

FOR YOU CREATED
MY INMOST BEING;
YOU KNIT ME TOGETHER
IN MY MOTHER'S WOMB.

PSALM 139:13

First Evangelical and Reformed Church

320 W. Wayne St. Lima, OH 45801

“Open Doors, Open Hearts”

Pastor Gary Beatty

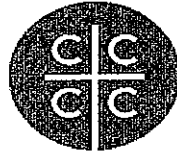
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Worship – 10:15 am



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PLEASE SIGN THE BLACK ATTENDANCE BOOK AND PASS DOWN.

Sunday, January 17, 2021 *E-Bulletin*

PRELUDE “Come, We That Love the Lord” James Mansfield

WELCOME

INVOCATION

HYMN “What A Wonderful Change in My Life” (Insert # 287)

SCRIPTURE 1 Kings 18:21-39 (See Insert)

MESSAGE “Hokey Pokey or Holy God?” Pastor Gary

CLOSING HYMN “Go Now In Peace” (See Insert)

2021 GIVING ENVELOPES ARE READY FOR PICK UP!

For those wishing to watch the Online Church services, and you don’t have Facebook, you can go on YouTube. Search for “First Church of Lima, Ohio” and you’ll be able to watch all of the online service there.



PRAYER CONCERNS: Kevin Johnson, Ginger Hill, Wendy Morgan, Mary Mayes, Allen Mayes (Bro. Gary), Jeanella, Jenny & Cleadous Jr. Hawk, Roy Coon, Nicole Nusbaum, Candy & Gary, (Nusbaum) Ashley Johns, (Snook), Karen Kleoppel (S. Striff), Tony, Scott & Keaire Mitchell, (Blunden's), Baby Damien, (Taminka), Charlene Malloy (Jill T.) Steven Lambert, (Cheuvront), M Myers (Brown). Pray for the Lloyd Few family in his passing.

LIFE SITUATIONS: Pray for Church Revival, **Our Nation**, those affected by the COVID-19 virus, Families impacted by violent acts, and affected by severe weather.

NOTE: PLEASE KEEP THE CHURCH OFFICE UPDATED!

“And the prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise him up. And if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven. Confess your trespasses to one another, and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much.” James 5:15 & 16

2021 DIRECTORY is being prepared, please call office with any changes in your address, phone #'s, emails, etc. ASAP

PLEASE REMEMBER TO TURN IN YOUR ANNUAL REPORTS THAT WERE DUE DECEMBER 30th, 2020.

2021 Flower Calendar is up and you may call the church office to have your name added or when you come on January 31st.

Shut-in of the Week: Ginger Hill is this week's Shut-in of the week. Please take time to send her a card and to pray for her this week. **Her Address is:** 250 North Phillips Road
Harrod, OH 45850

Bible Trivia: Who was David's chief counselor?

(Hint: 2 Samuel 15:12) a) Absalom b) Edom
c) Uriah d) Ahithophel

Pondering: As you obey and serve the Lord, He will make His purpose for you crystal clear.

287 What a Wonderful Change in My Life

If any man be in Christ, he is a new creature . . . II Cor. 5:17



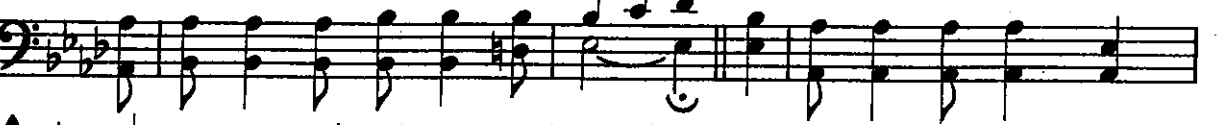
1. What a won - der - ful change in my life has been wrought Since Je - sus came
2. I have ceased from my wand - ring and go - ing a - stray, Since Je - sus came
3. There's a light in the val - ley of death now for me, Since Je - sus came
4. I shall go there to dwell in that Cit - y, I know, Since Je - sus came



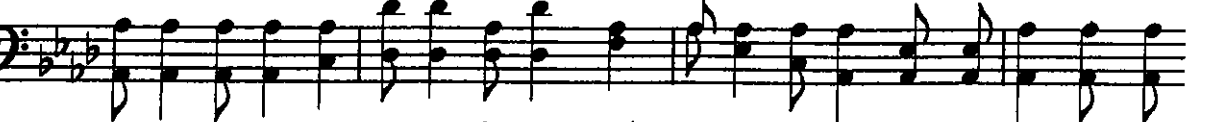
in - to my heart! I have light in my soul for which long I have sought,
 in - to my heart! And my sins, which were man - y, are all washed a - way,
 in - to my heart! And the gates of the Cit - y be - yond I can see,
 in - to my heart! And I'm hap - py, so hap - py, as on - ward I go,



Since Je - sus came in - to my heart! Since Je - sus came in - to my
 Since Je - sus came in, came



heart, Since Je - sus came in - to my heart, Floods of joy o'er my
 in - to my heart, Since Je - sus came in, came in - to my heart,



soul like the sea bil - lows roll, Since Je - sus came in - to my heart.



WORDS: Rufus H. McDaniel, 1914
 MUSIC: Charles H. Gabriel, 1914

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 12.8.12.8 Ref.

