  
good news to this and ev'ry age,  
till earth and sky and ocean ring  
with joy, with justice, love, and praise.

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Responsive Reading

Psalm 4

Answer me when I call, O God of my right! You gave me room when I was in distress.  
Be gracious to me, and hear my prayer.

**How long, you people, shall my honor suffer shame? How long will you love vain words, and seek after lies?**

But know that the Lord has set apart the faithful for himself; the Lord hears when I call to him.

**When you are disturbed, do not sin; ponder it on your beds, and be silent.**

Offer right sacrifices, and put your trust in the Lord.

**There are many who say, "O that we might see some good! Let the light of your face shine on us, O Lord!"**

You have put gladness in my heart more than when their grain and wine abound.

**I will both lie down and sleep in peace; for you alone, O Lord, make me lie down in safety.**

New Testament Reading

Acts 3:12-20

Sharing of Announcements, Celebrations and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

New Testament Reading

I John 3:1-7

Giving of Our Offerings

Gospel Reading

John 21:1-23

Meditation

\*Closing Hymn

*Be Thou My Vision*

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.

Riches I heed not, nor vain empty praise;  
thou mine inheritance, now and always.  
Thou and thou only, first in my heart,  
Ruler of heaven, my treasure thou art.

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Benediction

Chimes

Postlude



Participants

Rev. Robert H. Jackson, Pastor  
Gavin Klein, Guest Organist  
Thank you for sharing with us this morning  
Carolyn Jackson, Lay Reader!

