

From: Rose Whitmore rose.whitmore@gmail.com 
Subject: Re: Tigard Branch Service 1-17-21
Date: January 22, 2021 at 2:45 PM
To: chaz@darkfinstudios.com

On Sun, Jan 17, 2021 at 12:55 AM Tigard Church <tigardchurch@gmail.com> wrote:

Sunday, January 17, 2021
First Church of Christ, Scientist, Tigard

Bible Lesson Sermon: Life



Prelude: [The Birch](#) from “The Trees” by Jean Sibelius

We'll open with **Hymn 506**, which can be found [here](#):

I will come before the Lord / In the stillness of the morning; / When golden dawn shines
on the earth / And I feel Love's tender presence. / You are my morning song.

I will come before the Lord / In the brightness of the midday; / In rushing life and flood
of sound / I can find Soul's quiet haven. / You are my midday song.

I will come before the Lord / In the softness of the evening / When nature bathes in
purple light; / I give thanks for Spirit's blessings. / You are my evening song.

I will come before the Lord / In the darkness of the midnight / When moon and stars are
shining clear; / I feel goodness present with me. / You are my midnight song.

Day and night, You are my song / And we sweetly sing together / To worship, love, and praise Your name, / Singing in Your house forever. / Day and night, You are my song. (Christian Science Hymnal, No. 506:1–5)

Scriptural Selection

¶ In the mean while his disciples prayed him, saying, Master, eat. But he said unto them, I have meat to eat that ye know not of. Therefore said the disciples one to another, Hath any man brought him *aught* to eat? Jesus saith unto them, My meat is to do the will of him that sent me, and to finish his work. Say not ye, There are yet four months, and *then* cometh harvest? behold, I say unto you, Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest. And he that reapeth receiveth wages, and gathereth fruit unto life eternal: that

both he that soweth and he that reapeth may rejoice together. And herein is that saying true, One soweth, and another reapeth. I sent you to reap that whereon ye bestowed no labour: other men laboured, and ye are entered into their labours. ¶ And many of the Samaritans of that city believed on him for the saying of the woman, which testified, He told me all that ever I did. So when the Samaritans were come unto him, they besought him that he would tarry with them: and he abode there two days. And many more believed because of his own word; And said unto the woman, Now we believe, not because of thy saying:

for we have heard *him* ourselves, and know that this is indeed the Christ, the Saviour of the world. ¶ Now after two days he departed thence, and went into Galilee. For Jesus himself testified, that a prophet hath no honour in his own country. Then when he was come into Galilee, the Galilæans received him, having seen all the things that he did at Jerusalem at the feast: for they also went unto the feast. So Jesus came again into Cana of Galilee, where he made the water wine. And there was a certain nobleman, whose son was sick at Capernaum. When he heard that Jesus was come out of Judæa into Galilee, he went unto him, and besought him that he would come down, and heal his son: for he was at the point of death. Then said Jesus unto him, Except ye see signs and wonders, ye will not believe. The nobleman saith unto him, Sir, come down ere my child die. Jesus saith unto him, Go thy way; thy son liveth. And the man believed the word that Jesus had spoken unto him, and he went his way. And as

he was now going down, his servants met him, and told *him*, saying, Thy son liveth. Then inquired he of them the hour when he began to amend. And they said unto him, Yesterday at the seventh hour the fever left him. So the father knew that *it was* at the same hour, in the which Jesus said unto him, Thy son liveth: and himself believed, and his whole house. This *is* again the second miracle *that* Jesus did, when he was come out of Judæa into Galilee. (John 4:31–54)

A few moments of **silent prayer** . . .

And then the **Lord's Prayer** with its spiritual interpretation as given in *Science and*

SH 16:26–15

Our Father which art in heaven,
27 Our Father-Mother God, all-harmonious,

Hallowed be Thy name.
Adorable One.

30 Thy kingdom come.
Thy kingdom is come; Thou art ever-present.

1 Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven.
Enable us to know, - as in heaven, so on earth, - God is
3 omnipotent, supreme.

Give us this day our daily bread;
Give us grace for to-day; feed the famished affections;

6 And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.
And Love is reflected in love;

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from
9 evil;
And God leadeth us not into temptation, but delivereth
us from sin, disease, and death.

12 For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the
glory, forever.
For God is infinite, all-power, all Life, Truth, Love, over
15 all, and All.

Next, [Hymn 452](#):

Brood o'er us with Thy shelt'ring wing, / 'Neath which our spirits blend / Like brother
birds, that soar and sing, / And on the same branch bend. / The arrow that doth wound
the dove / Darts not from those who watch and love.

If thou the bending reed wouldst break / By thought or word unkind, / Pray that his spirit
you partake, / Who loved and healed mankind: /
Seek holy thoughts and heavenly strain, / That make men one in love remain.