1 Kings 18:21-39 New King James Version (NKJV)

²¹ And Elijah came to all the people, and said, “How long will you falter between two opinions? If the LORD *is* God, follow Him; but if Baal, follow him.” But the people answered him not a word. ²² Then Elijah said to the people, “I alone am left a prophet of the LORD; but Baal’s prophets *are* four hundred and fifty men. ²³ Therefore let them give us two bulls; and let them choose one bull for themselves, cut it in pieces, and lay *it* on the wood, but put no fire *under it*; and I will prepare the other bull, and lay *it* on the wood, but put no fire *under it*. ²⁴ Then you call on the name of your gods, and I will call on the name of the LORD; and the God who answers by fire, He is God.”

So all the people answered and said, “It is well spoken.”

²⁵ Now Elijah said to the prophets of Baal, “Choose one bull for yourselves and prepare *it* first, for you *are* many; and call on the name of your god, but put no fire *under it*.”

²⁶ So they took the bull which was given them, and they prepared *it*, and called on the name of Baal from morning even till noon, saying, “O Baal, hear us!” But *there was* no voice; no one answered. Then they leaped about the altar which they had made.

²⁷ And so it was, at noon, that Elijah mocked them and said, “Cry aloud, for he *is* a god; either he is meditating, or he is busy, or he is on a journey, *or* perhaps he is sleeping and must be awakened.” ²⁸ So they cried aloud, and cut themselves, as was their custom, with knives and lances, until the blood gushed out on them. ²⁹ And when midday was past, they prophesied until the *time* of the offering of the *evening* sacrifice. But *there was* no voice; no one answered, no one paid attention.

³⁰ Then Elijah said to all the people, “Come near to me.” So all the people came near to him. And he repaired the altar of the LORD *that was* broken down. ³¹ And Elijah took twelve stones, according to the number of the tribes of the sons of Jacob, to whom the word of the LORD had come, saying, “Israel

shall be your name.” ³² Then with the stones he built an altar in the name of the LORD; and he made a trench around the altar large enough to hold two seahs of seed. ³³ And he put the wood in order, cut the bull in pieces, and laid *it* on the wood, and said, “Fill four waterpots with water, and pour *it* on the burnt sacrifice and on the wood.” ³⁴ Then he said, “Do *it* a second time,” and they did *it* a second time; and he said, “Do *it* a third time,” and they did *it* a third time. ³⁵ So the water ran all around the altar; and he also filled the trench with water.

³⁶ And it came to pass, at *the time of* the offering of the *evening* sacrifice, that Elijah the prophet came near and said, “LORD God of Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, let it be known this day that You *are* God in Israel and I *am* Your servant, and *that* I have done all these things at Your word. ³⁷ Hear me, O LORD, hear me, that this people may know that You *are* the LORD God, and *that* You have turned their hearts back *to You* again.”

³⁸ Then the fire of the LORD fell and consumed the burnt sacrifice, and the wood and the stones and the dust, and it licked up the water that *was* in the trench. ³⁹ Now when all the people saw *it*, they fell on their faces; and they said, “The LORD, He *is* God! The LORD, He *is* God!”

SERMON NOTES: _____

DIFFICULTIES ~ Believe the Bible and thou shalt be saved. NO. There is no such word written. It is “Believe On the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved.” Do not trouble yourself in the first instance about questions connected with the book of Genesis, or difficulties suggested by the book of Revelation. Let the wars of the Jews alone in the meantime, and dismiss Jonah from your mind. Look to Jesus: get acquainted with Him ~ listen to His word ~ Believe in Him ~ Trust Him ~ Obey Him. This is all that is asked of you in the first instance. After you have believed on Christ, and taken Him as your Savior, your Master, your Model, you will not be slow to find out that “all Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, and for reproof, and for correction, and for instruction in godliness.” You may never have all your difficulties solved, or all your objections met, but you will be sure of your foundation; you will feel that your feet are planted on the “*Rock of Ages.*” ~ *Gibson.*


Taken from “Leaves of Gold” by Clyde Francis Lytle

GO NOW IN PEACE



Go now in peace. Nev - er be a - fraid. God will go

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with you each hour of ev - 'ry day. Go now in faith,

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stead-fast, strong and true. Know He will guide you in all you

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do. Go now in love, and show you be-lieve. Reach out to

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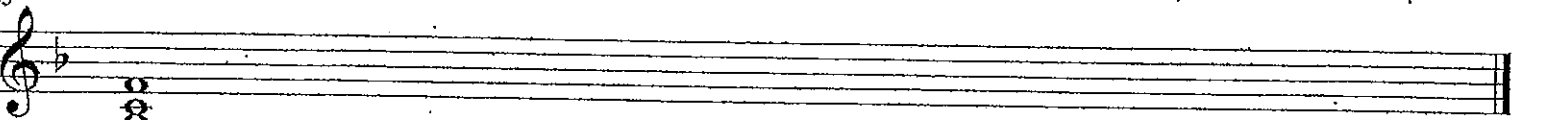
oth-ers so all the world can see. God will be there

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watch-ing from a - bove. Go now in peace, in faith, and in

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love.

Our Scripture reference today is: Psalm 139:13-16 (KJV)

- ¹³ For thou hast possessed my reins: thou hast covered me in my mother's womb.
¹⁴ I will praise thee; for I am fearfully and wonderfully made: marvellous are thy works; and that my soul knoweth right well.
¹⁵ My substance was not hid from thee, when I was made in secret, and curiously wrought in the lowest parts of the earth.
¹⁶ Thine eyes did see my substance, yet being unperfect; and in thy book all my members were written, which in continuance were fashioned, when as yet there was none of them.