

Worship Service on October 29, 2023

Welcome and Announcements ~ Annie Crumb

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

~ Our church is preparing a meal for the Manchester Fire Department and serving it at the Firehouse on Monday evening. We're also baking cookies for the Police and Rescue Squad. If you would like to help, please contact Lisa Towslee at (802) 362-3076.

Thursday ~ The Interfaith Council is meeting at the Catholic Church at 11:45 am.

~ There will also be choir practice at the church at 7 pm.

Looking ahead ~ Rev. Dr. Theresa Taylor will be speaking on *The Great Banquet* next Sunday. Following the worship service, There will be a congregational meeting to discuss the needed repairs for the church building.

~ Matthew and Rebecca Sommons will be away from October 30th to November 8th. If you have a pastor care need during this time, please reach out to Rev. Theresa or one of the other deacons.

Ongoing Opportunities ~

*Happy Birthday to Lois Squires today
and to Tatiana Schweibenz on Wednesday!*



Thank you to John and Cheryl Hess for the flowers in loving memory of their parents George Hess & Shirley Guthridge and Ted and Julia Lee.

Mission Moment ~ Linell Pike will show a video about Operation Christmas Child. The boxes are due to the church by Sunday, November 12th.

Word of Preparation ~ Annie Crumb

Prelude ~ Please listen to *“Waiting Here for You”*

as we prepare our hearts for worship.

We will be singing this song together after the sermon.

Call to Worship ~ selected verses from Psalm 27 (NIV)

Please join in reading the bold lines.

¹ The Lord is my light and my salvation—

whom shall I fear?

The Lord is the stronghold of my life—

of whom shall I be afraid?

⁷ Hear my voice when I call, Lord;

be merciful to me and answer me.

¹¹ Teach me your way, Lord;

lead me in a straight path

because of my oppressors.

¹³ I remain confident of this:

I will see the goodness of the Lord

in the land of the living.

¹⁴ Wait for the Lord;

be strong and take heart

and wait for the Lord.

Song ~ “Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty” (#4, blue hymnal)

*Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty,
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!*

*Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee
Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea
Cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee
God ever living, through eternity*

*Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee
Though the sinful human eye they glory may not see
Only thou art holy; there is none beside thee
Perfect in power, in love, and purity*

*Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!*

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Choir Song ~ “I Worship You”

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 ~ The worship team will lead us in singing

“I Will Follow”

*Where You go I'll go. Where You stay I'll stay
When You move I'll move. I will follow
All Your ways are good. All Your ways are sure
I will trust in You alone
Higher than my sight, High above my life
I will trust in You alone*

Chorus

***Where You go I'll go. Where You stay I'll stay
When You move I'll move. I will follow You
Whom You love I'll love. How You serve I'll serve
If this life I lose, I will follow You
Yeah, I will follow You, yeah
Light into the world. Light into my life
I will live for You alone
You're the One I seek knowing I will find
All I need in You alone in You alone***

Chorus

***In You there's life everlasting. In You there's freedom for my soul
In You there's joy unending joy, and I will follow***

Chorus

***Yeah, I will follow You, yeah. I will follow You, yeah
I will follow You, yeah***

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Introducing the Sermon ~ Rev. Rebecca Sommons

Scripture Text ~ 1 Samuel 13:1-15 (TLB) read by Annie Crumb

¹ By this time Saul had reigned for one year.

In the second year of his reign,

² he selected three thousand special troops
and took two thousand of them with him to Michmash and Mount Bethel
while the other thousand remained with Jonathan, Saul's son, in Gibeah
in the land of Benjamin.

The rest of the army was sent home.

³⁻⁴ Then Jonathan attacked and destroyed
the garrison of the Philistines at Geba.

The news spread quickly throughout the land of the Philistines,
and Saul sounded the call to arms throughout Israel.

He announced that he had destroyed the Philistine garrison
and warned his men that the army of Israel stank to high heaven
as far as the Philistines were concerned.

So the entire Israeli army mobilized again and joined at Gilgal.

⁵ The Philistines recruited a mighty army
of three thousand chariots, six thousand horsemen,
and so many soldiers that they were as thick as sand along the seashore;
and they camped at Michmash east of Beth-aven.

⁶ When the men of Israel saw the vast mass of enemy troops,
they lost their nerve entirely and tried to hide in caves,
thickets, coverts, among the rocks, and even in tombs and cisterns.

⁷ Some of them crossed the Jordan River and escaped
to the land of Gad and Gilead.

Meanwhile, Saul stayed at Gilgal,
and those who were with him trembled with fear
at what awaited them.

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⁸ Samuel had told Saul earlier to wait seven days for his arrival,
but when he still didn't come,

and Saul's troops were rapidly slipping away,
⁹ he decided to sacrifice the burnt offering
and the peace offerings himself.

¹⁰ But just as he was finishing, Samuel arrived.

Saul went out to meet him and to receive his blessing,

¹¹ but Samuel said, "What is this you have done?"

"Well," Saul replied, "when I saw that my men were scattering from me,
and that you hadn't arrived by the time you said you would,
and that the Philistines were at Michmash, ready for battle,

¹² I said, 'The Philistines are ready to march against us
and I haven't even asked for the Lord's help!'

So I reluctantly offered the burnt offering
without waiting for you to arrive."

¹³ "You fool!" Samuel exclaimed.

"You have disobeyed the commandment of the Lord your God.

He was planning to make you and your descendants
kings of Israel forever,

¹⁴ but now your dynasty must end;
for the Lord wants a man who will obey him.

And he has discovered the man he wants
and has already appointed him as king over his people;
for you have not obeyed the Lord's commandment."

¹⁵ Samuel then left Gilgal and went to Gibeah in the land of Benjamin.
When Saul counted the soldiers who were still with him,
he found only six hundred left!

Sermon~ "Prioritizing God's Timing" ~ Rev. Rebecca Sommons

Song ~ The worship team will lead us in singing

“Waiting Here for You”

If faith can move the mountains, let the mountains move

We come with expectation, waiting here for You

Waiting here for You

You're the Lord of all creation and still You know my heart

The Author of salvation, You've loved us from the start

Chorus

Waiting here for You with our hands lifted high in praise

And it's You we adore, singing alleluia

You are everything You've promised. Your faithfulness is true

We're desperate for Your presence. All we need is You

Chorus (two times)

We will wait for You Lord

In step with You Lord, we sing alleluia

Singing alleluia, alleluia (2X)

Chorus

Singing alleluia, Singing alleluia

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Benediction ~ Isaiah 40:29-31 (GW)

²⁹ God gives strength to those who grow tired

and increases the strength of those who are weak.

³⁰ Even young people grow tired and become weary,

and young men will stumble and fall.

³¹ Yet, the strength of those who wait with hope in the Lord

will be renewed.

They will soar on wings like eagles.

They will run and won't become weary.

They will walk and won't grow tired.