Learn, too, that wisdom's rod is given / For faith to kiss, and know; / That greetings
glorious from high heaven, / Whence joys supernal
flow, / Come from that Love, divinely near, / Which chastens pride and earth-born fear,

Through God, who gave that word of might / Which swelled creation's lay: / "Let there
be light, and there was light." / What chased the clouds away? / 'Twas Love whose
finger traced aloud / A bow of promise on the cloud.

Thou to whose power our hope we give, / Free us from human strife. / Fed by Thy love divine we live, / For Love alone is Life; / And life most sweet, as heart to heart / Speaks kindly when we meet and part. (Christian Science Hymnal, No. 452:1-5)

A few announcements:

- If you are a member of Tigard Branch or The Mother Church and your income has been interrupted due to recent events, financial assistance may be available to you from The Principle Foundation's Disaster Relief Fund. Likewise, if you are seeking a way to help others who are facing an unexpected financial challenge, The Principle Foundation provides an avenue for giving. It is the Principle Foundation's mission to promote inspired benevolence in accordance with the teachings of Christian Science. To apply for a grant or to contribute, go online to PrincipleFoundation.org. More information is available by calling 816-561-5955 or at info@PrincipleFoundation.org.
- A number of online Christian Science lectures are listed [here](#).
- Members are reminded of the Quarterly Business Meeting this Tuesday, January 19, at 7:30 PM. A Zoom link will be sent at 7 PM.

The **solo** today is "Eternal God, Our Father" by Beth Miller, selected by Judy Worley.

Eternal God, the All-in-all, our Father,
We lift our hearts in joyous song to Thee,
From age to age Thy name doth stand exalted,
Thy glory fills earth, sky and sea.

Almighty One, creative Mind immortal,
Which was and is and ever shall be.

Dear God of Love, eternal good, our Savior,
Supply our need, our every need each day,
Teach us to love, As Thou dost love our neighbor,
Purge us from sin and self, we pray.

Thy Kingdom come, in all the earth as heaven,
Be Thou our guide, our hope, our stay.

In pastures green, by waters still lead onward,
Till we shall know that good alone is here,
Help us to prove, As Jesus proved before us,
Truth casts out sin, disease, and fear.

And may Thy Word abide with us forever,
O lord of Life, O Love most dear.

(Another [version](#) of this solo, and [another](#), by Jean Sibelius)

Friends: The Bible and the Christian Science textbook are our only preachers. We shall now read Scriptural texts, and their correlative passages from our denominational textbook; these comprise our sermon.

The canonical writings, together with the word of our textbook, corroborating and explaining the Bible texts in their spiritual import and application to all ages, past, present, and future, constitute a sermon undivorced from truth, uncontaminated and unfettered by human hypotheses, and divinely authorized.

And now the Golden Text, Responsive Reading, and Bible Lesson Sermon . . .

If desired, you can read the open-access Bible Lesson [here](#), or listen to The Mother Church Broadcast [here](#).

Offertory: [“When the Mountain Ash Rowan is in Flower”](#) from *The Trees* by Jean Sibelius

If you would like to make a contribution to the collection for Tigard Branch Church, please contact douglas.e.whitmore@gmail.com for a mailing address.

We close with [Hymn 519](#):

Lean on the sustaining infinite / And blessings will be yours. / Lean not on person,
place, or thing, / Or economic laws; / But lean upon all-blessing God / Who will all
needs supply / And give to all abundant good / That money cannot buy.

Let the healing reign of Truth and Life, / The reign of Love divine, / Be now established
within me / To show Soul's clear design / Of Oneness, indivisible— / Of God and me as
one— / As water is to ocean wave, / As sunbeam is to sun.

Love with a heart of tenderness / Your enemies and friends; / However hard this may
appear, / This quality just mends. / For Love is God in action true, / A presence that is
felt; / A healing and a saving power / That will all discord melt.

So lean, and let, and love; / This is the balanced Way. / It's free from self-will, pressure,
stress; / It welcomes in God's day. / The leaning is so gentle; / The letting is so free. /
And loving is the only way / To think, and speak, and be. (Christian Science Hymnal,
No. 519:1–4)

Scientific Statement of Being

... There is no life, truth, intelligence, nor substance in matter. All is infinite Mind and its infinite manifestation, for God is All-in-all. Spirit is immortal Truth; matter is mortal error. Spirit is the real and eternal; matter is the unreal and temporal. Spirit is God, and man is His image and likeness. Therefore man is not material; he is spiritual.

(Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures, Mary Baker Eddy, p. 468:8, 9 There)

Correlative Scripture

Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God: therefore the world knoweth us not, because it knew him not. Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is. And every man that hath this hope in him purifieth himself, even as he is pure. (I John 3:1–3)

Benediction

For in him we live, and move, and have our being; as certain also of your own poets have said, For we are also his offspring.

(Acts 17:28)

Amen!

Postlude: [Finlandia](#) by Jean Sibelius



pc: Top Universities, Finland

