

Jerseyville United Methodist Church

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Worship Conference Call: 339-209-4369

Worship: Noon, Sunday, February 21, 2021

On Zoom (Meeting ID: 822 2530 1496) OR on the Conference Call Line

Sunday of the Christian Year: First Sunday in Lent

❖ = Those comfortable with standing, please rise

Prelude: Betty Murad

❖ Call to Worship:

Leader: Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God,

People: Let us hold fast our confession.

Leader: Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace,

People: that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

Hebrews 4:14,16 ESV

❖ Opening Hymn: "We'll Understand It Better By and By" UMH 525

1) We are tossed and driven on the restless sea of time; somber skies and howling tempests oft succeed a bright sunshine; in that land of perfect day, when the mists have rolled away, we will understand it better by and by.

Refrain:

By and by, when the morning comes, when the saints of God are gathered home, we'll tell the story how we've overcome, for we'll understand it better by and by.

2) We are often destitute of the things that life demands, want of food and want of shelter, thirsty hills and barren lands; we are trusting in the Lord, and according to God's word, we will understand it better by and by. [Repeat Refrain]

3) Trials dark on every hand, and we cannot understand all the ways that God would lead us to that blessed promised land; but he guides us with his eye, and we'll follow till we die for we'll understand it better by and by. [Repeat Refrain]

4) Temptations, hidden snares often take us unawares, and our hearts are made to bleed for a thoughtless word or deed; and we wonder why the test when we try to do our best, but we'll understand it better by and by. [Repeat Refrain]

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Opening Prayer:

Leader: Loving God, we lift up our souls and search for your promised presence. Reveal yourself to us this day—in mighty mountains, in brilliant rainbows, in curious creatures, in spring rain showers, in joyous children, in grieving friends, in challenging scriptures, in meaningful prayers, in repentances and forgiveness, in love and grace.

All: Teach us your ways. Lead us in your truth. Guide us on the Lenten journey toward the darkness of death and the hope of resurrection. In the name of the risen Christ, we pray. Amen. The Abingdon Worship Annual

Offering

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❖Doxology #95

❖Prayer of Dedication

Joys and Prayers of the People of God:

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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

Epistle Reading: 1 Peter 3:18-22

Special Music: Betty Murad

❖Gospel Reading: Mark 1:9-15

Sermon: "Repent and Believe"

❖Hymn: "Nearer, My God, to Thee" UMH 528

1) Nearer, my God, to thee, nearer to thee! E'en though it be a cross that raiseth me, still all my song shall be, nearer, my God, to thee; nearer, my God, to thee, nearer to thee!

2) Though like the wanderer, the sun gone down, darkness be over me, my rest a stone; yet in my dreams I'd be nearer, my God, to thee; nearer, my God, to thee, nearer to thee!

3) There let the way appear, steps unto heaven; all that thou sendest me, in mercy given; angels to beckon me nearer, my God, to thee; nearer, my God, to thee, nearer to thee!

4) Then, with my waking thoughts bright with thy praise, out of my stony griefs Bethel I'll raise; so by my woes to be nearer, my God, to thee; nearer, my God, to thee, nearer to thee!

5) Or if, on joyful wing cleaving the sky, sun, moon, and stars forgot, upward I fly, still all my song shall be, nearer, my God, to thee; nearer, my God, to thee, nearer to thee!

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❖Benediction:

❖Congregational Response: "Shalom To You"

Shalom to you now, shalom, my friends. May God's full mercies bless you, my friends. In all your living and through your loving, Christ be your shalom, Christ be your shalom.

Words: Elise Eslinger, 1980; Music: Anonymous



Bible Study - Bible Study meets every Thursday (**except this coming Thursday, February 25**) at 10:00 am on Zoom Meeting ID: 830 3849 9190 or you may call in to (929) 205 6099 with the same Meeting ID: 830 3849 9190. This is a combined study with our brothers and sisters in Christ from St. Luke's United Methodist Church in Long Branch. Email or call Pastor Ray for more information, or for a clickable link if you need to download Zoom to your computer, smartphone, tablet, or chromebook to join the Bible Study: rayschmeling@hotmail.com or (732) 677-2061