



*Samuel said, "Speak. Your servant is listening."*

**THE 2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**  
**A Service of the Word**

*January 17, 2021 ✦ 10:00 a.m.*



## The 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

Use me, God. Show me how to take who I am, who I want to be, and what I can do, and use it for a purpose greater than myself.

— *Martin Luther King, Jr.*

### GATHERING

*The Holy Spirit gathers us in unity on the first day, the day of Christ's resurrection*

**Prelude** — “All Glory Be to God on High” BWV 662 by J. S. Bach

*Dr. Patricia Snyder*

### Welcome

### Greeting

*One:* The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

***Many:* And also with you.**

### Call to Worship

*One:* Something made the hairs stand up on our necks. Was it you, O God?

***Many:* Was it you that we saw blowing over the water?**

*One:* Was it you that we heard in those steps?

***Many:* Was it you that we felt in the beating of our own hearts?**

*One:* Was it you that called our names?

***Many:* Come, O God. Come to search us. Come to know us again.**

*One:* We were knit in your womb. We have tried to count your works.

***Many:* Come, O God, so that we can hear you calling our names. Here and now.**

### Reading of the Prophets: Old and New

**Hymn** — “Be Thou My Vision”

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### Invocation

### News from our Life Together

# WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song

## Refrain — “This Little Light of Mine”

LIGHT OF MINE

1 This lit-tle light of mine, I'm gon-na let it shine;  
oh, oh,

this lit-tle light of mine, I'm gon-na let it shine;  
oh,

this lit-tle light of mine, I'm gon-na let it shine,  
oh,

let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

## Prayer for Illumination

### Scripture Reading — 1 Samuel 3:1-10

At a time when visions are rare and unexpected, the LORD comes to Samuel and calls him to speak the divine word. Though just a boy, Samuel responds to God obediently, as Eli the priest has taught him to respond. This marks the beginning of Samuel's prophetic ministry.

### Scripture Reading — Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18

You have searched me out and known me.

*The refrain ("This Little Light of Mine" – music above) is repeated.*

Sermon — "Known and Loved"

*Rev. Debbie*

## RESPONSE

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*We begin our lives of responding to the gospel in prayer and offering*

### Responding with our Gifts

**Give online:** Go to [www.storrsconchurch.org](http://www.storrsconchurch.org) and click the green "Give now..." button.

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*Those participating via Zoom are welcome to submit prayer petitions (joys and concerns) via the Chat feature.*

**OFFERTORY MUSIC** — "Precious Lord, Take My Hand" by arr. Ringwald

*SCC Quartet*

*Cathy Jeffers, Elaine Chague, Mark Roy, Rich Cowles*

Precious Lord, take my hand, lead me on, let me stand  
I am tired, I am weak, I am worn.  
Through the storm, through the night, lead me on to the light,  
Take my hand precious Lord, lead me home.  
When my way grows drear, precious Lord, linger near,  
When my life is almost gone.  
Hear my cry, hear my call, hold my hand lest I fall,  
Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.  
When the darkness appears and the night draws near,  
And the day is past and gone.  
At the river I stand, guide my feet, hold my hand,  
Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home, lead me home.

## The Prayers of the People, *ending with* The Lord’s Prayer

**Many:** 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 glory forever. Amen.

## SENDING

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*God blesses us and sends us forth in mission for the world*

Hymn — “Here I Am, Lord”

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Benediction

Postlude — “Praeludium in G” by Mendelssohn *Dr. Patricia Snyder*

**Following the postlude, the Zoom Meeting will remain open** for those who wish to connect and chat—a bring-your-own-coffee “coffee hour”! We look forward to connecting with you!

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## Be Thou My Vision

Capo 1: (D) E<sup>b</sup> (G) A<sup>b</sup> (D/F#) E<sup>b</sup>/G (A7) B<sup>b</sup>7 (D) E<sup>b</sup>



1 Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;  
 2 Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true Word;  
 3 Rich - es I heed not, nor vain, emp - ty praise;  
 4 High King of Heav - en, my vic - to - ry won,

(A) B<sup>b</sup> (D) E<sup>b</sup> (G) A<sup>b</sup> (A) B<sup>b</sup>



naught be all else to me, save that thou art;  
 I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord;  
 thou mine in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways;  
 may I reach heav - en's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!

(G) A<sup>b</sup> (D) E<sup>b</sup> (F#m7) Gm7 (G) A<sup>b</sup> (A) B<sup>b</sup>



thou my best thought, by day or by night,  
 thou my soul's shel - ter, and thou my high tower;  
 thou and thou on - ly, first in my heart,  
 Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,

(Bm) Cm (D/F#) E<sup>b</sup>/G (G) A<sup>b</sup> (D) E<sup>b</sup>



wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.  
 raise thou me heaven - ward, O Power of my power.  
 High King of Heav - en, my trea - sure thou art.  
 still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

*Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.*

These stanzas are selected from a 20th-century English poetic version of an Irish monastic prayer dating to the 10th century or before. They are set to an Irish folk melody that has proved popular and easily sung despite its lack of repetition and its wide range.

## 69 I, the Lord of Sea and Sky

Here I Am, Lord

*Leader or All*

G Am D G C G D

1 I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my peo - ple cry.  
 2 I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my peo - ple's pain.  
 3 I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.

G Em C Am7 D G

All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save. I, who  
 I have wept for love of them. They turn a - way. I will  
 I will set a feast for them. My hand will save. Fin - est

Am D G C G D

made the stars of night, I will make their dark - ness bright.  
 break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love a - lone.  
 bread I will pro - vide till their hearts be sat - is - fied.

G Em C Am7 C/G D D7

Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?  
 I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?  
 I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?

*Refrain*

*All* G C G D G C G D G

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you

Am7 G Am7 D G C G C

call - ing in the night. I will go, Lord, if you

G C G D G Am7 D7 G Am7 G

lead me. I will hold your peo - ple in my heart.

The stanzas here need to be understood as representing the voice of God, while the refrain (based on Isaiah 6:8) is the faithful human response to God's call. This becomes clearer if a leader or small group sings the stanzas, with the congregation joining on the refrain.

**A Note on Giving:** We welcome and encourage your financial generosity in support of the Storrs Congregational Church UCC! Giving back to God and God’s mission through the life of this church is a part of your gratitude towards God and your faithful stewardship of all that God has entrusted to you.

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- **Online or text via ACH debit from a checking or savings account:** By using our website giving portal (go to [www.storrsconchurch.org](http://www.storrsconchurch.org) and click the green “Give now...” button), you can make an auto-debit from your checking or savings account. (Note that we are assessed a small processing fee, 1% of the contribution, plus 35¢ per transaction. You will be given the option—and it *is* optional—when you make your contribution to add a small amount to offset the 1% processing fee.)
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**We envision our community as a welcoming, historic, and progressive Christian community.** We are an Open and Affirming congregation: Believing that each of us is unique and blessed with special talents from God, each a creation of God’s love, alike and yet different, we open our doors and our ministry to *all*. We accept into full participation in the life of this Church: people of any age, economic status, gender, marital status, race, sexual orientation, and physical, emotional and mental capability. As a community, we will work to put aside all prejudices and to affirm and promote the worth and dignity of each person.

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