

## Worship Service for July 13, 2025

Welcome and Announcements ~

Glenna Taxter

**Monday** ~ The Preservation Committee meets at church at 4:30 pm.

**Tuesday** ~ The Uplift Cancer Support Group will meet in the fellowship room at 2:30 pm.  
~ The Deacons meeting is at church at 3:30 pm.  
~ Prayer Group has a meeting via zoom at 7 pm to pray and then discuss chapter 11 and the conclusion of *Grace*.

**Wednesday** ~ Everyone is invited to celebrate the dedication of Charlotte Dombroski at her baby shower here at the church at 5 pm on Wednesday, July 16<sup>th</sup>. Her family and church family will be together sharing a potluck meal, playing games, and enjoying Wilder, Jacob, and Brittany opening gifts. If you are interested in contributing money for a special gift, please speak with Pastor Rebecca.

**Thursday** ~ The final *Journey to Become* session will meet at the Sommons' home at 4:30 pm.

### ~ Celebrations ~

*Happy Anniversary to Ken and Theresa Taylor on Friday!*  
*Happy Birthday to Judy McGraw on Tuesday,*  
*and to Ken Taylor and Rebecca Sommons on Saturday,*



*Thank you to Martha Thompson for the flowers*  
*in loving memory of Bill Krakauskas.*

**Mission Moment** ~ We will be collecting offerings for **One Great Hour of Sharing** as a way of sharing our love and support with the people affected by the flood in Texas. You can use the special envelopes by the offering boxes and/or write **OGHS** on the memo line of your check.

Word of Preparation ~

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**Prelude** ~ Please listen to a song called "*Shelter*" as we prepare our hearts for worship.

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**Call to Worship ~ Philippians 2:1-5 and John 13:34-35 (TLB)**

Please join in reading the bold lines.

<sup>1</sup> Is there any such thing as Christians cheering each other up?

**Do you love me enough to want to help me?**

Does it mean anything to you that we are brothers and sisters in the Lord,  
sharing the same Spirit?

**Are your hearts tender and sympathetic at all?**

<sup>2</sup> Then make me truly happy by loving each other  
and agreeing wholeheartedly with each other,

**working together with one heart and mind and purpose.**

<sup>3</sup> Don't be selfish;

**don't live to make a good impression on others.**

Be humble,

**thinking of others as better than yourself.**

<sup>4</sup> Don't just think about your own affairs,

**but be interested in others, too, and in what they are doing.**

<sup>5</sup> Your attitude should be the kind that was shown us by Jesus Christ.

<sup>34</sup> *Jesus said* ~ "I am giving a new commandment to you now—  
love each other just as much as I love you.

<sup>35</sup> **Your strong love for each other  
will prove to the world that you are my disciples."**

Song ~

**“Love”**

*When our hope is hard to find and our faith is in decline  
We need a cause to stand behind ~ love  
We all want the way it feels. Time it comes and time it steals  
What remains, what is real ~ love*

**Chorus 1**

*There is love. There is forgiveness  
There is love in times of need  
When life is cold there is a promise  
You will never go without (There is love)  
It heals the sick, comforts the weak  
Breaks the proud, raises the meek  
In this life, no guarantees, but there is love*

**Chorus**

*Bridge ~ Love is the answer. Love will find a way  
When we love one another it's a brighter day  
(REPEAT)*

*When life is cold there is a promise ~ You will never go without*

**Chorus**

*Ending ~ There is love, love  
Hello love*

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 ~ ***“Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service” (#461 blue)***

*Lord whose love in humble service bore the weight of human need  
Who upon the cross, forsaken, offered mercy's perfect deed  
We your servants, bring the worship, not of voice alone, but heart  
Consecrating to Your purpose every gift that You impart  
Still Your children wander homeless; still the hungry cry for bread  
Still the captives long for freedom; still in grief we mourn our dead  
As, O Lord, your deep compassion healed the sick and freed the soul  
Use the love your Spirit kindles still to save and make us whole  
As we worship, Regrant us vision, till Your love's revealing light  
In its height and depth and greatness dawns upon our quickened sight  
Making known the needs and burdens your compassion bids us bear  
Stirring us to tireless striving your abundant life to share  
Called by worship to your service, forth in your dear name we go  
To the child, the youth, the aged, love in living deeds to show  
Hope and health, good will and comfort, counsel, aid, and peace we give  
That your servants, Lord, in freedom may your mercy know and live*

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**Introducing the Sermon ~** Pastor Rebecca Sommons

**Scripture Text ~ Acts 6:1-7 (CEV)**

<sup>1</sup> A lot of people were now becoming followers of the Lord.

But some of the ones who spoke Greek

started complaining about the ones who spoke Aramaic.

They complained that the Greek-speaking widows were not given their share when the food supplies were handed out each day.

<sup>2</sup> The twelve apostles called the whole group of followers together and said, “We should not give up preaching God's message in order to serve at tables.

<sup>3</sup> My friends, choose seven men

who are respected and wise and filled with God's Spirit.

We will put them in charge of these things.

<sup>4</sup> We can spend our time praying and serving God by preaching.”

<sup>5</sup> This suggestion pleased everyone,  
and they began by choosing Stephen.

He had great faith and was filled with the Holy Spirit.

Then they chose Philip, Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas,  
and also Nicolaus, who worshiped with the Jewish people in Antioch.

<sup>6</sup> These men were brought to the apostles.

Then the apostles prayed and placed their hands on the men  
to show they had been chosen to do this work.

<sup>7</sup> God's message spread,

and many more people in Jerusalem became followers.

Even a large number of priests put their faith in the Lord.

**Sermon ~ “Loving Servant Leaders” ~ Pastor Rebecca Sommons**

**Song ~ “Called as Partners in Christ’s Service” (#453, blue hymnal)**

*Called as partners in Christ's service. Called to ministries of grace  
We respond with deep commitment, fresh new lines of faith to trace  
May we learn the art of sharing, side by side and friend with friend  
Equal partners in our caring to fulfil God's chosen end*

*Christ's example, Christ's inspiring, Christ's clear call to work and worth  
Let us follow never faltering reconciling folk on earth  
Men and women, richer poorer, all God's people young and old  
Blending human skills together gracious gifts from God unfold  
Thus new patterns for Christ's mission, in a small or global sense  
Help us bear each other's burdens, breaking down each wall or fence  
Words of comfort, words of vision, words of challenge, said with care  
Bring new power and strength for action, make us colleagues free & fair*

*So God grant us for tomorrow ways to order human life  
That surround each person's sorrow with a calm that conquers strife  
Make us partners in our living our compassion to increase  
Messengers of faith thus giving hope and confidence and peace*

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**Benediction ~ 2 Corinthians 13:11 & 14 (NIRV)**

<sup>11</sup> Finally, brothers and sisters, be joyful!

Work to make things right with one another.

Help one another and agree with one another.

Live in peace.

And the God who gives love and peace will be with you.

<sup>14</sup> May the grace shown by the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

May the love that God has given us be with you.

And may the sharing of life brought about by the Holy Spirit  
be with you all.