

Worship Service for May 11, 2025

Welcome and Announcements ~ Lisa Catapano - Friedman

*A big thank you to the men who prepared and served
breakfast this morning!*

Monday ~ Uplift Cancer Support Group meets in the fellowship room
at 2 pm.

~ Genesis Bible Study will meet at 6 pm at the church.

Tuesday ~ Pastor Rebecca plans to be at Charlie's Coffeehouse
from 10 am to 1 pm. If you would like to visit,
please let her know.

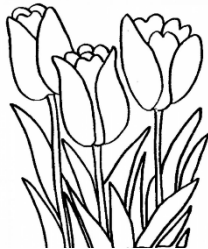
~ Footprints Grief Group will meet at 2 pm at church.

~ The Deacons will be meeting at the church at 3:30 pm.

Wednesday ~ The PRC is meeting at Jim Comar's house at 12:30 pm
for lunch and discussion.

Thursday ~ The Prudential Committee is meeting at 4:30 pm at church.

Thank you to Lorraine Wilkins for the flowers today
in loving memory of her mother, Frances Mitchell
and to Lois Squires in loving memory of Barb West.



Mission Moment ~ Bryan Richheimer will update you on what your
FBC mission donations are going to support.

Word of Preparation ~ Lisa Catapano - Friedman

Prelude ~ Please enjoy “*A Mother's Prayer*” by Keith and Kristyn Getty
as we prepare our hearts for worship.

Call to Worship ~ Romans 8:14-15 and Luke 9:57-58 (TPT)

Please join in reading the bold text.

¹⁴The mature children of God

are those who are moved by the impulses of the Holy Spirit.

¹⁵And you did not receive the “spirit of religious duty,”

leading you back into the fear of never being good enough.

But you have received the “Spirit of full acceptance,”

enfolding you into the family of God.

...Someone came up to Jesus and said,

“I want to follow you wherever you go.”

Jesus replied, “Yes, but remember this:

even animals in the field have holes in the ground to sleep in,

and birds have their nests,

but the Son of Man has no place to lay down his head.”

Song ~

"I Will Follow"

***Intro ~ Where You go I'll go. Where You stay I'll stay
When You move I'll move. I will follow***

***All Your ways are good. All Your ways are sure
I will trust in You alone
Higher than my sight, high above my life
I will trust in You alone***

Chorus

***Where You go I'll go. Where You stay I'll stay
When You move I'll move. I will follow You
Whom You love I'll love. How You serve I'll serve
If this life I lose. I will follow You. Yeah, I will follow You, yeah***

***Light into the world. Light into my life
I will live for You alone
You're the One I seek. Knowing I will find
All I need in You alone. In You alone***

Chorus

***Bridge ~ In You there's life everlasting.
In You there's freedom for my soul
In You there's joy unending joy. And I will follow***

Chorus

***Yeah, I will follow You, yeah
I will follow You, yeah
I will follow You, yeah***

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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 ~ **"Who Is My Mother, Who Is My Brother?" (#486, blue)**

*Who is my mother, who is my brother?
All those who gather round Jesus Christ
Spirit-blown people, born from the Gospel
Sit at the table, round Jesus Christ
Differently abled, differently labeled
Widen the circle round Jesus Christ
Crutches and stigmas, culture's enigmas
All come together round Jesus Christ
Love will relate us ~ color or status
Can't segregate us, round Jesus Christ
Family failings, human derailings
All are accepted, round Jesus Christ
Bound by one vision, met for one mission
We claim each other, round Jesus Christ
Here is my mother, here is my brother
Kindred in Spirit, through Jesus Christ*

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Introducing the Sermon ~ Rev. Rebecca Sommons

Scripture Text ~ Luke 8:1-4, 10, 16-21 (TPT)

¹ Jesus began a ministry tour throughout the country, visiting cities and villages to announce the wonderful news of God's kingdom. His twelve disciples traveled with him ² as did a number of women who had been healed of many illnesses and set free from demonic power. One of the women was Mary who was from the village of Magdala, from whom Jesus had cast out seven demons.

Among the women were Susanna and ³ Joanna, the wife of Chusa, who managed King Herod's household. Many other women who supported Jesus' ministry from their own personal finances also traveled with him. 'Massive crowds gathered from many towns to hear Jesus, and he taught them using metaphors and parables...

To his disciples and the women Jesus said:
¹⁰ "You have been given a teachable heart to perceive the secret, hidden mysteries of God's kingdom realm. But to those without a listening heart, my words are merely stories. Even though they have eyes, they are blind to the true meaning of what I say, and even though they listen, they won't receive full revelation.'

¹⁶ "No one lights a lamp and then hides it, covering it over or putting it where no one sees its light. No, he places the lamp on a lampstand so others benefit from its brightness.

¹⁷ Because this revelation lamp now shines within you, nothing will be hidden from you—it will all be revealed.

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Every secret of the kingdom will be unveiled and out in the open, made known by the revelation-light.

¹⁸ So pay careful attention to your hearts as you listen to my teaching, for to those who have open hearts, even more revelation will be given to them until it overflows. And for those who do not listen with open hearts, what little light they imagine themselves to have will be taken away."

¹⁹ Jesus' mother and his brothers came to where Jesus was teaching, but they couldn't get through the crowd that had gathered around him.

²⁰ Someone told Jesus, "Your mother and brothers are standing outside, wanting to speak with you."

²¹ Jesus told the crowd, "These who come to listen to me are like my mother and my brothers. They're the ones who long to hear God's words and put them into practice."

Sermon ~ "Jesus' True Family" ~ Pastor Rebecca Sommons

Space for Notes

Benediction Song ~ *“The Blessing”*

Verse ~ *The Lord bless you and keep you
Make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you
The Lord turn his face toward you and give you peace*
[Repeat Verse]

Chorus ~ *Amen, Amen, Amen
Amen, Amen, Amen*

Bridge ~ *May his favor be upon you, and a thousand generations
And your family, and your children,
And their children, and their children
May his presence go before you
And behind you, and beside you
All around you, and within you
He is with you, He is with you
In the morning, in the evening
In your coming, and your going
In your weeping and rejoicing
He is for you, He is for you*

Chorus

Verse

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