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**Subject:** Pastor's Weekly Email

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**From:** News from FCCV (lists@firstchurchofvernon.org)

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**To:**

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**Date:** Friday, March 31, 2017 11:02 AM

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Family and Friends of FCCV,

Today is a great day! Yes, I know it's cloudy and a bit gloomy. Yes, I know it's going to snow some and rain some. Yes, I know it's still cold. But ... it's a great day because I feel loved! Today is my birthday! Woo hoo! Already this morning, I have received phone calls, text messages, emails, Facebook posts, and cards from family and friends who are wishing me a lot of great things on this day ... and the cool thing is ... this will last throughout the day! All day long I will get messages from people who, at some point or another, will reach out and send wishes and blessings. Isn't it wonderful to know you are loved? To feel loved? (Bring on the birthday cake!) My birthday wish for you today is that you know that **you are loved by God ... every day, all day!** God treats us like it's our birthday EVERY day! God loves you! I pray that God's love warms your heart and fills your soul!

# loved.

Sunday, we will look at the story of Zacchaeus. You may remember singing the children's song about Zacchaeus who was "a very little man" and how he climbed up in a Sycamore tree because he heard Jesus was passing by his way and he wanted to see Jesus. What was Zacchaeus hoping for that day? Did he *want* to be seen by Jesus? Did he *need* to be seen by Jesus? What are *you* hoping for? What do *you* need from God? Come and hear Zacchaeus's story and see how it fits with your own.

Join us this Sunday! Come and experience God with us!

Grace be to y'all,  
Robin



## Prelude to the Preludes

From an 1882 cantata by Alfred Gaul, I'll play a piece whose words come from Corinthians: "Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him." Then, to paraphrase the blind man who begs Jesus for his sight in this week's scripture, we'll hear the well-known "Open My Eyes" by Clara Scott. I'll continue the visual imagery in the final prelude: Lowell Mason's "My Faith Looks Up to Thee."

During communion, I'll begin with the Adagio portion of J.S. Bach's "Tocatta, Adagio and Fugue." Its somewhat plodding bass line and chordal accompaniment may evoke the burden Jesus bore, its unresolved harmonies His grief, and its recitative-like melody in a high register His pleading. Then the gospel hymn "At Calvary" warmly tells us: "Mercy there was great and grace was free, Pardon there was multiplied to me, There my burdened soul found liberty, At Calvary." --James

**Reminder....**

**Kids' Night Out** – tomorrow evening from 5-9 PM

**Men's Corn Hole** this Sunday afternoon from 2-4 PM in Fellowship Hall.

**Correction....**

The time of the **Easter Sunrise Service** was listed incorrectly in the April Carillon and Calendar. **The starting time is 6 AM.**



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