

Worship Service on June 11, 2023

Welcome and Announcements ~ Cara Davenport

Today ~ Thank you to everyone who helped in preparing breakfast.
There will be a church business meeting following the service.
At 5 pm, the Taylors will be hosting a meal and preview of the new Alpha program. Please let them know if you're coming

Tuesday ~ Deacon Meeting at the church at 4:30 pm.
Prayer Group at Craig Keith's house at 7 pm.
We are beginning a new book called *Gentle and Lowly*.
Everyone is welcome to come.

Wednesday ~ Seeking God Together meeting via zoom at 11 am.
Kid's Summer Discovery planning meeting at FCC at 1 pm.
Missions Committee meeting at the church at 4:30 pm.
Christian Ed. Committee meeting via zoom at 7 pm.

Thursday ~ Our church is hosting a welcome dinner for the new refugees who have moved to our community from Haiti at 6 pm.
Please let Pastor Rebecca know if you'd like to participate.
Choir Practice will be in the sanctuary at 7:30 pm,
and the front door will be open for you to enter.

Craig Keith will be preaching for Father's Day.
The new curtains for the front of the sanctuary are ready to hang. If you know of someone who has a tall ladder and could do this job, please speak with the Wests or Jim Comar.
The Ham and Strawberry Supper is planned for Thursday, June 22nd.
Please talk to Martha Thompson for reservations.

Thank you to Paul Bauers for the flowers
in loving memory of Susan Bauers.



Happy Anniversary to Matthew and Rebecca Sommons on Saturday.

Word of Preparation ~ Cara Davenport

Prelude ~ Barb West will play as we sing "**Seek Ye First**" (#354, blue)
and prepare our hearts for worship.

*Seek ye first the kingdom of God and God's righteousness
And all these things shall be added unto you.*

Allelu, alleluia!

*Ask, and it shall be given unto you; seek, and ye shall find
Knock, and the door shall be opened unto you.*

Allelu, alleluia!

Words and music by Karen Lafferty, 1972

Call to Worship ~ I Corinthians 2:12-16 (GNT)

read by Cara Davenport. Please join in reading the bold lines.

¹² We have not received this world's spirit;
instead, we have received the Spirit sent by God,
so that we may know all that God has given us.
¹³ So then, we do not speak in words taught by human wisdom,
but in words taught by the Spirit,
as we explain spiritual truths to those who have the Spirit.
¹⁴ Whoever does not have the Spirit
cannot receive the gifts that come from God's Spirit.
Such a person really does not understand them,
and they seem to be nonsense,
because their value can be judged only on a spiritual basis.

¹⁵ Whoever has the Spirit, however,
is able to judge the value of everything...

¹⁶ As the scripture says,
"Who knows the mind of the Lord?
Who is able to give him advice?"
We, however, have the mind of Christ.

Song ~ “Standing on the Promises” (#552 in the blue hymnal)

*Standing on the promises of Christ my king
Through eternal ages let his praises ring
Glory in the highest, I will shout and sing
Standing on the promises of God*

Refrain

***Standing, standing, standing on the promises of God my Savior
Standing, standing, I’m standing on the promises of God***

*Standing on the promises that cannot fail
When the howling storms of doubt and fear assail
By the living Word of God I shall prevail
Standing on the promises of God*

Refrain

*Standing on the promises of Christ the Lord
Bound to him eternally by love’s strong cord
Overcoming daily with the Spirit’s sword
Standing on the promises of God*

Refrain

*Standing on the promises I cannot fall
Listening every moment to the Spirit’s call
Resting in my Savior as my all in all
Standing on the promises of God*

Refrain

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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 ~ “Come and Find the Quiet Center” (#575 in the blue hymnal)

*Come and find the quiet center in the crowded life we lead
Find the room for hope to enter, find the frame where we are freed
Clear the chaos and the clutter, clear our eyes, that we can see
All the things that really matter, be at peace, and simply be*

*Silence is a friend that claims us, cools the heat and slows the pace
God it is who speaks and names us, knows our being, touches base
Making space within our thinking, lifting shades to show the sun
Raising courage when we’re shrinking, finding scope for faith begun*

