

Worship Service on June 4, 2023

Welcome and Announcements ~ Linell Pike

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

Thursday ~ Choir Practice at 7 pm at the church.

Friday ~ Funeral Service for Michaelanne Sylvester at 2 pm.
Mission Meeting at 4 pm at the church.

Next Sunday ~ The ladies will be preparing a special breakfast in honor of the men for an early Father's Day celebration at 8:30 am.
~ After the breakfast, the ladies will have their Mary and Martha meeting and Sunday School class will meet upstairs in the conference room. After the church service, there will be a brief business meeting in the sanctuary.
~ At 5 pm, there will be an Alpha demonstration and supper at the church. Please see Theresa and Ken Taylor if you would like more information.

Happy Birthday to Lindy Mylott on Wednesday and
to Emery Beers on Thursday!

Word of Preparation ~ Linell Pike

Prelude ~ Barb will play *"Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee"*
as we prepare our hearts for worship.

Call to Worship ~ **John 12:35-36 (TPT)** read by Linell Pike
Please join in reading the bold lines.

Jesus said, "You will have the light shining with you
for only a little while longer.

**While you still have me, walk in the light,
so that the darkness doesn't overtake you.**

For when you walk in the dark
you have no idea where you're going.

**So believe and cling to the light while I am with you,
so that you will become children of light."**

Song ~ "Stepping in the Light" (#411 in the red hymnal)

*Trying to walk in the steps of the Savior
Trying to follow our Savior and King
Shaping our lives by His blessed example
Happy, how happy, the songs that we bring*

Refrain

***How beautiful to walk in the steps of the Savior
Stepping in the light, stepping in the light
How beautiful to walk in the steps of the Savior
Led in paths of light!***

*Pressing more closely to Him who is leading
When we are tempted to turn from the way
Trusting the arm that is strong to defend us
Happy, how happy, our praises each day*

Refrain

*Walking in footsteps of gentle forbearance
Footsteps of faithfulness, mercy, and love
Looking to Him for the grace freely promised
Happy, how happy, our journey above*

Refrain

*Trying to walk in the steps of the Savior
Upward, still upward we'll follow our Guide
When we shall see Him, the King in His beauty
Happy, how happy, our place at His side*

Refrain

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Praying Together ~

Space for 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 ~ **“Pass it On” (#477 in the blue hymnal)**

*It only takes a spark to get a fire going
And soon all those around can warm up in its glowing
That's how it is with God's love, once you've experienced it
You spread God's love to everyone, you want to pass it on
What a wondrous time is spring when all the trees are budding
The birds begin to sing, the flowers start their blooming
That's how it is with God's love, once you've experienced it
You want to sing, it's fresh like spring, you want to pass it on
I wish for you, my friend, this happiness that I've found ~
On God you can depend, it matters not where you're bound
I'll shout it from the mountain top, I want my world to know
The Lord of love has come to me, I want to pass it on*

Words and music by Kurt Kaiser, 1969

Sermon Introduction ~ Pastor Rebecca Sommons

Scripture Passage ~ 1 John 2:3-14 (TPT) read by Linell Pike

³ Here's how we can be sure that we've truly come to know God:
if we keep his commands.

⁴ If someone claims, “I have come to know God by experience,”
yet doesn't keep God's commands,
he is a phony and the truth finds no place in him.

⁵ But the love of God will be perfected
within the one who obeys God's Word.

We can be sure that we've truly come to live in intimacy with God,

⁶ not just by saying, “I am intimate with God,”
but by walking in the footsteps of Jesus.

⁷ Beloved, I'm not writing a new commandment to you,
but an old one that you had from the beginning,
and you've already heard it.

⁸ Yet, in a sense, it is a new commandment,
as its truth is made manifest both in Christ and in you,

because the darkness is disappearing
and the true light is already blazing.

⁹ Anyone who says, “I am in the light,”
while holding hatred in his heart toward a fellow believer
is still in the darkness.

¹⁰ But the one who truly loves a fellow believer lives in the light,
and there is nothing in him that will cause someone else to stumble.

¹¹ But whoever hates a fellow believer lives in the darkness—
stumbling around in the dark with no clue where he is going,
for he is blinded by the darkness.

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¹² I remind you, dear children:
your sins have been permanently removed
because of the power of his name.

13 I remind you, fathers and mothers: you have a relationship
with the One who has existed from the beginning.
And I remind you, young people: you have defeated the Evil One.

¹⁴ I write these things to you, dear children,
because you truly have a relationship with the Father.
I write these things, fathers and mothers,
because you have had a true relationship
with him who is from the beginning.
And I write these things, young people,
because you are strong,
the Word of God is treasured in your hearts,
and you have defeated the Evil One.

Sermon ~ “How to Live in God’s Light”
~ Pastor Rebecca Sommons

Choir Song ~ “At the Table of the Lord”

Communion ~ Everyone is welcome to partake of the bread and juice
in remembrance of Jesus’ great love
that led him to lay down his life for us.



Communion Song ~ “Mighty to Save”

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Song ~ The Worship team will lead us in singing

“You Are My King (Amazing Love)”

*I'm forgiven because You were forsaken
I'm accepted. You were condemned
I'm alive and well. Your Spirit is within me
Because You died and rose again
[repeat verse]*

Chorus

**Amazing love ~ How can it be
That You my King would die for me
Amazing love ~ I know it's true
It's my joy to honor You
In all I do I honor You**

*I'm forgiven because You were forsaken
I'm accepted. You were condemned
I'm alive and well. Your Spirit is within me
Because You died and rose again*

Chorus

*You are my King, Jesus, You are my King
You are my King, Jesus, You are my King*

Chorus

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Benediction ~ 2 Corinthians 13:14 (MSG)

“May the amazing grace of the Master, Jesus Christ,
the extravagant love of God,
the intimate friendship of the Holy Spirit,
be with all of you.”