

## Worship Service for December 28, 2025

Welcome and Announcements .....Barbara Towslee

The Prayer Group and Book Discussion will begin again on January 13, 2026. We will be reading and sharing our thoughts on a book by Max Lucado titled “What Happens Next – A Traveler’s Guide Through the End of this Age”.

Max writes this on the flyleaf: “Some people take up gardening or painting as they get older; I’ve taken up the questions about the rapture, the Antichrist, and Armageddon. I really, really want to know what’s around the corner.”

Won’t you join us? Let Pastor Theresa know if you would like to receive the link for this zoom discussion.

### Upcoming Events

Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday ..... Pastor Theresa is available by email, phone, or text. (802)535-7710

Thursday..... Happy New Year

### Celebrations

Happy Birthday to:

Linda Hulet on Tuesday

Happy Anniversary to:

Jeremy & Annie Crumb on Monday

**Word of Preparation** - Barb Towslee

**Prelude:** Above All

Verse 1

Above all powers, above all kings,  
Above all nature, and all created things,  
Above all wisdom and all the ways of man:  
You were here before the world began.

### Verse 2

Above all kingdoms, above all thrones,  
Above all wonders, the world has ever known,  
Above all wealth and treasures of the earth:  
There's no way to measure What You're worth.

### Chorus

Crucified; laid behind the stone.  
You lived to die; rejected and alone,  
Like a rose, trampled on the ground.  
You took the fall and thought of me, Above all  
Verse 1 & 2; Chorus 2x;

### Ending

You took the fall and thought of me, Above all

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### Call to Worship -

What a year this has been!  
**So many things have happened. Some of them have been wonderful; others very sad.**

In all of this our Lord has been with us, guiding, healing, comforting, and rejoicing.

**Thanks be to God for God's continual presence with us.**

Now we are on the threshold to a new tomorrow.

**We don't know what it will hold for us.**

In all of what is to come, our Lord will be with us.

**Guiding, healing, comforting, and rejoicing with us. Thank you, Lord, for your steadfast love and presence. AMEN.**

**Song: Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)**

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Verse 1

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound,  
That saved a wretch like me.  
I once was lost, but now I'm found;  
Was blind, but now I see.

Verse 2

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear;  
And grace my fears relieved.  
How precious did that grace appear;  
The hour I first believed.

Chorus

My chains are gone. I've been set free.  
My God my Savior, has ransomed me.  
And like a flood, His mercy rains.  
Unending love, amazing grace.

Verse 3

The Lord has promised good to me.  
His word my hope secures.  
He will my shield and portion be,  
As long as life endures.

Chorus 2x

Verse 4

The earth, shall soon, dissolve like snow.  
The sun forbear to shine,  
But God who called me here, below,  
Will be forever mine;  
Will be forever mine;  
You are forever mine.

Chris Tomlin, John Newton, Louie Giglio

**Praying Together ~**

**Our Father, Who Art in Heaven, Hallowed be Thy Name.  
Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done  
on earth as it is in heaven  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors  
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil  
For Thine is the Kingdom, and the power, and the glory  
forever, Amen**

**Song - You Are My King (Amazing Love)**

Verse 2x

I'm forgiven, because You were forsaken;  
I'm accepted, You were condemned.  
I'm alive and well, Your Spirit is within me,  
Because You died and rose again.

Chorus

Amazing love, How can it be,  
That You my King Would die for me.  
Amazing love, I know it's true,  
It's my joy to honor You;  
In all I do I honor You.

Bridge

You are my King! You are my King!  
Jesus, You are my King!  
Jesus, You are my King!

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**Intro to sermon** - Rev Dr Theresa Taylor

**Scripture text** -

Colossians 3:1-2

If then you were raised with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ is, sitting at the right hand of God. **2** Set your mind on things above, not on things on the earth.

Mathew 6:33

But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you.

Philippians 4:8

Finally, brethren, whatever things are true, whatever things *are* noble, whatever things *are* just, whatever things *are* pure, whatever things *are* lovely, whatever things *are* of good report, if *there is* any virtue and if *there is* anything praiseworthy—meditate on these things.

**Sermon** - “Focus above, not below.” - Rev Dr Theresa Taylor

**Song** -God of Wonders

Verse 1

Lord of all creation; Of water, earth and sky.  
The heavens are Your tabernacle;  
Glory to the Lord on high.

Chorus 1

God of wonders beyond our galaxy.<sup>5</sup>  
You are holy, holy.  
The universe declares Your majesty.  
You are holy, holy.  
Lord of heaven and earth;

Lord of heaven and earth.

Verse 2

Early in the morning, I will celebrate the light.  
When I stumble in the darkness,  
I will call Your name by night. Chorus 1

Bridge

Hallelujah! (to the Lord of heaven and earth);  
Hallelujah! (to the Lord of heaven and earth);  
Hallelujah! (to the Lord of heaven and earth);

Chorus 2

God of wonders beyond our galaxy,  
You are holy, holy.  
Precious Lord, reveal Your heart to me.  
Father hold me, hold me.  
The universe declares Your majesty.  
You are holy, holy, holy, holy.

Ending

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Marc Byrd, Steve Hindalong

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**Benediction** - Based on Heb 12:1-2

Since we stand surrounded by all those who have gone before,  
an enormous cloud of witnesses, let us drop every extra  
weight, every sin that clings to us and slackens our pace, and  
let us run with endurance the long race set before us.

**Purpose:**

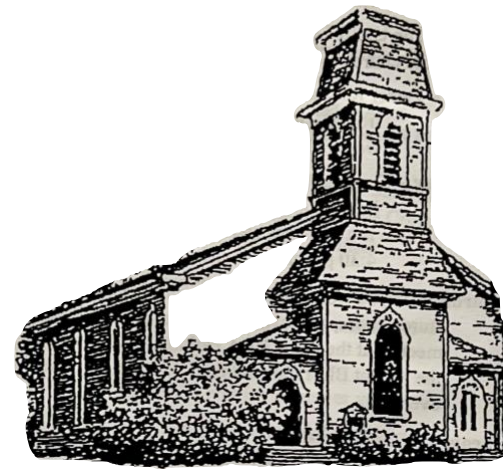
To share the love of Jesus

**Vision:**

Beacon of hope, welcoming all

**Mission:**

Worship God, Follow Jesus, Rely on the Holy Spirit, and Love  
Everyone.



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*and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us,  
2 looking unto Jesus, the [a]author and [b]finisher of our faith*

*Hebrews 12:1b-2a*