

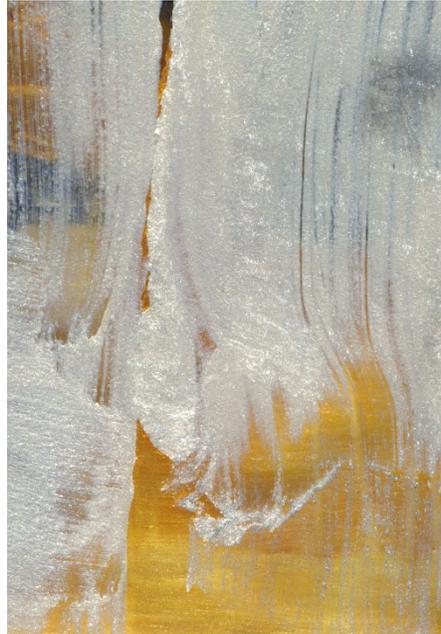


UNION CHURCH OF POCANTICO HILLS

JANUARY 17, 2021

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

VIRTUAL WORSHIP AT 9:00 A.M.



Overshadowing
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*Words spoken or sung by the congregation are noted in **bold** type.*

PRELUDE FOR ORGAN

Variations on *Slane*

“Be Thou My Vision”

Richard Coffey, *Organist*

Charles Callahan (b. 1956)

The hymn upon which this work is based will be sung as today’s opening hymn.

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

The Lord God calls to us by name.

With Samuel we answer: Here I am.

The Lord Jesus calls us to follow him.

With Philip and Nathanael we rise and go.

Let us worship God!

Be Thou My Vision

SLANE 10.10.9.10

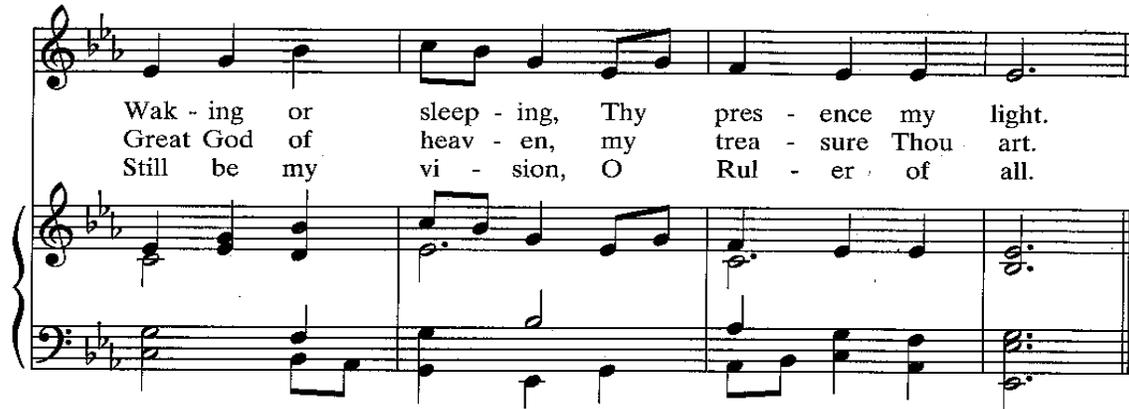
Ancient Irish poem
Trans. Mary E. Byrne, 1905
Vers. Eleanor Hull, 1912; alt.

Irish ballad
Harm. David Evans, 1927

1. Be Thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;
2. Rich - es I heed not, nor vain, emp - ty praise,
3. Be Thou my wis - dom, and Thou my true word;

Nought be all else to me, save that Thou art—
Thou mine in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways;
I ev - er with Thee and Thou with me, Lord;

Thou my best thought, by day or by night,
Thou and Thou on - ly, first in my heart,
Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,



Wak - ing or sleep - ing, Thy pres - ence my light.
 Great God of heav - en, my trea - sure Thou art.
 Still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

CALL TO CONFESSION

Nothing can be hidden from the Lord,
 the maker of heaven and earth,
 whose wisdom is endless, whose mercy is great.
 Trusting in God's grace, let us confess our sin.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God our Creator, we confess
 that we are broken, sinful creatures.
 You speak to us with tender mercy,
 yet we fail to recognize your voice.
 You know everything about us,
 yet we pretend we do not know you.
 Forgive us, God of grace.
 Help us to heed your voice of truth,
 to follow your way of faithfulness,
 and to glorify you with our lives;
 through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Those who trust in God will renew their strength.
 They will run and not be weary,
 they will walk and not grow faint.
 I declare to you, in the name of Jesus Christ,
 we are forgiven!
Thanks be to God.

RESPONSE OF PRAISE

“Laud and Honor to the Father”

Regent Square

**Laud and honor to the Father,
Laud and honor to the Son,
Laud and honor to the Spirit,
Ever three and ever one;
One in might and one in glory
While unending ages run.**

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Saving God, source of our calling,
your Word is full of power and glory.
Pour out your Holy Spirit upon us
so that we may receive your grace
and live as your beloved children;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

FIRST LESSON

1 Samuel 3:1–20

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.”

