

The First Congregational Church in Worcester

Online Worship

January 17, 2021

Prelude

Chorale Prelude - Nun bitten wir den Heiligen Geist ~ Buxtehude
(Now Do We Pray Unto the Holy Ghost)

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.

Responsive Reading

Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18

You have searched me, LORD, and you know me.

You know when I sit and when I rise; you perceive my thoughts from afar.

You discern my going out and my lying down; you are familiar with all my ways.

Before a word is on my tongue you, LORD, know it completely.

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

Such knowledge is too wonderful for me, too lofty for me to attain.

For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother's womb.

I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well.

My frame was not hidden from you when I was made in the secret place, when I was woven together in the depths of the earth.

Your eyes saw my unformed body; all the days ordained for me were written in your book before one of them came to be.

How precious to me are your thoughts, God! How vast is the sum of them!

Were I to count them, they would outnumber the grains of sand – when I awake, I am still with you.

Old Testament Reading

I Samuel 3: 1-20

Pastoral Prayer

New Testament Reading

I Corinthians 6:12-20

Hymn

Here I Am, Lord

A modern Christian hymn. Its main inspirations are Isaiah 6, where the Lord calls Isaiah: Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?" And I said, "Here am I. Send me!" and 1 Samuel 3, where the Lord calls Samuel: Then the Lord called Samuel. Samuel answered, "Here I am."

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?
Refrain: 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 snow and rain, I have borne my people's pain.
I have wept for love of them. They turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone, Give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?
Refrain

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?
Refrain

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Gospel Reading John 1: 43-51

Meditation

Benediction

Benediction Response Go My Children

Go, My children, with My blessing, Never alone.
Waking, sleeping, I am with you; You are my own.
In My love's baptismal river, I have made you Mine forever.
Go, My children, with My blessing - You are My own.

Chimes

Postlude Festival Procession
Strauss, arr. Wagner



Participants Rev. Robert Jackson, Pastor
Scott Yonker, Minister of Music