*In the Spirit let us travel, open to each other’s pain
Let our loves and fears unravel, celebrate the space we gain
There’s a place for deepest dreaming, there’s a time for heart to care
In the Spirit’s lively scheming there is always room to spare*

Words ~ Shirley Erana Murray, 1989

Music ~ Traditional American melody, arr. Jack Schrader
Hope Publishing Co. 1992

Choir Song ~ “Jesus, I am Resting”

Sermon Introduction ~ Pastor Rebecca Sommons

Scripture Passage ~ 1 John 2:15-29 (MSG) read by Cara Davenport

¹⁵⁻¹⁷ Don't love the world's ways.

Don't love the world's goods.

Love of the world squeezes out love for the Father.

Practically everything that goes on in the world—

wanting your own way,

wanting everything for yourself,

wanting to appear important—

has nothing to do with the Father.

It just isolates you from him.

The world and all its wanting, wanting, wanting is on the way out—

but whoever does what God wants is set for eternity.

¹⁸ Children, time is just about up.

You heard that Antichrist is coming.

Well, they're all over the place, antichrists everywhere you look.

That's how we know that we're close to the end.

¹⁹ They left us, but they were never really with us.

If they had been, they would have stuck it out with us,
loyal to the end.

In leaving, they showed their true colors, they never did belong.

²⁰⁻²¹ But you belong.

The Holy One anointed you, and you all know it.

I haven't been writing this to tell you something you don't know,

but to confirm the truth you do know,

and to remind you that the truth doesn't breed lies.

²²⁻²³ So who is lying here?

It's the person who denies that Jesus is the Divine Christ,
that's who.

This is what makes an antichrist:

denying the Father, denying the Son.

No one who denies the Son has any part with the Father,

but affirming the Son is an embrace of the Father as well.

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²⁴⁻²⁵ Stay with what you heard from the beginning,
the original message.

Let it sink into your life.

If what you heard from the beginning lives deeply in you,

you will live deeply in both Son and Father.

This is exactly what Christ promised:

eternal life, real life!

²⁶⁻²⁷ I've written to warn you about those who are trying to deceive you.

But they're no match for what is embedded deeply within you—

Christ's anointing, no less!

You don't need any of their so-called teaching.

Christ's anointing teaches you the truth

on everything you need to know about yourself and him,

uncontaminated by a single lie.

Live deeply in what you were taught.

²⁸ And now, children, stay with Christ.

Live deeply in Christ.

Then we'll be ready for him when he appears,

ready to receive him with open arms,

with no cause for red-faced guilt or lame excuses when he arrives.

²⁹ Once you're convinced that he is right and righteous,

you'll recognize that all who practice righteousness

are God's true children.

Sermon ~

“How to Remain in God's Truth”

~ Pastor Rebecca Sommons

Song ~ The Worship team will lead us in singing **“Good, Good Father.”**

*I've heard a thousand stories of what they think You're like
But I've heard the tender whisper of love in the dead of night
You tell me that You're pleased and that I'm never alone*

Chorus

***You're a Good, Good Father
It's who You are, It's who You are, It's who You are
And I'm loved by You
It's who I am, It's who I am, It's who I am***

*I've seen many searching for answers far and wide
But I know we're all searching for answers only You provide
Because You know just what we need before we say a word*

Chorus

*You are perfect in all of Your ways
You are perfect in all of Your ways
You are perfect in all of Your ways to us*

[REPEAT]

*Love so undeniable I can hardly speak
Peace so unexplainable I can hardly think
As You call me deeper still, As You call me deeper still
As You call me deeper still, into love, love, love*

Chorus three times

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Benediction ~ Ephesians 3:17-19 (TLB)

¹⁷ And I pray that Christ will be more and more at home in your hearts,
living within you as you trust in him.

May your roots go down deep into the soil of God's marvelous love;
¹⁸⁻¹⁹ and may you be able to feel and understand, as all God's children
should, how long, how wide, how deep, and how high his love really is;
and to experience this love for yourselves,
though it is so great that you will never see the end of it or fully know
or understand it. And so at last you will be filled up with God himself.