Conway Village Congregational Church, UCC "The Brown Church"

CVCC Virtual Worship Bulletin March 7, 2021

Prelude: "Come to the Table" Sidewalk Profits

Welcome, Announcements & Opening Prayer

Scripture: Psalm 19

NRSV

God's Glory in Creation and the Law

"The heavens are telling the glory of God; and the firmament proclaims his handiwork."

Day to day pours forth speech, and night to night declares knowledge.

There is no speech, nor are there words; their voice is not heard;

yet their voice goes out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world. In the heavens he has set a tent for the sun,

which acres and like a bridger are from his wa

which comes out like a bridegroom from his wedding canopy,

and like a strong man runs its course with joy. Its rising is from the end of the heavens, and its circuit to the end of them; and nothing is hid from its heat.

The law of the LORD is perfect, reviving the soul; the decrees of the LORD are sure, making wise the simple; the precepts of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart; the commandment of the LORD is clear, enlightening the eyes; the fear of the LORD is pure, enduring forever; the ordinances of the LORD are true and righteous altogether. More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold; sweeter also than honey, and drippings of the honeycomb. Moreover by them is your servant warned; in keeping them there is great reward. But who can detect their errors? Clear me from hidden faults. Keep back your servant also from the insolent; do not let them have dominion over me. Then I shall be blameless, and innocent of great transgression.

Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable to you, O LORD, my rock and my redeemer."

<u>Hymn</u>: "Beautiful Savior" Peterson Music

Invocation (unison)

O God, from you comes all our holy desires, all good counsels, and all our just works. Give us that peace which our world cannot offer, that our hearts may be focused on your commandments, so that, we will be shielded from all enemies and death itself, and thereby pass our time in rest, quietness, and absolute assurance. Filled us with a sense of your protection and grace. This we ask in Jesus' Name. Amen.

"The Lord's Prayer" (to be sung)

Shenandoah Christian Music Camp

Offertory

Prayer of Dedication:

"We present with joy our offerings and gifts for the work of Christ's church. Let us in all things be gracious, that by what we receive and by what we give, we may be known as your thankful and generous children. Amen." **Scripture:** John 2:13-22 NRSV Reader (Deacon): Louise Saxby

Jesus Cleanses the Temple

"The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves, and the money changers seated at their tables. Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the temple, both the sheep and the cattle. He also poured out the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables. He told those who were selling the doves, "Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father's house a marketplace!" His disciples remembered that it was written, "Zeal for your house will consume me." The Jews then said to him, "What sign can you show us for doing this?" Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up." The Jews then said, "This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days?" But he was speaking of the temple of his body. After he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this; and they believed the scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken."

Service of Holy Communion

Communion Call (unison)

Let us come to the Table of our Lord Jesus Christ, not to seek easy lives but to become stronger women and men. Let us not seek tasks equal to our powers but to pray for the power needed to perform the tasks our God asks of us. Let the work we do not be seen as a miracle, but as a gift, so others may wonder about and seek God's gracious love. Allow the forgiveness we receive, through the Holy Spirit, to transform our lives so that others may realize the richness of new life in Jesus Christ. Amen.

<u>Invitation</u>

Let all who feel moved by their love and concern for Jesus Christ, feel free to approach this table and participate in this meal.

Scripture: Exodus 20:1-7 NRSV

"The Ten Commandments

Then God spoke all these words:

I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; you shall have no other gods before me.

You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I the LORD your God am a jealous God, punishing children for the iniquity of parents, to the third and the fourth generation of those who reject me, but showing steadfast love to the thousandth generation of those who love me and keep my commandments.

You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the LORD your God, for the LORD will not acquit anyone who misuses his name."

Sermon: "Proper Proportions"

<u>Communion Hymn:</u> "In Remembrance of Me" The Nelson Group

Prayer of Consecration

Words of Institution

Receiving the Elements of Grace

Prayer of Thanksgiving

We give thanks to you, O God, for entrusting us with your Holy Word, the gift of our faith, your presence at the sacrament of Communion, and the fellowship of your church, the Body of Christ. Now that we have been refreshed at your Table, nourished by the common elements of a sacred meal, allow us to love you, our God, with all our heart, with all our soul, and with all our mind, and in so doing, to love our neighbors as ourselves. Amen.

Benediction: (unison)

May God bless you and keep you.

May God's face shine upon you and be gracious to you.

May God look upon you with kindness and give you peace.

Let us go forth into this world, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Postlude: "How Great Thou Art" Elvis Presley