

**First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)  
Boonsboro, Maryland  
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Rev. Ciara Simonson  
Sunday, March 21, 2021 – Fifth Sunday in Lent  
Worship Service 10:00 am**

**Organist – Gwen Pangborn  
Elders – Steve Brooks and Sarah Seibert  
Lay Leader – Conda Slick**

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Greeting and Welcome- Richard Riddle

Announcements – Richard Riddle

Prayer of Invocation – Conda Slick

**Opening Hymn - #410 Standing on the Promises**

**V1** – Standing on the promises of Christ my King  
Thro' eternal ages let His praises ring  
Glory in the highest I will shout and sing, Standing on the promises of God

**[Refrain]**

Standing, standing, standing on the promises of God, my Savior  
Standing, standing, I'm standing on the promises of God

**V2** – Standing on the promises that I cannot fail  
When the howling storms of doubt and fear assail  
By the living Word of God I shall prevail  
Standing on the promises of God [Refrain]

**V3** – Standing on the promises I now can see  
Perfect, present cleansing in the blood for me  
Standing in the liberty where Christ makes free  
Standing on the promises of God [Refrain]

**V4** – Standing on the promises of Christ the Lord  
Bound to Him eternally by love's strong cord  
Overcoming daily with the Spirit's sword  
Standing on the promises of God [Refrain]

**V5** – Standing on the promises I cannot fall  
List'ning every moment to the Spirit's call  
Resting in my Savior as my all in all  
Standing on the promises of God [Refrain]

### **Responsive Reading – Psalm 51:1-12**

L – Have mercy on me God according to your faithful love. Wipe away my wrong doings according to your great compassion.

**A – Wash me completely clean of my guilt, purify me from my sin.**

L – Because I know my wrong doings, my sin is always right in front of me.

**A – I've sinned against you -you alone. I've committed evil in your sight. That's why you are justified when you render your verdict completely correct when you issue your judgment.**

L – Yes, I was born in guilt, in sin, from the moment my mother conceived me.

**A – And yes, you want truth in the most hidden places, you teach me wisdom in the most secret space.**

L – Purify me with hyssop and I will be clean, wash me and I will be whiter than snow.

**A – Let me hear joy and celebration again, let the bones you crushed rejoice once more.**

L – Hide your face from my sins, wipe away all my guilty deeds.

**A – Create a clean heart for me, God, put a new, faithful spirit deep inside me.**

L – Please don't throw me out of your presence; please don't take your holy spirit away from me.

**A – Return the joy of your salvation to me and sustain me with a willing spirit.**

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.**

Joys and Concerns

Interlude for Prayer

Pastoral Prayer

Threefold Amen

Children's Sermon – Renee Riddle

Special Music

## Scripture Reading

*The Lesson: **Jeremiah 31:31-34** (for your own reading)*

The time is coming, declares the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the people of Israel and Judah. It won't be like the covenant I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to lead them out of the land of Egypt. They broke that covenant with me even though I was their husband, declares the Lord. No this is the covenant that I will make with the people of Israel after that time, declares the Lord.

I will put my instructions within them and engrave them on their hearts. I will be their God, and they be my people. They will no longer need to teach each other to say, "Know the Lord" because they will all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, declares the Lord, for I will forgive their wrongdoing and never again remember their sins.

*The Epistle: **Hebrews 5:5-10** (for your own reading)*

In the same way Christ also didn't promote himself to become high priest. Instead, it was the one who said to him, You are my son.

*Today I have become your Father,*

*As he also says in another place.*

*You are a priest forever,*

*According to the order of Melchizedek.*

During his days on earth, Christ offered prayers and requests with loud cries and tears as his sacrifices to the one who was able to save him from death. He was heard because of his godly devotion. Although he was a Son, he learned obedience from what he suffered. After he had been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for everyone who obeys him. He was appointed by God to be a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

*The Gospel: **John 11:1-45** KJV (Rev. Ciara) from Bible Study*

1 Now a certain man was sick, named Lazarus, of Bethany, the town of Mary and her sister Martha. 2 (It was that Mary which anointed the Lord with ointment, and wiped his feet with her hair, whose brother Lazarus was sick.) 3 Therefore his sisters sent unto him, saying, Lord, behold, he whom thou lovest is sick. 4 When Jesus heard that, he said, This sickness is not unto death, but for the glory of God, that the Son of God might be glorified thereby. 5 Now Jesus loved Martha, and her sister, and Lazarus. 6 When he had heard therefore that he was sick, he abode two days still in the same place where he was. 7 Then after that saith he to his disciples, Let us go into Judaea again. 8 His disciples say unto him, Master, the Jews of late sought to stone

