

Worship Service on March 10, 2024

Welcome and Announcements ~ John Hess

Tonight ~ Alpha is meeting tonight at 5 pm and the theme for the meal is chicken tacos. You are invited to bring your favorite toppings.

Wednesday ~ The Wisdom of the Body group is meeting at the Sommons' home at 10 am and discussing chapter 8.

Thursday ~ There will be a Mission Meeting via zoom at 4 pm.

Saturday ~ Men are invited to meet at the church for breakfast, fellowship, and their monthly meeting beginning at 9 am.

Happy Birthday to Alan McGraw on Monday and
to Jacob Dombroski on Friday!



Thank you to Lindy Mylott for the flowers in loving memory
of her father, Wayne Norse & her aunt, Cora West

Mission Moment ~ Bryan Richheimer will introduce the America for Christ giving opportunity for this month. There are giving envelopes available near the offering box, or you can write AFC in the memo line of your check.

Word of Preparation ~ John Hess

Prelude ~ You are welcome to sing along
as we prepare our hearts for worship.

“As the Deer”

*As the deer panteth for the water
So my soul longeth after Thee
You alone are my heart's desire
And I long to worship Thee*

Chorus

*You alone are my strength my shield
To You alone may my spirit yield
You alone are my heart's desire
And I long to worship Thee*

*You're my friend and You are my brother
Even though You are a King
I love You more than any other
So much more than anything (Chorus)*

*I want You more than gold or silver
Only You can satisfy
You alone are the real joy-giver
And the apple of my eye (Chorus)*

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Call to Worship ~ Mark 4:14-20 (NIV) read by John Hess.

Please join in on the bold lines.

¹⁴ The farmer sows the word.

¹⁵ **Some people are like seed along the path,
where the word is sown.**

As soon as they hear it,

Satan comes and takes away the word that was sown in them.

¹⁶ **Others, like seed sown on rocky places,
hear the word and at once receive it with joy.**

¹⁷ But since they have no root, they last only a short time.
When trouble or persecution comes because of the word,
they quickly fall away.

¹⁸ **Still others, like seed sown among thorns, hear the word;**

¹⁹ but the worries of this life, the deceitfulness of wealth
and the desires for other things come in and choke the word,
making it unfruitful.

²⁰ **Others, like seed sown on good soil,
hear the word, accept it, and produce a crop—
some thirty, some sixty, some a hundred times what was sown.”**

Song ~ The worship team will lead us in singing

“Lay Me Down”

With this heart open wide, from the depths from the heights

I will bring a sacrifice

With these hands lifted high, hear my song hear my cry

I will bring a sacrifice. I will bring a sacrifice

Chorus

I lay me down. I'm not my own. I belong to You alone

Lay me down, lay me down

Oh ~ hand on my heart this much is true ~

There's no life apart from You

Lay me down, lay me down

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*Letting go of my pride. Giving up all my rights
Take this life and let it shine. Take this life and let it shine*

Chorus

Oh lay me down, lay me down, Lay me down

It will be my joy to say, Your will Your way

It will be my joy to say, Your will Your way

It will be my joy to say, Your will Your way always

(REPEAT)

Chorus

Oh ~ lay me down, lay me down,

Lay me down

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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**

Song ~ Please join the worship team in singing ~

“Above All”

*Above all powers above all kings
Above all nature and all created things
Above all wisdom and all the ways of man
You were here before the world began
Above all kingdoms above all thrones
Above all wonders the world has ever known
Above all wealth and treasures of the earth
There's no way to measure
What You're worth*

Chorus

*Crucified laid behind the stone
You lived to die rejected and alone
Like a rose trampled on the ground
You took the fall and thought of me
Above all
[repeat all]
Like a rose trampled on the ground
You took the fall and thought of me
Above all*

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Introducing the Sermon ~ Pastor Rebecca

Scripture Text ~ **Mark 10:17-31 (NIV)** read by John Hess

¹⁷ As Jesus started on his way,
a man ran up to him and fell on his knees before him.
“Good teacher,” he asked, “what must I do to inherit eternal life?”
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¹⁸ “Why do you call me good?” Jesus answered.

“No one is good—except God alone.

¹⁹ You know the commandments:

‘You shall not murder, you shall not commit adultery, you shall not steal,
you shall not give false testimony, you shall not defraud,
honor your father and mother.’”

²⁰ “Teacher,” he declared, “all these I have kept since I was a boy.”

²¹ Jesus looked at him and loved him.

“One thing you lack,” he said.

“Go, sell everything you have and give to the poor,
and you will have treasure in heaven.

Then come, follow me.” ²² At this the man’s face fell.

He went away sad because he had great wealth.

²³ Jesus looked around and said to his disciples,

“How hard it is for the rich to enter the kingdom of God!”

²⁴ The disciples were amazed at his words.

But Jesus said again,

“Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God!

²⁵ It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle
than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God.”

²⁶ The disciples were even more amazed, and said to each other,

“Who then can be saved?” ²⁷ Jesus looked at them and said,

“With man this is impossible, but not with God;
all things are possible with God.”

²⁸ Then Peter spoke up, “We have left everything to follow you!”

²⁹ “Truly I tell you,” Jesus replied,

“no one who has left home or brothers or sisters
or mother or father or children or fields for me and the gospel
³⁰ will fail to receive a hundred times as much in this present age:
homes, brothers, sisters, mothers, children and fields—
along with persecutions— and in the age to come eternal life.
³¹ But many who are first will be last, and the last first.”

Sermon~ “Jesus Challenges Our Attachments”

~ Rev. Rebecca Sommons

Song ~ The worship team will lead us in singing

“The Same Love”

*You choose the humble and raise them high
You choose the weak and make them strong
You heal our brokenness inside, and give us life*

Chorus

*The same love that set the captives free
The same love that opened eyes to see
Is calling us all by name. You are calling us all by name
The same God that spread the heavens wide
The same God that was crucified
Is calling us all by name. You are calling us all by name
You take the faithless one aside and speak the words you are Mine
You call the cynic and the proud, come to Me now*

Chorus

*You're calling. You're calling. You're calling us to the cross
You're calling. You're calling. You're calling us to the cross*

(REPEAT)

Chorus

*You're calling. You're calling. You're calling us to the cross
You're calling. You're calling. You're calling us to the cross*

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Benediction ~ Ephesians 6:23-24 (NIV)

²³Peace to the brothers and sisters, and love with faith
from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

²⁴Grace to all who love our Lord Jesus Christ with an undying love.