

Worship Service on October 15, 2023

Welcome and Announcements ~

Thank you to everyone who helped with the Chicken Pie Supper on Thursday!

Tonight ~ The Alpha Group has suspended meeting for now, and plans to reconvene in January with an invitation for families to attend.

Monday ~ Uplift Cancer Support Group meets at the church at 3 pm.

Tuesday ~ There is a Deacon Meeting at the church at 4:30 pm.

Wednesday ~ Women Who Pray will meet at the Sommons' home at 2 pm and be discussing Hagar and Rebekah.

~ There is a Christian Ed. Committee Meeting at 7:30 pm via zoom.

Thursday ~ The Prudential Committee meets at 5 pm at the church and via zoom.

~ Choir practice will be at the church at 7 pm.

~ Free Concert at the SVAC from 7:30 – 8:30 pm

Friday ~ There is a men's outing to watch a BBA football game at 7 pm at Applejack Field.

Saturday ~ The men's breakfast will be at the church at 9 am, followed by a meeting focused on healthy marriages.

~ We will be hosting a Harvest Party for the families in our community from 2 – 4 pm in the fellowship room.

Looking ahead ~

Next Sunday ~ The Annual Meeting for American Baptist Churches in the Southwest region of Vermont will be at 3 pm at the Baptist Church in South Londonderry.

Ongoing Opportunities ~ The Community Food Cupboard is collecting items for baking this month. They are also looking for a person from our church to serve as a board member.

Happy Birthday to Lisa Catapano-Friedman on Saturday!

Thank you to Carol Lattuga for the flowers today in loving memory of her mother, Mary Moore.

Word of Preparation ~ *"Self-rejection is the greatest enemy of the spiritual life because it contradicts the sacred voice that calls us the 'Beloved'. Being the Beloved expresses the core truth of our existence."*

~ Henri J.M. Nouwen

Life of the Beloved: Spiritual Living in a Secular World

Prelude ~ Please listen to *"I'm a Child of the King"* (performed by Fountainview Academy) as we prepare our hearts for worship

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Call to Worship ~ selected verses from **1 John 3 (NIV)**.

Please join in reading the bold lines.

¹ See what great love the Father has lavished on us,
that we should be called children of God!

And that is what we are!

The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him.

² **Dear friends, now we are children of God,
and what we will be has not yet been made known.**

But we know that when Christ appears, we shall be like him,
for we shall see him as he is.

³ **All who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.**

⁸ Dear children, let us not love with words or speech
but with actions and in truth.

¹⁹ **This is how we know that we belong to the truth
and how we set our hearts at rest in his presence:**

²⁰ If our hearts condemn us, we know that God is greater than our hearts,
and he knows everything.

²³ **This is his command:**

**to believe in the name of his Son, Jesus Christ,
and to love one another as he commanded us.**

²⁴ The one who keeps God's commands lives in him, and he in them.
And this is how we know that he lives in us:

We know it by the Spirit he gave us.

Song ~

“No Longer Slaves”

*You unravel me with a melody
You surround me with a song
Of deliverance from my enemies
Till all my fears are gone*

Chorus

***I'm no longer a slave to fear
I am a child of God
I'm no longer a slave to fear
I am a child of God***

*From my Mother's womb
You have chosen me
Love has called my name
I've been born again into Your family
Your blood flows through my veins*

Chorus (2 times)

*You split the sea so I could walk right through it
My fears were drowned in perfect love
You rescued me so I could stand and sing
I am a child of God*

Chorus

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Praying Together ~

Space for Requests

Our Father, Who Art in Heaven,

Hallowed be Your Name

Your Kingdom come,

Your 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 ~

“The Power of Your Love”

*Lord I come to You, let my heart be changed renewed
Flowing from the grace that I found in You
And Lord I've come to know the weaknesses I see in me
Will be stripped away by the power of Your love*

Chorus

***Hold me close, let Your love surround me
Bring me near, draw me to Your side
And as I wait I'll rise up like the eagle
And I will soar with You, Your Spirit leads me on
In the power of Your love***

*Lord unveil my eyes, let me see You face to face
The knowledge of Your love as You live in me
Lord renew my mind as Your will unfolds in my life
In living every day by the power of Your love*

Chorus two times

*And I will soar with You, Your Spirit leads me on
In the power of Your love*

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Special Guest Speaker ~ Scott Rancourt
Sharing about *The Fold* and *Journey True North*
and a message ~ **“Claiming Our Identity as the Beloved”**

Song ~

“Who You Say I Am”

*Who am I that the highest King would welcome me
I was lost but He brought me in
Oh His love for me, Oh His love for me
Who the Son sets free, Oh is free indeed
I'm a child of God, Yes I am
Free at last, He has ransomed me
His grace runs deep
While I was a slave to sin, Jesus died for me
Yes He died for me
Who the Son sets free, Oh is free indeed
I'm a child of God, Yes I am
In my Father's house there's a place for me
I'm a child of God, Yes I am
I am chosen not forsaken
I am who You say I am
You are for me not against me
I am who You say I am
[repeat]
I am who You say I am
Who the Son sets free, Oh is free indeed
I'm a child of God, Yes I am
In my Father's house there's a place for me
I'm a child of God, Yes I am
In my Father's house there's a place for me
I'm a child of God, Yes I am*

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Benediction ~

Zephaniah 3:17

**“The Lord your God is in your midst,
a mighty one who will save;
he will rejoice over you with gladness;
he will quiet you by his love;
he will exult over you with loud singing.”**

Postlude ~

“You are Beloved”

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