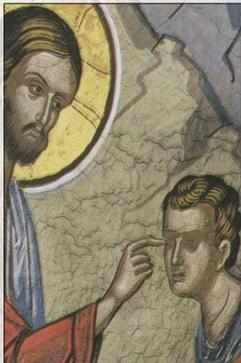


The United Church of Jaffrey

4th Sunday After Epiphany | January 31st, 2021 10:00 a.m.



CALL TO WORSHIP

(Adapted from a hymn by Samuel Longfellow)

Lord, we look to you in every need
We feel your strong and tender presence

Let us only think of you...

And our restlessness is stilled

all our strength returns anew...

Lord, You lead us, in surprising ways

ALL: Turning mourning into praise.

*Growing our Christian
Faith through Acts of
Love toward all.*

HYMN: *I Look to You in Every Need*

Jess

SILENCE / CONFESSION & ASSURANCE

READING: Excerpts from the 9th chapter of John:

As he walked along, he saw a man blind from birth. His disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" Jesus answered, "Neither this man nor his parents sinned; he was born blind so that God's works might be revealed in him. We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming when no one can work. As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world." When he had said this, he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva and spread the mud on the man's eyes, saying to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam" (which means Sent). Then he went and washed and came back able to see.

They brought (the man) to the Pharisees. Now it was a sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. Then the Pharisees also began to ask him how he had received his sight. He said to them, "He put mud on my eyes. Then I washed, and now I see." Some of the Pharisees said, "This man is not from God, for he does not observe the sabbath." But others said, "How can a man who is a sinner perform such signs?" And they were divided. So they said again to the blind man, "What do you say about him? It was your eyes he opened." He said, "He is a prophet."

The Phrisees said to him, "Give glory to God! We know that this man is a sinner." He answered, "I do not know whether he is a sinner. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see." They said to him, "What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?" He answered them, "I have told you already, and you would

not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you also want to become his disciples?" Then they reviled him, saying, "You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from." The man answered, "Here is an astonishing thing! You do not know where he comes from, and yet he opened my eyes. We know that God does not listen to sinners, but he does listen to one who worships him and obeys his will. Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a person born blind. If this man were not from God, he could do nothing." They answered him, "You were born entirely in sins, and are you trying to teach us?" And they drove him out.

Jesus heard that they had driven him out, and when he found him, he said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" He answered, "And who is he, sir? Tell me, so that I may believe in him." Jesus said to him, "You have seen him, and the one speaking with you is he." He said, "Lord, I believe."

GLORIA PATRI

SERMON: *I see...*

Rev. Mark

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE (*Prayer List: Bob Abernethy, Maureen Mahoney, Estelle O'Neil, Norma Sands, Betty Stoughton, John Via.*)

SONG: Guide My Feet

Rev. Mark

**BENEDICTION
POSTLUDE**