

Cornwall Presbyterian Church is a community of Christians living in faith and enlivening the world.



4th Sunday after Epiphany

"The Battle for Good"

January 31, 2021 10:00 AM Zoom Worship

Welcome to Cornwall Presbyterian Church!

We are delighted to have you here with us today. Here is an order of worship if We have also included (in a separate PDF) hymns for singing!

Thank you for joining us for worship this morning. We hope to see you again soon!

Hymn: 12 "Immortal, Invisible	"	Ruthanne Schempf, organ
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Welcome

CALL TO WORSHIP

God comes into a world filled with uncertainties and darkness.
God seeks out the voids of belief and conviction.
God embraces the wounded and broken.
God knocks down the walls of division and strife.
God is the candle shining in the darkness of our days.
God is the light of our lives.
God is the one who makes all things new.
Praise be to God, now and forevermore!

Music for Reflection 181 "Silence! Frenzied, Unclean Spirits"......Ruthanne Schempf, organ

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

We know who you are, O Christ; you are the one who silences demons and confronts evil; you are the one who creates new life out of utter chaos. We know who you are, O Christ. Forgive us, we pray, when we refuse to accept your new teaching and try to prevent you from entering those places where our own demons dwell. Forgive us and heal us today.

Silent Prayers

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

The good news is that even if at first we do not hear the divine word addressed to us, God calls us again and again. Friends, believe the good news of the gospel:

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION	Rebecca Barth
Scripture	Rebecca Barth

Psalm 111

Praise the Lord! I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart, in the company of the upright, in the congregation. Great are the works of the Lord, studied by all who delight in them. Full of honor and majesty is his work, and his righteousness endures forever. He has gained renown by his wonderful deeds; the Lord is gracious and merciful. He provides food for those who fear him; he is ever mindful of his covenant. He has shown his people the power of his works, in giving them the heritage of the nations. The works of his hands are faithful and just; all his precepts are trustworthy. They are established forever and ever, to be performed with faithfulness and uprightness. He sent redemption to his people; he has commanded his covenant forever. Holy and awesome is his name. The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; all those who practice it have a good understanding. His praise endures forever.

Mark 1:21-28

They went to Capernaum; and when the sabbath came, he entered the synagogue and taught. They were astounded at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes. Just then there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit, and he cried out, "What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are, the Holy One of God." But Jesus rebuked him, saying, "Be silent, and come out of him!" And the unclean spirit, convulsing him and crying with a loud voice, came out of him. They were all amazed, and they kept on asking one another, "What is this? A new teaching—with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him." At once his fame began to spread throughout the surrounding region of Galilee.

This is the Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Music for Reflection: 634 "To God be the Glory".....Ruthanne Schempf, piano Greg, guitar Sermon: "Battle for Good".....Rev. Patricia Calahan

Hymn: 792 "There is a Balm in Gilead".....Ruthanne Schempf, piano Greg Ransom, guitar

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND 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.

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE: "Trumpet Tune and Chorale".....Ruthanne Schempf, organ Arr. Lani Smith

ANNOUNCEMENTS

In accordance with the bylaws of Cornwall Presbyterian Church, session has called the annual meeting for Sunday, January 31, 2021, immediately following worship, to receive the annual report of the church, to approve the terms of call for Rev. Patricia J. Calahan, and any other necessary business. Due to the public health and safety concerns related to the Covid-19 pandemic we will not meet in person for the congregational meeting. The meeting will be held remotely via ZOOM, accessible by video and telephone call.

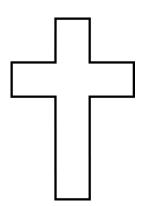
Respectfully submitted, Lenora Ransom, Clerk of Session

Sunday School: This year the Sunday school's Souper Bowl of Caring campaign will benefit Newburgh Ministry. There is a special Sign-up Genius food list sent out via email. You can bring those items for a drop off session at the church on Super Bowl Sunday, February 7th between 11:30 and 12:30. Monetary donations will also be accepted that day you can also make a donation online.

<u>Refresh Your Spirit</u>: Join Kate Sampson for **Immanuel-God with Us**, a virtual time of guided prayer and meditation, with a quiet focus on God's presence in our lives. Wednesday, February 3rd, at 7:00 P.M. over Zoom. A link will be sent out via email.

Jesus: A Pilgrimage: Ken Sampson book study continues in the new year. All are welcome to join at anytime. The group meets on Thursdays at 12:00 on Zoom. Contact Ken Sampson to obtain the book and details on Zoom/phone connections.

Lunch Bunch: Lunch Bunch will be meeting on February 10th and 24th. The group is currently reading Joanna Weaver's <u>Having a Mary Spirit: Allowing God to Change Us from the Inside Out</u>. You can contact Marion Thomas for information about book copies. A Zoom link will be sent out the week of the meeting.



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