

## Worship Service on July 16, 2023

**Welcome and Announcements** ~ Craig Keith

**Monday ~ Friday** Kid's Summer Discovery Camp 9 am to 12:30 pm at FCC. Please pray and help as you are able.

**Monday** ~ Uplift Support Group meets in the fellowship room at 3 pm.

**Thursday** ~ Prudential Committee Meeting at 5 pm in the fellowship room and via zoom.

**Friday** ~ Street Fest is from 6 to 9 pm. Please let Pastor Rebecca know if you can help with hospitality by baking cookies, sitting at an information table, and / or talking with people who attend.

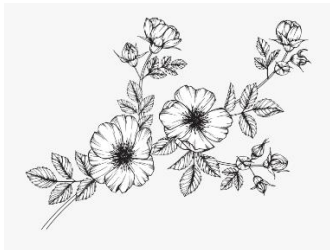
**Saturday** ~ If you are available to help clean up from the Summer Discovery Camp, please meet at FCC at 9 am.

**Opportunity** ~ There is a green bin in the fellowship room where you can place any donations of shelf-stable foods or toiletries for people served by the Community Food Cupboard.

Happy Anniversary to Ken and Theresa Taylor on Tuesday!

Happy Birthday to Arden Wojtach on Tuesday, to Ken Taylor and Rebecca Sommons on Wednesday, and Jim West on Friday!

Thank you to Jackie Perry for the flowers in the sanctuary today.



**Word of Preparation** ~ Craig Keith

**Prelude** ~ You are invited to listen to Barb West play the organ as we prepare our hearts for worship.

## Call to Worship ~ Zephaniah 3:17 and Psalm 5:11 (NLT)

Please join in reading the bold lines.

For the Lord your God is living among you.

**He is a Mighty Savior.**

He will take delight in you with gladness.

**With his love, he will calm all your fears.**

He will rejoice over you with joyful songs.

**Let all who take refuge in you rejoice;**

let them sing joyful praises forever.

**Spread your protection over them,**

that all who love your name

**may be filled with joy.**

## Song ~ "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee" (# 2 in the blue hymnal)

*Joyful, joyful, we adore thee, God of glory, Lord of love*

*Hearts unfold like flowers before thee, opening to the sun above*

*Melt the clouds of sin and sadness, drive our fear and doubt away*

*Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day*

*All thy words with joy surround thee, earth and heaven reflect thy rays*

*Stars and angels sing around thee, center of unbroken praise*

*Field and forest, vale, and mountain, flowery meadow, flashing sea*

*Chanting bird and flowing fountain, call us to rejoice in thee*

*Thou art giving and forgiving, ever blessing, ever blest*

*Wellspring of the joy of living, ocean depth of happy rest!*

*Thou our Father, Christ our Brother, all who live in love are thine*

*Teach us how to love each other, lift us to the joy divine*

*Mortals, join the happy chorus, stars of morning, take your part*

*Love divine is reigning o'er us, binding those of tender heart*

*Ever singing, move we onward, victors in the midst of strife*

*Joyful music leads us sunward in the triumph song of life*

Words ~ Henry van Dyke, 1907 and Music ~ Ludwig van Beethoven, 1824

## 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 ~

***“And Can It Be That I Should Gain?”***  
**(# 259, in the red hymnal, v. 1, 3-5)**

*And can it be that I should gain  
An interest in the Savior’s blood?  
Died He for me, who caused His pain?  
For me, who Him to death pursued?  
Amazing love! How can it be  
That Thou, my God, should die for me?*

### **Refrain**

***Amazing love! How can it be  
That Thou, my God, should die for me?***

*He left His Father’s throne above.  
So free, so infinite His grace  
Emptied Himself of all but love,  
And bled for Adam’s helpless race  
‘Tis mercy all, immense and free  
For O my God, it found out me*

### **Refrain**

*Long my imprisoned spirit lay  
Fast bound in sin and nature’s night  
Thine eye diffused a quickening ray  
I woke, the dungeon flamed with light  
My chains fell off, my heart was free  
I rose, went forth, and followed Thee*

### **Refrain**

*No condemnation now I dread;  
Jesus and all in Him is mine!  
Alive in Him, my living Head,  
And clothed in righteousness Divine  
Bold I approach the eternal throne  
And claim the crown through Christ my own*

### **Refrain**

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**Sermon Introduction ~ Pastor Rebecca Sommons**

**Scripture Passage ~ 1 John 4:7-21 (NLT) read by Craig Keith**

<sup>7</sup> Dear friends, let us continue to love one another,  
for love comes from God.

