

## Worship Service on February 25, 2024

**Welcome and Announcements** ~ Lisa Catapano-Friedman

**This afternoon** ~ There will be visitation and a funeral service for Steve Cyr here at the church beginning at 1:30 pm.

**Tonight** ~ Everyone is invited to join in the fun at Alpha beginning at 5pm with your favorite appetizers here at the church.  
~ There is also a youth activity at Zion at 5 pm.

**Tuesday** ~ The Pastoral Relations Committee will meet at the Comar home at 2 pm.

**Wednesday** ~ The Seeking God Together group will meet via zoom at 11 am.

**Thursday** ~ Choir Practice at 7 pm in the fellowship room.

Happy Birthday to Jae on Tuesday and to Carol Lattuga on Friday!

Thank you to Cheryl and John Hess for the flowers  
in loving memory of moms, Shirley Guthridge and Julia Lee

**Word of Preparation** ~ Lisa Catapano-Friedman

**Choir Song** ~ *“Time with God”*

**Call to Worship** ~ selected verses from Psalm 118 (NIV)

Please join in reading the bold lines.

<sup>1</sup> Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;  
**his love endures forever.**

<sup>5</sup> When hard pressed, I cried to the Lord;  
**he brought me into a spacious place.**

<sup>21</sup> I will give you thanks, for you answered me;  
**you have become my salvation.**

<sup>24</sup> The Lord has done it this very day;  
**let us rejoice today and be glad**

**Song** ~ The Worship Team will lead us in singing

### **“This is the Day”**

*I'm casting my cares aside. I'm leaving my past behind  
I'm setting my heart and mind on You Jesus  
I'm reaching my hands to Yours, believing there's so much more  
Knowing that all You have in store for me is good. It's good*

### **Chorus**

***Today is the day You have made. I will rejoice and be glad in it  
Today is the day You have made. I will rejoice and be glad in it  
And I won't worry about tomorrow. I'm trusting in what You say  
Today is the day. Today is the day***

*I'm putting my fears aside. I'm leaving my doubts behind  
I'm giving my hopes and dreams to You Jesus  
I'm reaching my hands to Yours, believing there's so much more  
Knowing that all You have in store for me is good. It's good*

### **Chorus**

#### **(Main part)**

I will stand upon Your truth  
And all my days I'll live for You  
And I will stand upon Your truth  
And all my days I'll live for You

#### **(Echo part)**

(I will stand upon Your truth)  
(All my days I'll live for You)  
(I will stand upon Your truth)  
(All my days I'll live)

***Today is the day You have made. I will rejoice and be glad in it  
Today is the day You have made. I will rejoice and be glad in it  
And I won't worry about tomorrow.  
I'm giving You my fears and sorrows. Where You lead me I will follow  
I'm trusting in what You say.  
Today is the day (5X)***

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## 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 ~ “Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above” (#6 blue hymnal)

*Sing praise to God who reigns above, the God of all creation  
The God of power, the God of love, the God of our salvation  
With healing balm my soul is filled, and every faithless murmur stilled  
To God all praise and glory*

*Our God is never far away, but through all grief distressing  
An ever-present help and stay, our peace and joy and blessing  
As with a mother’s tender hand, God gently leads the chosen band  
To God all praise and glory*

*Then all my gladsome way along, I sing aloud your praises  
That all may hear the grateful song my voice unwearied raises  
Be joyful in the Lord, my heart, both soul and body bear your part  
To God all praise and glory*

*Let all who name Christ’s holy name give God all praise and glory  
Let all who own God’s power proclaim aloud the wondrous story!  
Cast each false idol from its throne, for Christ is Lord, and Christ alone  
To God all praise and glory*

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## Introducing the Sermon ~ Pastor Rebecca

## Scripture Text ~ Mark 7:24-30 (NIV) read by Lisa Catapano-Friedman

<sup>24</sup> Jesus left that place  
and went to the vicinity of Tyre.  
He entered a house  
and did not want anyone to know it;  
yet he could not keep his presence secret.  
<sup>25</sup> In fact, as soon as she heard about him,  
a woman whose little daughter  
was possessed by an impure spirit  
came and fell at his feet.  
<sup>26</sup> The woman was a Greek,  
born in Syrian Phoenicia.  
She begged Jesus  
to drive the demon out of her daughter.  
<sup>27</sup> “First let the children eat all they want,”  
he told her,  
“for it is not right to take the children’s bread  
and toss it to the dogs.”  
<sup>28</sup> “Lord,” she replied,  
“even the dogs under the table  
eat the children’s crumbs.”  
<sup>29</sup> Then he told her,  
“For such a reply, you may go;  
the demon has left your daughter.”  
<sup>30</sup> She went home  
and found her child lying on the bed,  
and the demon gone.

## Sermon~ “Facing Resistance”

~ Rev. Rebecca Sommons

**Song ~ “Now I Belong to Jesus” (#258 in the red hymnal)**

*Jesus my Lord will love me forever  
From Him no power of evil can sever  
He gave His life to ransom my soul  
Now I belong to Him*

**Refrain**

***Now I belong to Jesus, Jesus belongs to me  
Not for the years of time alone, but for eternity***

*Once I was lost in sin's degradation  
Jesus came down to bring me salvation  
Lifted me up from sorrow and shame  
Now I belong to Him   **(Refrain)***

*Joy floods my soul for Jesus has saved me  
Freed me from sin that long had enslaved me  
His precious blood He gave to redeem  
Now I belong to Him   **(Refrain)***

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**Benediction ~ 1 Thessalonians 5:23-24 (GNT)**

May the God who gives us peace  
make you holy in every way  
and keep your whole being—spirit, soul, and body—  
free from every fault  
at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.  
He who calls you will do it,  
because he is faithful.