thee; and goest thou thither again? 9 Jesus answered, Are there not twelve hours in the day? If any man walk in the day, he stumbleth not, because he seeth the light of this world. 10 But if a man walk in the night, he stumbleth, because there is no light in him. 11 These things said he: and after that he saith unto them, Our friend Lazarus sleepeth; but I go, that I may awake him out of sleep. 12 Then said his disciples, Lord, if he sleep, he shall do well. 13 Howbeit Jesus spake of his death: but they thought that he had spoken of taking of rest in sleep. 14 Then said Jesus unto them plainly, Lazarus is dead. 15 And I am glad for your sakes that I was not there, to the intent ye may believe; nevertheless let us go unto him. 16 Then said Thomas, which is called Didymus, unto his fellowdisciples, Let us also go, that we may die with him. 17 Then when Jesus came, he found that he had lain in the grave four days already. 18 Now Bethany was nigh unto Jerusalem, about fifteen furlongs off: 19 And many of the Jews came to Martha and Mary, to comfort them concerning their brother. 20 Then Martha, as soon as she heard that Jesus was coming, went and met him: but Mary sat still in the house. 21 Then said Martha unto Jesus, Lord, if thou hadst been here, my brother had not died. 22 But I know, that even now, whatsoever thou wilt ask of God, God will give it thee. 23 Jesus saith unto her, Thy brother shall rise again. 24 Martha saith unto him, I know that he shall rise again in the resurrection at the last day. 25 Jesus said unto her, I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live: 26 And whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die. Believest thou this? 27 She saith unto him, Yea, Lord: I believe that thou art the Christ, the Son of God, which should come into the world. 28 And when she had so said, she went her way, and called Mary her sister secretly, saying, The Master is come, and calleth for thee. 29 As soon as she heard that, she arose quickly, and came unto him. 30 Now Jesus was not yet come into the town, but was in that place where Martha met him. 31 The Jews then which were with her in the house, and comforted her, when they saw Mary, that she rose up hastily and went out, followed her, saying, She goeth unto the grave to weep there. 32 Then when Mary was come where Jesus was, and saw him, she fell down at his feet, saying unto him, Lord, if thou hadst been here, my brother had not died. 33 When Jesus therefore saw her weeping, and the Jews also weeping which came with her, he groaned in the spirit, and was troubled, 34 And said, Where have ye laid him? They said unto him, Lord, come and see. 35 Jesus wept. 36 Then said the Jews, Behold how he loved him! 37 And some of them said, Could not this man, which opened the eyes of the blind, have caused that even this

man should not have died? 38 Jesus therefore again groaning in himself cometh to the grave. It was a cave, and a stone lay upon it. 39 Jesus said, Take ye away the stone. Martha, the sister of him that was dead, saith unto him, Lord, by this time he stinketh: for he hath been dead four days. 40 Jesus saith unto her, Said I not unto thee, that, if thou wouldest believe, thou shouldest see the glory of God? 41 Then they took away the stone from the place where the dead was laid. And Jesus lifted up his eyes, and said, Father, I thank thee that thou hast heard me. 42 And I knew that thou hearest me always: but because of the people which stand by I said it, that they may believe that thou hast sent me. 43 And when he thus had spoken, he cried with a loud voice, Lazarus, come forth. 44 And he that was dead came forth, bound hand and foot with graveclothes: and his face was bound about with a napkin. Jesus saith unto them, Loose him, and let him go. 45 Then many of the Jews which came to Mary, and had seen the things which Jesus did, believed on him

Sermon

Offering

The Doxology: **Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him all creatures here below; Praise him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, Amen.**

Offertory Prayer

Invitation to Communion

### **Communion Hymn – #638 I Need Thee Every Hour**

V1 - I need Thee every hour, most gracious Lord  
No tender voice like thine can peace afford

#### **Refrain**

I need Thee, O I need Thee, every hour I need Thee  
O bless me now my Savior I come to Thee

**V2** – I need Thee every hour, stay thou near y  
Temptations lose their pow'r when Thou art nigh [Refrain]

**V3** - I need Thee every hour, In joy or pain  
Come quickly and abide or life is vain [Refrain]

**V4** – I need Thee every hour, Most Holy One  
O make me Thine indeed Thou blessed Son [Refrain]

Prayers of the Elders – **Steve Brooks**  
Sharing of the Bread and Cup

The Lord's Prayer

### **Closing Hymn - #406 Wonderful Words of Life**

**V1** – Sing them over again to me, Wonderful words of Life  
Let me more of their beauty see, Wonderful words of Life  
Words of life and beauty, teach me faith and duty

#### **Refrain**

Beautiful words, wonderful words, wonderful words of Life  
Beautiful words, wonderful words, wonderful words of Life

**V2** – Christ the blessed One, give to all, Wonderful words of Life  
Sinner list to the loving call, Wonderful words of Life  
All so freely given, wooing us to heaven [Refrain]

**V3** – Sweetly echo the gospel call, Wonderful words of Life  
Offer pardon and peace to all, Wonderful words of Life  
Jesus only Savior, Sanctify forever [Refrain]

Benediction

Postlude