

## Worship Service on February 4, 2024

### Welcome and Announcements ~ Annie Crumb

**Today** ~ Everyone is welcome to stay for a time of fellowship and lunch following the service. The Annual Business Meeting will begin in the sanctuary and on zoom following lunch.

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

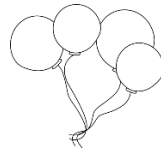
**Tuesday** ~ The Deacons will meet at 4:30 pm via zoom.  
~ Prayer Group and a Book Discussion of *God Never Gives Up on You* chapters 5-6 via zoom at 7 pm.

**Thursday** ~ The Pork Take-out dinner will begin at 5 pm.  
~ Missions meeting at 4:30 pm in the upstairs office.  
~ Prudential meeting at 5:30 pm in the office.  
~ Choir Practice at 7 pm in the fellowship room.

**Next Sunday** ~ The Mary and Martha breakfast and meeting begin at 8:30 am, followed by Sunday School upstairs at 9:30, and the worship service at 10:30 am.  
~ Everyone is welcome to come to Alpha for a potluck supper, games, video, and discussion about a faith question.  
Please let the Taylors know if you are planning to come.

**Ongoing Opportunity** ~ There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the fellowship room for those who would like to help with our regular fellowship times.

Happy Birthday to Lisa Towslee today,  
to Dottie Sundquist tomorrow,  
to Martha Bowen on Wednesday,  
and to Natalie Sommons on Friday.



### Word of Preparation ~ Annie Crumb

**Prelude** ~ Please prepare your hearts for worship as you listen to Matthew share **“Cover Us.”**

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**Call to Worship ~ selected verses from Psalm 41 (NIV)**  
Please join in reading the bold lines.

<sup>1</sup> Blessed are those who have regard for the weak;  
**the Lord delivers them in times of trouble.**

<sup>2</sup> The Lord protects and preserves them—  
**they are counted among the blessed in the land—  
he does not give them over to the desire of their foes.**

<sup>3</sup> The Lord sustains them on their sickbed  
**and restores them from their bed of illness.**

<sup>4</sup> I said, “Have mercy on me, Lord;  
**heal me, for I have sinned against you.”**

<sup>10</sup> May you have mercy on me, Lord;  
**raise me up...**

<sup>13</sup> Praise be to the Lord, the God of Israel,  
**from everlasting to everlasting.**

Song ~

***“This is Amazing Grace”***

*Who breaks the power of sin and darkness  
Whose love is mighty and so much stronger  
The King of Glory the King above all kings  
Who shakes the whole earth with holy thunder  
And leaves us breathless in awe and wonder  
The King of Glory the King above all kings*

**Chorus**

***(Yeah) (Oh) This is amazing grace. This is unfailing love  
That You would take my place. That You would bear my cross  
You laid down Your life that I would be set free  
Oh ~ Jesus I sing for all that You've done for me***

*Who brings our chaos back into order  
Who makes the orphan a son and daughter  
The King of Glory the King of Glory  
Who rules the nations with truth and justice  
Shines like the sun in all of its brilliance  
The King of Glory the King above all kings*

**Chorus**

*Worthy is the Lamb who was slain  
Worthy is the King who conquered the grave  
Worthy is the Lamb who was slain  
Worthy is the King who conquered the grave  
Worthy is the Lamb who was slain  
Worthy is the King who conquered the grave  
Worthy is the Lamb who was slain  
Worthy, worthy, worthy*

**Chorus**

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Praying Together ~

Space for prayer requests

**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**

Choir Song ~

***“Come, Come Unto Me”***

**Introducing the Sermon ~** Pastor Rebecca

**Scripture Text ~ Mark 2:1-12 (NIV)** read by Annie Crumb

<sup>1</sup> A few days later, when Jesus again entered Capernaum,  
the people heard that he had come home.

<sup>2</sup> They gathered in such large numbers that there was no room left,  
not even outside the door, and he preached the word to them.

<sup>3</sup> Some men came, bringing to him a paralyzed man,  
carried by four of them.

<sup>4</sup> Since they could not get him to Jesus because of the crowd,  
they made an opening in the roof above Jesus by digging through it  
and then lowered the mat the man was lying on.

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<sup>5</sup> When Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralyzed man,  
“Son, your sins are forgiven.”

<sup>6</sup> Now some teachers of the law were sitting there,  
thinking to themselves, <sup>7</sup>“Why does this fellow talk like that?  
He’s blaspheming! Who can forgive sins but God alone?”

<sup>8</sup> Immediately Jesus knew in his spirit  
that this was what they were thinking in their hearts,  
and he said to them, “Why are you thinking these things?

<sup>9</sup> Which is easier: to say to this paralyzed man,  
‘Your sins are forgiven,’  
or to say, ‘Get up, take your mat and walk’?

<sup>10</sup> But I want you to know that the Son of Man  
has authority on earth to forgive sins.”

So he said to the man,

<sup>11</sup> “I tell you, get up, take your mat and go home.”

<sup>12</sup> He got up, took his mat and walked out in full view of them all.  
This amazed everyone and they praised God,  
saying, “We have never seen anything like this!”

**Sermon~ “Encountering Jesus when We are Desperate”**

**~ Rev. Rebecca Sommons**

Space for notes

**Song ~ “Come Share the Lord” (#408, blue hymnal)**

*We gather here in Jesus’ name  
His love is burning in our hearts like living flame  
For through the loving Son the Father makes us one  
Come take the bread, come, drink the wine, come share the Lord  
No one is a stranger here; everyone belongs  
Finding our forgiveness here, we in turn forgive all wrongs  
He joins us here, he breaks the bread  
The Lord who pours the cup is risen from the dead  
The one we love the most is now our gracious host  
Come, take the bread, come, drink the wine, come, share the Lord  
We are now a family of which the Lord is head  
Though unseen he meets us here in the breaking of the bread  
We’ll gather soon where angels sing  
We’ll see the glory of our Lord and coming King  
Now we anticipate the feast for which we wait  
Come, take the bread, come, drink the wine, come share the Lord*

Words and Music ~ Bryan Jeffery Leech, 1984

**Communion ~**

Everyone is welcome to come to the Lord’s table  
and receive the bread and juice  
with gratitude for what Jesus has done to make us whole.



Song ~

**“Jesus Messiah”**

*He became sin who knew no sin  
That we might become His righteousness  
He humbled Himself and carried the cross  
Love so amazing love so amazing*

**Chorus**

***Jesus Messiah, Name above all names  
Blessed Redeemer, Emmanuel  
The Rescue for sinners  
The Ransom from heaven  
Jesus Messiah, Lord of all***

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*His body the bread His blood the wine  
Broken and poured out all for love  
The whole earth trembled and the veil was torn  
Love so amazing love so amazing*

**Chorus**

*All our hope is in You. All our hope is in You  
All the glory to You God, The Light of the world*

**Chorus**

*Jesus Messiah, Lord of all  
The Lord of all, The Lord of all*

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**Benediction ~ Ephesians 3:20-21**

Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more  
than all we ask or imagine,  
according to his power that is at work within us,  
to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus  
throughout all generations, for ever and ever!    Amen