¹¹Then the LORD said to Samuel, “See, I am about to do something in Israel that will make both ears of anyone who hears of it tingle. ¹²On that day I will fulfill against Eli all that I have spoken concerning his house, from beginning to end. ¹³For I have told him that I am about to punish his house forever, for the iniquity that he knew, because his sons were blaspheming God, and he did not restrain them. ¹⁴Therefore I swear to the house of Eli that the iniquity of Eli’s house shall not be expiated by sacrifice or offering forever.” ¹⁵Samuel lay there until morning; then he opened the doors of the house of the LORD. Samuel was afraid to tell the vision to Eli. ¹⁶But Eli called Samuel and said, “Samuel, my son.” He said, “Here I am.” ¹⁷Eli said, “What was it that he told you? Do not hide it from me. May God do so to you and more also, if you hide anything from me of all that he told you.” ¹⁸So Samuel told him everything and hid nothing from him. Then he said, “It is the LORD; let him do what seems good to him.”

¹⁹As Samuel grew up, the LORD was with him and let none of his words fall to the ground. ²⁰And all Israel from Dan to Beer-sheba knew that Samuel was a trustworthy prophet of the LORD.

SPIRITUAL

“This Little Light of Mine”

Arr. Charles Blue

Susan Angst, alto

Offered in commemoration of the life and work of the Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

*This little light of mine, I'm going to let it shine.
Everywhere I go, I'm going to let it shine.
All through the night I'm going to let it shine.*

SECOND LESSON

John 1:43–51

⁴³The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, “Follow me.” ⁴⁴Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. ⁴⁵Philip 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.” ⁴⁶Nathanael said to him, “Can anything good come out of Nazareth?” Philip said to him, “Come and see.” ⁴⁷When Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him, he said of him, “Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!” ⁴⁸Nathanael asked him, “Where did you get to know me?” Jesus answered, “I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you.” ⁴⁹Nathanael replied, “Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!” ⁵⁰Jesus answered, “Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these.” ⁵¹And 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

“Your Servant Is Listening”

Dr. DeGarmo

HYMN

To God Be the Glory

TO GOD BE THE GLORY 11.11.11 with refrain

Fanny Jane Crosby, 1875

William Howard Doane, 1875

1. To God be the glo - ry, great things He hath done!
2. Great things He hath taught us, great things He hath done,

So loved He the world that He gave us His Son,
And great our re - joic - ing through Je - sus the Son;

Who yield - ed His life an a - tone - ment for sin,
But pur - er, and high - er, and great - er will be

And o - pened the life - gate that all may go in.
Our won - der, our trans - port, when Je - sus we see.

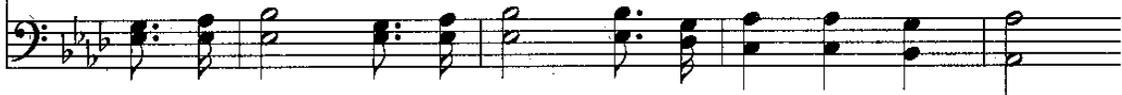
Refrain



Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, Let the earth hear His voice!



Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, Let the peo - ple re - joice!



O come to the Fa - ther through Je - sus the Son,



And give Him the glo - ry: great things He hath done!



PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

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.**

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

There is only one Lord and God,
from whom all things come
and for whom we live.
Let us offer our gifts and our lives to the Lord.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Almighty God,
receive these gifts that we offer with grateful hearts
and use our lives for the ministry of your Son, Jesus Christ,
in whose name we pray. Amen.

Lord, You Give the Great Commission

ABBOT'S LEIGH 8.7.8.7 D

Jeffery W. Rowthorn, 1978

Cyril Vincent Taylor, 1941

1. Lord, you give the great com - mis-sion: "Heal the sick and
 2. Lord, you call us to your ser-vice: "In my name bap-
 3. Lord, you make the com - mon ho - ly: "This my bod - y,
 4. Lord, you show us love's true mea-sure: "Fa - ther, what they

preach the word." Lest the church ne - glect its mis-sion, And the
 tize and teach." That the world may trust your prom-ise, Life a -
 this my blood." Let us all, for earth's true glo - ry, Dai - ly
 do, for - give." Yet we heard as pri - vate trea-sure All that

gos - pel go un - heard, Help us wit - ness to your pur - pose
 bun - dant meant for each, Give us all new fer - vor, draw us
 lift life heav - en - ward, Ask - ing that the world a - round us
 you so free - ly give. May your care and mer - cy lead us

With re - newed in - teg - ri - ty;
 Clos - er in com - mu - ni - ty; With the Spir - it's
 Share your chil - dren's lib - er - ty;
 To a just so - ci - e - ty;

gifts em - power us For the work of min - is - try.

♩=88-96

5. Lord, you bless with words assuring:
 "I am with you to the end."
 Faith and hope and love restoring,
 May we serve as you intend,

And, amid the cares that claim us,
 Hold in mind eternity;
 With the Spirit's gifts empower us
 For the work of ministry.

CHARGE AND BLESSING

POSTLUDE FOR ORGAN

Postlude in D Major

Christian Rinck (1770-1846)



NOTES ON THE OFFERING

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VOCAL LEADERS

Vocal leadership is by Susan Angst. Adam Goldstein and Ruth Tedder DiLorenzo.

THIS WEEK

Tuesday, January 19

8:30 a.m. Virtual Coffee Hour via Zoom – Zoom meeting ID: 826 7815 2198

Wednesday, January 20

7:00 p.m. Virtual Bible Study via Zoom – Zoom meeting ID: 833 7999 7803

Sunday, January 24

9:00 a.m. Virtual Worship – Zoom meeting ID: 816 5137 0962 Passcode: 590616