Anyone who loves is a child of God and knows God.

<sup>8</sup> But anyone who does not love does not know God,  
for God is love.

<sup>9</sup> God showed how much he loved us  
by sending his one and only Son into the world  
so that we might have eternal life through him.

<sup>10</sup> This is real love—not that we loved God,  
but that he loved us  
and sent his Son as a sacrifice to take away our sins.

<sup>11</sup> Dear friends, since God loved us that much,  
we surely ought to love each other.

<sup>12</sup> No one has ever seen God.  
But if we love each other, God lives in us,  
and his love is brought to full expression in us.

<sup>13</sup> And God has given us his Spirit  
as proof that we live in him and he in us.

<sup>14</sup> Furthermore, we have seen with our own eyes and now testify  
that the Father sent his Son to be the Savior of the world.

<sup>15</sup> All who declare that Jesus is the Son of God  
have God living in them, and they live in God.

<sup>16</sup> We know how much God loves us,  
and we have put our trust in his love.  
God is love, and all who live in love live in God,  
and God lives in them.

<sup>17</sup> And as we live in God, our love grows more perfect.  
So we will not be afraid on the day of judgment,  
but we can face him with confidence  
because we live like Jesus here in this world.

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<sup>18</sup> Such love has no fear,

because perfect love expels all fear.

If we are afraid, it is for fear of punishment,  
and this shows that we have not fully experienced his perfect love.

<sup>19</sup> We love each other because he loved us first.

<sup>20</sup> If someone says, “I love God,”  
but hates a fellow believer, that person is a liar;  
for if we don’t love people we can see,  
how can we love God, whom we cannot see?

<sup>21</sup> And he has given us this command:

Those who love God  
must also love their fellow believers.

**Sermon ~ “God’s Love and Ours” ~ Pastor Rebecca Sommons**

**Song ~ The worship team will lead us in singing**

**“The Power of Your Love”**

*Lord, I come to You. Let my heart be changed renewed  
Flowing from the grace that I found in You  
And Lord, I've come to know the weaknesses I see in me  
Will be stripped away by the power of Your love*

**Chorus**

***Hold me close. Let Your love surround me  
Bring me near. Draw me to Your side  
And as I wait, I'll rise up like the eagle  
And I will soar with You. Your Spirit leads me on  
In the power of Your love  
Lord, unveil my eyes. Let me see You face to face  
The knowledge of Your love as You live in me  
Lord, renew my mind, as Your will unfolds in my life  
In living every day by the power of Your love***

**Chorus two times**

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**Benediction ~**

“Not all of us can do great things.  
But we can do small things with great love.”

~ Mother Theresa

**Postlude ~      “Do Little Things with Great Love”**

*In the garden of our Savior no flower grows unseen  
His kindness reigns like water on every humble seed  
No simple act of mercy escapes His watchful eye  
For there is One who loves me His hand is over mine  
In the kingdom of the heavens  
No suffering is unknown  
Each tear that falls is holy  
Each breaking heart a throne  
There is a song of beauty on every weeping eye  
For there is One who loves me  
His heart it breaks with mine  
Oh the deeds forgotten oh the works unseen  
Every drink of water flowing graciously  
Every tender mercy You're making glorious  
This You have asked us  
Do little things with great love  
Little things with great love  
At the table of our Savior no mouth will go unfed  
His children in the shadows  
Stream in and raise their heads  
Oh give us ears to hear them  
And give us eyes to see  
For there is One who loves them  
I am His hands and feet*

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