

BIBLE FELLOWSHIP CENTER

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THE LORD'S DAY

June 20, 2021 8:30 & 10:15 AM

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Organ Prelude	David Schmidt
Piano	Wendy Baldwin
Guitar	Steve Budnack

Prayer

Hymns 128 'I Sing the Mighty Power of God' 'Good, Good Father'

Scripture – Psalm 20 (printed on opposite page)

Announcements

Pastoral Prayer

Hymns 63, 732 'All Creatures of Our God and King' 'Battle Belongs...

Special Music 'Father's Eyes' Budnack Trio

Message **Christ Prepared the Way**
Acts 8:5-25 Rev. Calvin VanderMey

Benediction

THIS WEEK'S EVENTS

Tuesday VBS workshop 6:30-8pm

Wednesday Ladies Bible study 10am with Becky Shearer

Thursday - Precept Bible study at 9:15 with Margaret Was

Happy Father's Day!!!

MINISTRY OF MISSION

For the glory of God, Bible Fellowship Center is committed to spreading the Good News of salvation, equipping the believers, that they might become more Christ-like, worship God and enjoy Him forever.

The offering box is in the back of the sanctuary

The Assurance of God's Saving Work

To the Chief Musician. A Psalm of David.

20 May the LORD answer you in the day of trouble;

May the name of the God of Jacob defend you;

² May He send you help from the sanctuary,

And strengthen you out of Zion;

³ May He remember all your offerings,

And accept your burnt sacrifice. *Selah*

⁴ May He grant you according to your heart's desire,

And fulfill all your purpose.

⁵ We will rejoice in your salvation,

And in the name of our God we will set up *our* banners!

May the LORD fulfill all your petitions.

⁶ Now I know that the LORD saves His anointed;

He will answer him from His holy heaven

With the saving strength of His right hand.

⁷ Some *trust* in chariots, and some in horses;

But we will remember the name of the LORD our God.

⁸ They have bowed down and fallen;

But we have risen and stand upright.

⁹ Save, LORD!

May the King answer us when we call.

⁸ Now Saul was consenting to his death.

At that time a great persecution arose against the church which was at Jerusalem; and they were all scattered throughout the regions of Judea and Samaria, except the apostles.

² And devout men carried Stephen to his burial, and made great lamentation over him.

³ As for Saul, he made havoc of the church, entering every house, and dragging off men and women, committing them to prison.

Christ Is Preached in Samaria

⁴ Therefore those who were scattered went everywhere preaching the word.

⁵ Then Philip went down to the city of Samaria and preached Christ to them.

⁶ And the multitudes with one accord heeded the things spoken by Philip, hearing and seeing the miracles which he did.

⁷ For unclean spirits, crying with a loud voice, came out of many who were possessed; and many who were paralyzed and lame were healed.

⁸ And there was great joy in that city.

⁹ But there was a certain man called Simon, who previously practiced sorcery in the city and astonished the people of Samaria, claiming that he was someone great,
¹⁰ to whom they all gave heed, from the least to the greatest, saying, "This man is the great power of God."

¹¹ And they heeded him because he had astonished them with his sorceries for a long time.

¹² But when they believed Philip as he preached the things concerning the kingdom of God and the name of Jesus Christ, both men and women were baptized.

¹³ Then Simon himself also believed; and when he was baptized he continued with Philip, and was amazed, seeing the miracles and signs which were done.

The Sorcerer's Sin

¹⁴ Now when the apostles who were at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had received the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them,

¹⁵ who, when they had come down, prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit.

¹⁶ For as yet He had fallen upon none of them. They had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus.

¹⁷ Then they laid hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

¹⁸ And when Simon saw that through the laying on of the apostles' hands the Holy Spirit was given, he offered them money,

¹⁹ saying, "Give me this power also, that anyone on whom I lay hands may receive the Holy Spirit."

²⁰ But Peter said to him, "Your money perish with you, because you thought that the gift of God could be purchased with money!

²¹ You have neither part nor portion in this matter, for your heart is not right in the sight of God.

²² Repent therefore of this your wickedness, and pray God if perhaps the thought of your heart may be forgiven you.

²³ For I see that you are poisoned by bitterness and bound by iniquity."

²⁴ Then Simon answered and said, "Pray to the Lord for me, that none of the things which you have spoken may come upon me."

²⁵ So when they had testified and preached the word of the Lord, they returned to Jerusalem, preaching the gospel in many villages of the Samaritans.