

## Worship Service on November 19, 2023

### Welcome and Announcements ~ Cara Davenport

A big thank you to everyone who prepared a Christmas Child box and to the donor who paid for the shipping. These will be a blessing to some happy kids this Christmas!

**Tuesday** ~ There is an Interfaith Thanksgiving Service at Israel Congregation's synagogue at 7 pm. There is also a zoom link for those who would like to attend from home.

**Thursday** ~ Happy Thanksgiving!

**Saturday** ~ Alternative Gift Fair at the Dorset Church from 9 am – 2 pm.

**Ongoing opportunities** ~ The mission focus for November is International Ministries, and there are special envelopes for this world mission offering.  
~ We also appreciate your generosity in giving to the church building preservation fund.

*Happy Birthday to Lorraine Wilkins on Wednesday  
and to Kay Keith next Sunday!*

*Happy 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary to John and Cheryl Hess this past week!*

*Thank you to Judy Koch for the Thanksgiving arrangements.*



### Word of Preparation ~ Cara Davenport

**Prelude** ~ Please prepare your hearts for worship as you listen to a song called "Cover Us."

### Call to Worship ~ selected verses from Isaiah 43 (NIV)

read by Cara Davenport. Please join in reading the bold lines.

<sup>1</sup> But now, this is what the Lord says—

he who created you, Jacob, he who formed you, Israel:

**“Do not fear, for I have redeemed you;**

**I have summoned you by name; you are mine.**

<sup>2</sup> When you pass through the waters, I will be with you;

**and when you pass through the rivers, they will not sweep over you.**

When you walk through the fire, you will not be burned;

**the flames will not set you ablaze.**

<sup>3</sup> For I am the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior...

<sup>5</sup> **Do not be afraid, for I am with you...**

<sup>15</sup> I am the Lord, your Holy One,

**Israel's Creator, your King...**

<sup>18</sup> “Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past.

<sup>19</sup> **See, I am doing a new thing!**

Now it springs up; do you not perceive it?

**I am making a way in the wilderness**

**and streams in the wasteland.**



Song ~

**“Here for You”**

*Let our praise be Your welcome. Let our songs be a sign*

*We are here for You. We are here for You*

*Let Your breath come from heaven. Fill our hearts with Your life*

*We are here for You. We are here for You*

**Chorus**

***To You our hearts are open. Nothing here is hidden***

***You are our one desire***

***You alone are holy. Only You are worthy***

***God let Your fire fall down***

*Let our shout be Your anthem, Your renown fill the sky*

*We are here for You. We are here for You*

*Let Your Word move in power. Let what's dead come to life*

*We are here for You. We are here for You*

**Chorus**

*We welcome You with praise. We welcome You with praise*

*Almighty God of love, Be welcome in this place*

**(REPEAT)**

*Let every heart adore. Let every soul awake*

*Almighty God of love, be welcome in this place*

*We welcome You with praise. We welcome You with praise*

*Almighty God of love, be welcome in this place*

CCLI Song # 5925649      Jesse Reeves | Matt Maher | Matt Redman | Tim Wanstall

© 2011 Chrysalis Music Ltd.; Thankyou Music

CCLI License # 11289244

**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 ~

**“Unfailing Love”**

*You have my heart, and I am Yours forever*

*You are my strength, God of grace and power*

*And everything You hold in Your hand*

*Still You make time for me. I can't understand*

**Chorus**

***Praise You God of earth and sky***

***How beautiful is Your unfailing love***

***Unfailing love***

***And You never change God You remain***

***The Holy One and my unfailing love***

***Unfailing love***

*You are my rock, the One I hold on to*

*You are my song, and I sing for You*

*And everything, You hold in Your hand*

*Still You make time for me. I can't understand*

**Chorus**

*You have my heart, and I am Yours forever*

*You are my strength, God of grace and power*

*And everything You hold in Your hand*

*Still You make time for me. I can't understand*

CCLI Song # 4403227      Cary Pierce | Chris Tomlin | Ed Cash

© 2004 Bridge Building Music, Inc.      CCLI License # 11289244

**Introducing the Sermon ~ Rev. Rebecca Sommons**

**Scripture Text ~ 1 Samuel 16:1-13 (NIV)** read by Cara Davenport

The Lord said to Samuel, "How long will you mourn for Saul,  
since I have rejected him as king over Israel?"

Fill your horn with oil and be on your way;

I am sending you to Jesse of Bethlehem.

I have chosen one of his sons to be king."

<sup>2</sup> But Samuel said, "How can I go? If Saul hears about it, he will kill me."

The Lord said, "Take a heifer with you and say,

'I have come to sacrifice to the Lord.'

<sup>3</sup> Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what to do.

You are to anoint for me the one I indicate."

<sup>4</sup> Samuel did what the Lord said.

When he arrived at Bethlehem,  
the elders of the town trembled when they met him.

They asked, "Do you come in peace?"

<sup>5</sup> Samuel replied, "Yes, in peace; I have come to sacrifice to the Lord.

Consecrate yourselves and come to the sacrifice with me."

Then he consecrated Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice.

<sup>6</sup> When they arrived, Samuel saw Eliab

and thought, "Surely the Lord's anointed stands here before the Lord."

<sup>7</sup> But the Lord said to Samuel,

"Do not consider his appearance or his height, for I have rejected him.

The Lord does not look at the things people look at.

People look at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart."

<sup>8</sup> Then Jesse called Abinadab and had him pass in front of Samuel.

But Samuel said, "The Lord has not chosen this one either."

<sup>9</sup> Jesse then had Shammah pass by, but Samuel said,

"Nor has the Lord chosen this one."

<sup>10</sup> Jesse had seven of his sons pass before Samuel,  
but Samuel said to him, "The Lord has not chosen these."

*(Continued on the next page)*

<sup>11</sup> So he asked Jesse, "Are these all the sons you have?"

"There is still the youngest," Jesse answered. "He is tending the sheep."

Samuel said, "Send for him; we will not sit down until he arrives."

<sup>12</sup> So he sent for him and had him brought in.

He was glowing with health and had a fine appearance  
and handsome features.

Then the Lord said, "Rise and anoint him; this is the one."

<sup>13</sup> So Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him

in the presence of his brothers, and from that day on  
the Spirit of the Lord came powerfully upon David.

Samuel then went to Ramah.

**Sermon~ "God is Doing a New Thing" ~ Rev. Rebecca Sommons**

**Song ~ "Morning Has Broken" (#53 in the blue hymnal)**

*Morning has broken like the first morning,  
Blackbird has spoken like the first bird  
Praise for the singing! Praise for the morning!  
Praise for them, springing fresh from the Word!*  
*Seet the rain's new fall sunlit from heaven  
Like the first dewfall of the first grass  
Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden  
Sprung in completeness where God's feet pass*  
*Mine is the sunlight! Mine is the morning  
Born of the one light Eden saw play!  
Praise with elation, praise every morning,  
God's recreation of the new day!*

Words ~ Eleanor Farjeon, 1931 Music ~ Gaelic melody

**Benediction ~ Psalm 30:4-5 (GNT)**