

AMICABLE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

Tiverton Four Corners

10:00 AM

February 21, 2021

FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

Welcome! We invite you into a time of preparation for worship. We invite you to unplug, turn off your phones, unwind from the past week, and focus your hearts on God's presence within, around, and between us all.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

L: God is present. L: Everywhere, all the time.
C: **All the time, everywhere.** C: **God is present.**

INTROIT "Prepare Ye the Way of the Lord", from *Godspell*, S. Schwartz
Eric Bronner, *vocals & tambourine* & Vaughn Bryner, *vocals & keyboard*

CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 28:7

L: The Holy One is my strength and my shield;

C: **in God my heart trusts;**

L: so I am helped, and my heart exults,

C: **and with my song I give thanks to God.**

HYMN "The Baptist Shouts on Jordan's Shore" (tune: WAREHAM)

1. The Baptist shouts on Jordan's shore, the earth shakes with the mighty roar.
Awake, let lazy sleep now flee: behold, the voice of prophecy!
2. Clean up your hearts, lay down the way for God approaches day by day.
Prepare for such a worthy heir, for such a guest your house prepare.

QUESTION(S) FOR REFLECTION

"May your trails be crooked, winding, lonesome, dangerous, leading to the most amazing view."
- *Edward Abbey*

When have I been so afraid of the way forward I missed the beauty around me?

When have I allowed the unknown, the unseen, the difficult to keep me from seeing God supporting me?

Silence

ASSURANCE OF BLESSING

RESPONSE OF PRAISE (Tune #22)

**From all that dwell below the skies; let the Creator's
praise arise! Alleluia! Alleluia! Let the Redeemer's
name be sung; let God the Spirit free each tongue!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBER

Sarah Martin

Invitation

Questions of the Candidate

Covenant of 1974

Welcome

L: Let us, the members of Amicable Church, express our welcome and affirm our ministry together in Christ.

C: **We joyfully welcome you into the common life of our church. We promise you our friendship and prayers as we share in the hopes and labors of Amicable Church. By the power of the Holy Spirit, may we grow together in faith and be witnesses to the love of God and the peace of Christ.**

Prayer

SCRIPTURE Mark 1:2-3,9-15

SPECIAL MUSIC "Save the People" from *Godspell*, S. Schwartz
Eric Bronner, *vocals* & Vaughn Bryner, *keyboard*

SERMON "Into the Wilderness"

HYMN "What Was Your Vow and Vision"

1. What was your vow and vision, revealed and recognized,
Christ, you came to Jordan and asked to be baptized?
Was there a sudden splendor or prophets, priests and kings,
a wind that stirred the waters, a blur of mighty wings?
2. We meet you at the water and ponder why and how,
in hope that we may follow where God is going now,
anointed by your Spirit, reborn, and energized,
through deed and word proclaiming: "In Christ we are baptized!"

INTERCESSORY PRAYER THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Creator, 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.

SERVICE OF GIVING

HYMN "O Radiant Christ, Incarnate Word" (tune: WALY, WALY)

1. O radiant Christ, incarnate Word, eternal love revealed in time:
Come, make your home within our hearts, that we may dwell in light sublime.
2. Your glory shone at Jordan's stream, the font where we were born anew.
Attune your church to know you near; illumine all we say and do.
3. O Light of Nations, fill the earth; our faith and hope and love renew.
Come, lead the peoples to your peace, as stars once led the way to you.

THE TAKE HOME

“Fear not, for I am with you, be not dismayed for I am your God, I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my victorious hand.”
- Isaiah 41:10

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE “Postlude on ‘Save the People’” arr. V. Bryner
Eric Bronner, *tambourine* & Vaughn Bryner, *keyboard*

We thank Bobi Zeiser for serving as lay reader this morning.
All are invited to our Virtual Coffee Hour today at 11:00 AM.

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**'GOD TAKES US
INTO WILDERNESSES
NOT TO ABANDON
US--BUT TO
BE ALONE
WITH US.'**
#THEBROKENWAY

Ann Vashamp

Into the Wilderness

**No matter who you are or
where you are on life's journey,
you're welcome here.**

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| All Members | Ministers |
| Vaughn Bryner | Minister of Arts and Outreach |
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