



WESTMINSTER
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Second Sunday after Epiphany
17 January 2021 10:00 a.m.

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Dr. Blythe D. Kieffer

Voluntary Nobody Knows the Trouble I've Seen

***Ringing of the Bell** *The congregation rises at the ringing of the Tower Bell.*

***Call to Worship**

Rev. Trajan I. McGill

The One who calls us together yearns for all to hear and be blessed.

Speak, Lord, for your servants are listening.

Praise be to the One who gives us trustworthy words of assurance!

Let us worship the Lord!

(1 Samuel 3)

***Hymn** Lift Every Voice and Sing

Lift Every Voice

Lift every voice and sing till earth and heaven ring,

Ring with the harmonies of liberty.

Let our rejoicing rise as the listening skies;

let it resound loud as the rolling sea.

Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us;

sing a song full of the hope that the present has brought us.

Facing the rising sun of our new day begun,

let us march on, till victory is won.

Stony the road we trod, bitter the chastening rod,

felt in the days when hope unborn had died.

Yet, with a steady beat, have not our weary feet

come to the place for which our parents sighed?

We have come over a way that with tears has been watered;

we have come, treading our path through the blood of the slaughtered,

out from the gloomy past, till now we stand at last

where the white gleam of our bright star is cast.

God of our weary years, God of our silent tears,

thou who hast brought us thus far on the way;

thou who hast by thy might led us into the light,

keep us forever in the path, we pray.

Lest our feet stray from the places, our God, where we met thee;

lest, our hearts drunk with the wine of the world, we forget thee;

shadowed beneath thy hand may we forever stand,

true to our God, true to our native land.

***Prayer of Confession**

Rev. Christian K. Choi

Holy God, you see into each of us and know us fully as creatures in need of your constant care. We confess that we have failed to hear your word and failed to follow your command. We have failed our nation, our neighbors, and our families. Give us eyes to see the vision of your kingdom. Give us ears to hear you over all competing voices. Lead us to honesty and faith so that we may live in love and reconciliation with renewed strength. Hear us now as we offer silent prayers of confession.

***Sung Response** Lord, Have Mercy Upon Us

***Declaration of Pardon** Friends, believe the good news: in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.
The peace of Christ be with you. Thanks be to God. Amen.

***Response of Praise** Gloria Patri

Children's Sermon

Response I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light *Houston*

I want to walk as a child of the light. I want to follow Jesus.
God set the stars to give light to the world. The star of my life is Jesus.
In him there is no darkness at all. The night and the day are both alike.
The Lamb is the light of the city of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.

First Scripture Reading

1 Samuel 3:1-10

Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the LORD under Eli. The word of the LORD was rare in those days; visions were not widespread.

²At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his room; ³the lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the LORD, where the ark of God was.

⁴Then the LORD called, "Samuel! Samuel!" and he said, "Here I am!" ⁵and ran to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call; lie down again." So he went and lay down. ⁶The LORD called again, "Samuel!" Samuel got up and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call, my son; lie down again." ⁷Now Samuel did not yet know the LORD, and the word of the LORD had not yet been revealed to him. ⁸The LORD called Samuel again, a third time. And he got up and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me."

Then Eli perceived that the LORD was calling the boy. ⁹Therefore Eli said to Samuel, "Go, lie down; and if he calls you, you shall say, 'Speak, LORD, for your servant is listening.'" So Samuel went and lay down in his place.

¹⁰Now the LORD came and stood there, calling as before, "Samuel! Samuel!" And Samuel said, "Speak, for your servant is listening."

Solo Steal Away to Heaven Medley of Spirituals

Nobody knows the trouble I've see. Nobody knows but Jesus.
Glory hallelujah. Sometimes I'm up, sometimes I'm down.
Oh yes, Lord. Sometimes I'm almost to the ground, Oh yes, Lord.
Sometimes I feel like a motherless child, a long way from home.
Sometimes I feel like I'm almost gone, way up in the heavenly land, Lord.
Steal away, steal away to Jesus.
Steal away, steal away home.
I ain't got long to stay here.

Second Scripture Reading John 1:43-51

⁴³ The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, "Follow me." ⁴⁴ Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. ⁴⁵ Philip found Nathanael and said to him, "We have found him about whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth." ⁴⁶ Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see."

⁴⁷ When Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him, he said of him, "Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!" ⁴⁸ Nathanael asked him, "Where did you get to know me?" Jesus answered, "I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you." ⁴⁹ Nathanael replied, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!"

⁵⁰ Jesus answered, "Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these." ⁵¹ And he said to him, "Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man."

Sermon I Saw You Rev. Trajan I. McGill

"Now the LORD came and stood there, calling as before, 'Samuel! Samuel!'
And Samuel said, "Speak, for your servant is listening.'" *1 Samuel 3:10*

Solo There is a Balm in Gilead Spiritual

There is a balm in Gilead to make the wounded whole.
There is a balm in Gilead to heal the sin-sick soul.

Sometimes I feel discouraged, and think my work's in vain;
but then the Holy Spirit revives my soul again.

If you can preach like Peter, if you can preach like Paul,
go home and tell your neighbor, "He died to save us all."

There is a balm in Gilead to make the wounded whole.
There is a balm in Gilead to heal the sin-sick soul.

The Church at Prayer

Soloist: Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place,
I can feel his mighty power and his grace.
I can hear the brush of angels' wings
I see glory on each face;
Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place.

The 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.

*Introduction to the Offering

*Offertory Response Doxology

Prayer of Dedication God of grace and glory, justice and restoration, we give you thanks for the gifts which you have given us, and we offer back to you these blessings and ourselves with them. We thank you for having seen us, and we pray that we would always readily see your image in the human beings among whom we walk on this earth, sharing generously always in our blessings and devoted in our lives to the gospel of Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

*** Hymn** *We Shall Overcome* *We Shall Overcome*

We shall overcome; we shall overcome; we shall overcome someday.
O, deep in my heart I do believe we shall overcome someday!

We'll walk hand in hand; we'll walk hand in hand;
we'll walk hand in hand someday.
O, deep in my heart I do believe we shall overcome someday!

We shall live in peace; we shall live in peace;
we shall live in peace someday.
O, deep in my heart I do believe we shall overcome someday!

We are not afraid; we are not afraid; we are not afraid today.
O, deep in my heart I do believe we shall overcome someday!

God will see us through; God will see us through;
God will see us through today
O, deep in my heart I do believe we shall overcome someday.

*Charge and Benediction

*Closing Voluntary Amen Spiritual

(*) The congregation is invited to stand.

Flowers in the chancel given in loving memory of
Mary and Bill Schnirring by the Germeraad and Dungan families.

Worship Participants

Rev. Dr. Blythe D. Kieffer, Pastor and Head of Staff
Rev. Trajan I. McGill, Associate Pastor for Parish Life
Rev. Christian K. Choi, Associate Pastor for Family Ministry
Dale Rogers, Organist and Director of Music and the Arts
Jay Kennerly, Tenor Lyle VanDeventer, Bass
Elsie and Bob Fox, Videographers