



Jesus Casts Out the Unclean Spirit

THE 4TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
A Service of the Word

January 31, 2021 ✚ 10:00 a.m.

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Any place is sacred ground, for it can become a place of encounter with the divine Presence—
David Steindl-Rast

GATHERING

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

Prelude — “Trio Sonata No. 3 – Adagio e dolce” by 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 – Psalm 111

One: I will thank you, O Lord, with all my heart. In the meeting of the just and their assembly. Great are your works, to be pondered by all those who have loved them.

Many: Majestic and glorious are your work, and your justice stands firm forever. You make remember your wonder; you are compassion and love.

One: You give food to those who revere you, keeping you Covenant ever in mind. You reveal to your people the power of your actions by giving them the lands of the nations as their inheritance.

Many: The works of your hands are truth and justice, and all your precepts are sure, standing firm forever and ever, and carried out uprightly and faithfully.

One: You have sent deliverance to your people and established your Covenant forever.

Many: Your name is holy and awe-inspiring! Reverence for God is the beginning of wisdom- and those who have it prove themselves wise.

One: Your praise will last forever! Amen.

Hymn — Psalms 111 and 112 - “Alleluia! Laud and Blessing”

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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

The musical score consists of two staves. The top staff is for the piano, featuring a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and a common time. The bottom staff is for the voice, featuring a bass clef, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and a common time. The piano part includes a bass line and harmonic support. The vocal part has lyrics in both soprano and bass clefs. Measure numbers 1 through 10 are indicated above the staff. The lyrics are as follows:

I 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 — Deuteronomy 18:15-20

Scripture Reading — Mark 1:21-28

The refrain (“This Little Light of Mine” – music above) is repeated.

Sermon — “Power to Do”

Rev. Debbie Pallatto-Fontaine

RESPONSE

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

Responding with our Gifts

Give online: Go to www.storrscongchurch.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. To protect privacy, surnames will not be used.

OFFERTORY MUSIC — “Lord, For Thy Tender Mercy’s Sake” by Farrant

Choral Scholars

Lord, for thy tender mercy’s sake, lay not our sins to our charge,
But forgive that is past and give us grace to amend our sinful lives.

To decline from sin, and incline to virtue,
That we may walk in a perfect heart. Before thee now and evermore. Amen/

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

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

Hymn — “God of Grace and God of Glory”

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Benediction

Postlude — “Praeludium in G minor” BWV 558, attr. J.S. Bach

Dr. Patricia Snyder

Following the postlude, the Zoom Meeting will remain open for our Annual Business Meeting...

Pursuant to Section 47 (Article XI) of the Bylaws of our congregation...

The Members of the Storrs Congregational Church are called to the Annual Business Meeting of the congregation, to be held January 31, 2021, following the Sunday morning worship service. The meeting will be held online via Zoom Meetings. The business of said meeting shall be to receive yearly reports, fill elective offices, transact business, and discuss plans for the ensuing year. The presence and participation of all members is requested; a minimum of thirty is required to transact business. In the event that the scheduled meeting must be postponed due to weather or other emergency, it shall be held on the following Sunday.

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(Psalms 111 and 112)

1 Al - le - lu - ia! Laud and bless-ing to our God, whose Word is sure;
 2 Al - le - lu - ia! God sus-tains us; match-less are the gifts we share:
 3 Al - le - lu - ia! Ho - ly Par - ent, all your chil-dren now re-claim;

by whose grace we find re - demp-tion, in whose love we live se - cure.
 light in dark-ness, hope in con - flict, an-swers to our deep-est prayer.
 may our lives re - flect your jus - tice, heirs to your most sa - cred name.

Righ-teous-ness and rich com-pas-sion shall at-tend us all our days;
 Ours to give as we are giv-en: arms to lift when oth-ers fall;
 Fill our hearts with un-der-stand-ing, brace our weak-ness by your might;

may God's prom-ise to be faith-ful ech-o through our songs of praise!
 im - ag - es of God's great good-ness, faith-ful ser - vants to God's call.
 awe - some hon-or, born in wis-dom; your great glo-ry, our de-light!

Psalms 111 and 112 are appropriately brought together in this paraphrase. Both form acrostics: each poetic line begins with a letter of the Hebrew alphabet in order. In addition, both psalms begin with "hallelujah," and they share much vocabulary as well as a theme of praise.

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1 God of grace and God of glo - ry, on thy peo - ple
 2 Lo! the hosts of e - vil round us scorn thy Christ, as -
 3 Cure thy chil - dren's war - ring mad-ness; bend our pride to
 4 Save us from weak res - ig - na - tion to the e - vils

pour thy power; crown thine an - cient chur - ch's sto - ry; bring its
 sail his ways! From the fears that long have bound us free our
 thy con - trol; shame our wan - ton, self - ish glad-ness, rich in
 we de - plore. Let the gift of thy sal - va - tion be our

bud to glo - rious flower. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour-age,
 hearts to faith and praise. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour-age,
 things and poor in soul. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour-age,
 glo - ry ev - er - more. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour-age,

for the fac - ing of this hour,
 for the liv - ing of these days,
 lest we miss thy king-dom's goal,
 serv-ing thee whom we a - dore,

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This stirring hymn used at the opening of Riverside Church in New York in 1930 was penned by its widely-known and influential pastor, and it has gained a firm place in English-language hymnals around the world. The Welsh tune name honors the Rhondda Valley in Glamorganshire.

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