

Worship Service on April 14, 2024

Welcome and Announcements ~ Lisa Towslee

Tonight ~ Alpha for Everyone will be meeting at 5 pm and having a pizza potluck along with their activities and discussion time.
~ If you would like to attend a meeting where Vermont Interfaith Action will address concerns of unhoused persons during severe weather it will be from 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm tonight at 2nd Congregational Church (115 Hillside St).

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

Wednesday ~ Wisdom of the Body Group will meet at 10 am at Taylor's home and discuss chapter 9.
~ The women discussing *Untangling Your Emotions* will meet at Kay Keith's house at 1:30 pm to discuss chapters 5 & 6.

Saturday ~ The men are meeting for breakfast at the church at 9 am.
Everyone is invited to join in Spring Cleaning the church at 10 am.



Thank you to Peggy Brockett for the flowers today
in loving memory of her Grandparents, Edith and Willard Thompson.

Word of Preparation ~ Lisa Towslee

Prelude ~ Please listen to Ken and Theresa Taylor share **“Breathe”**
as we prepare our hearts for worship.

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Call to Worship ~ Psalm 47:1-2, -8 (NIV) read by Lisa Towslee.

Please join in on the bold lines.

¹ Come, everyone! Clap your hands! Shout to God with joyful praise!

² For the Lord Most High is awesome.

He is the great King of all the earth.

⁵ God has ascended with a mighty shout.

The Lord has ascended with trumpets blaring.

⁶ Sing praises to God, sing praises;

sing praises to our King, sing praises!

⁷ For God is the King over all the earth. Praise him with a psalm.

⁸ God reigns above the nations, sitting on his holy throne.

Song ~

“Awesome is the Lord Most High”

Great are You Lord mighty in strength.

You are faithful and You will ever be

We will praise You all of our days

It's for Your glory we offer everything

Chorus 1 ~ Raise your hands all you nations.

Shout to God all creation

How awesome is the Lord most high

Where You send us God we will go

You're the answer we want the world to know

We will trust You when You call our name

Where You lead us we'll follow all the way

Chorus 2 ~ Raise your hands all you nations.

Shout to God all creation

How awesome is the Lord most high

We will praise You together for now and forever

How awesome is the Lord most high

Hallelujah, Hallelujah! How awesome is the Lord most high (2x)

[sing Chorus 2 two times]

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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 ~ “Be Thou My Vision” (#595 in the blue hymnal)

*Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart
Naught be all else to me, save that thou art
Thou my best thought by day or by night
Waking or sleeping, thy presence my light
Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord
Thou my redeemer, my love thou hast won
Thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one
Riches I heed not, nor vain, empty praise
Thou mine inheritance, now and always
Thou and thou only, first in my heart
Great God of heaven, my treasure thou art
Great God of heaven, my victory won
May I reach heaven’s joys, O bright heaven’s Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall
Still be my vision, O Ruler of all*

Words ~ Irish son (8th century), translated by Mary E. Byrne, 1905
Music ~ Traditional Irish melody, harm. Carlton R. Young, 1963

Introducing the Sermon ~ Pastor Rebecca Sommons

Scripture Text ~ Ephesians 1:15-23 (NLT) read by Lisa Towslee

- ¹⁵ Ever since I first heard of your strong faith in the Lord Jesus and your love for God’s people everywhere,
¹⁶ I have not stopped thanking God for you.
I pray for you constantly,
¹⁷ asking God, the glorious Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, to give you spiritual wisdom and insight so that you might grow in your knowledge of God.
¹⁸ I pray that your hearts will be flooded with light so that you can understand the confident hope he has given to those he called—
his holy people
who are his rich and glorious inheritance.
¹⁹ I also pray that you will understand the incredible greatness of God’s power for us who believe him.
This is the same mighty power
²⁰ that raised Christ from the dead and seated him in the place of honor at God’s right hand in the heavenly realms.
²¹ Now he is far above any ruler or authority or power or leader or anything else—
not only in this world but also in the world to come.
²² God has put all things under the authority of Christ and has made him head over all things for the benefit of the church.
²³ And the church is his body; it is made full and complete by Christ, who fills all things everywhere with himself.

Sermon~ “Thanking God” ~ Pastor Rebecca Sommons

Song ~

“Overcome”

*Seated above enthroned in the Father's love
Destined to die poured out for all mankind
God's only Son perfect and spotless One
He never sinned but suffered as if He did
All authority, every victory is Yours
All authority, every victory is Yours*

Chorus

*Savior, worthy of honor and glory
Worthy of all our praise, for You overcame
Jesus, awesome in power forever
Awesome and great is Your Name, for You overcame
Power in hand speaking the Father's plan
You're sending us out light in this broken land
All authority, every victory is Yours
All authority, every victory is Yours*

Chorus

*Bridge ~ We will overcome by the blood of the Lamb
And the word of our testimony. Everyone overcome*

[repeat]

Chorus

*Savior, worthy of honor and glory
Worthy of all our praise, for You overcame*

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Benediction ~ 2 Corinthians 13:14 (NLT)

May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ,
the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit
be with you all.