



Centenary United Methodist Church

February 14, 2021
Stewardship Sunday



OPENING PRAYER



Opening Voluntary

George Stone



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her son,
Craig William Avant.

Bidding Lesson

2 Kings 2:1-12

Karen Diddle

1 Now when the Lord was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal.

2 Elijah said to Elisha, “Stay here;
for the Lord has sent me as far as
Bethel.”

But Elisha said, “As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you, Elijah.” So they went down to Bethel.

3 The company of prophets
who were in Bethel came out to
Elisha, and said to him,

“Do you know that today the Lord will take your master away from you?” And Elisha said, “Yes, I know; keep silent.”

4 Elijah said to him, “Elisha, stay here; for the Lord has sent me to Jericho.”

But Elisha said, “As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.” So they came to Jericho.

5 The company of prophets who were at Jericho drew near to Elisha, and said to him,

“Do you know that today the Lord will take your master away from you?” And Elisha answered, “Yes, I know; be silent.”

6 Then Elijah said to Elisha, “Stay here; for the Lord has sent me to the Jordan.”

But Elisha said, “As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you, Elijah.” So the two of them went on.

7 Fifty men of the company of prophets also went, and stood at some distance from them, as Elijah and Elisha were standing by the Jordan.

8 Then Elijah took his mantle and rolled it up, and struck the water;

the water was parted to the one side
and to the other, until the two of
them crossed on dry ground.

9 When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, “Tell me what I may do for you, before I am taken from you.”

Elisha said, “Please let me inherit a double share of your spirit.”

10 Elijah responded, “You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it will be granted you; if not, it will not.”

11 As Elijah and Elisha continued walking and talking, a chariot of fire

and horses of fire separated the two of them, and Elijah ascended in a whirlwind into heaven.

12 Elisha kept watching and crying out, “Father, father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!”

But when Elisha could no longer see Elijah, he grasped his own clothes and tore them in two pieces.

**READER: The word of God for the
people of God.**

PEOPLE: Thanks be to God!



Service of Word and Prayer
February 14, 2021
9:30 a.m.



Call to Worship

based on

The Song of Solomon 1, JWCI

Leader:

*Rejoice and sing praise for God's gift
of romance.*

Men:

How beautiful you are, my darling!

**Oh how beautiful! Your eyes are like
doves.**

Women:

**How handsome you are, my sweet
valentine! You charm me. Today
our love is alive!**

Men:

**Love has the power to transform a
meager home into a royal palace.**

Women:

**Can I be your Rose of Sharon, your
Lily of the Valley?**

All:

Be my valentine!



Gospel Lesson

Mark 9:2-9

2 Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain,

3 and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them.

4 And there appeared to them
Elijah with Moses, who were talking
with Jesus.

5 Then Peter said to Jesus, “Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.”

6 He did not know what to say, for they were terrified.

7 Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, "This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!"

8 Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus.

9 As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

**READER: The Gospel of our Lord
Jesus Christ.**

**PEOPLE: Thanks be to thee, O
Christ!**



Sermon

Rev. John W. Cole II

“There’s Never Enough”



Call and Response for Our Pledge Cards

Call:

*A long time ago, wise men brought
gifts to young Jesus.*

Response:

**Today, we offer our pledge cards
to be consecrated.**

Call:

The wise men sought Jesus.

Response:

Wise people still do.

Call:

Bring forth the pledge cards.

Response:

**With cheerful hearts, we offer our
pledge cards for 2021 to be
consecrated.**



Prayer of Consecration



Prayer of the People

The Lord's Prayer





The Offering

Offertory – Becky Barclay



Doxology

*Prayers of
Thanksgiving*





Statement of Faith

Based on 2 Corinthians 4:3-6

February 14, 2021

Leader:

*What is the focus of our ministry
together?*

People:

We shall not toot our own horn. Instead, we are God's servants whose ministry is to proclaim the message of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Leader:

But not all will listen. What keeps people from hearing or receiving the message of the Gospel?

People:

The distractions of life confuse hearts and minds of many people, blinding them to their need for a personal relationship with Christ.

Leader:

Who competes for our loyalties?

People:

The “god of this age” and anything else that alters our priorities away from experiencing life in Christ.

Leader:

What shall our response be?

People:

**We will persevere. We will proclaim
the “good news.” We will reflect the
light of God.**

People (cont'd):

**We will trust that God's light will
shine through the darkness to reveal
the knowledge of His son Jesus
Christ.**



Gloria Patri



Announcements



Postlude

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