

## **Worship Service on July 2, 2023**

**Welcome and Announcements** ~ Annie Crumb

**Wednesday** ~ Rev. Bob Carpenter and Martha Gale will be here in our Fellowship Room between 2 and 4 pm. They would love to see anyone who is available to stop in for a visit.

**Thursday** ~ Mission Committee Meeting at 4 pm at church.

**Saturday** ~ Please come and join us for the Annual Church Picnic at the Dana Thompson Memorial Recreation Part. We have rented pavilion one again this year. There is an opportunity to use the Signup Genius to let us know you are coming and what you'd like to bring.

**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. The need is currently great.

**Upcoming Events** ~ At 7 pm on Thursday, July 13<sup>th</sup>, the Missions and Outreach Committee has invited Dean Braxton to come and share the story of his near-death experience. Please come and bring a friend. We would also appreciate contributions to a dessert reception following his talk.

~ Please pray for the Summer Discovery Camp, which will take place from July 17-21<sup>st</sup>, 9:30 am – 12:30 pm. If you can help provide snacks and lunch on July 20<sup>th</sup>, please let Linell Pike know. There is also a need for volunteers to help decorate at FCC at 9 am on Saturday, July 15<sup>th</sup> and to help with clean up on Saturday, July 22<sup>nd</sup> at 9 am.

Happy Anniversary to Bonnie and Jim Lincoln tomorrow,  
and to Dottie Sundquist and Bryan Richheimer on Wednesday!  
Happy Birthday to Brittany Dombroski on Thursday  
and to Sara Beavin on Friday!



Thank you to Lois Squires for the flowers  
in honor of her niece Angie Coolidge.

**Mission Moment** ~ Matthew Sommons will update us on FBC Missions.

**Word of Preparation** ~ Annie Crumb

**Prelude** ~ Dave Cobb will play *“Jesu, Joy of Man’s Desiring”*  
by J.S. Bach as we prepare our hearts for worship.

**Call to Worship** ~ **John 15:9-13 (NIV)**

read by Annie Crumb. Please join in reading the bold lines.

<sup>9</sup> “As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you.

**Now remain in my love.**

<sup>10</sup> If you keep my commands, you will remain in my love,

**just as I have kept my Father’s commands**

**and remain in his love.**

<sup>11</sup> I have told you this so that my joy may be in you

**and that your joy may be complete.**

<sup>12</sup> My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you.

<sup>13</sup> **Greater love has no one than this:**

**to lay down one’s life for one’s friends.**

**Song ~ “Christians, We Have Met to Worship” (#277, blue hymnal)**

*Christians, we have met to worship and adore the living God  
Will you pray with all your power, while we try to preach the Word?  
All is vain unless the Spirit of the Holy One comes down  
Christians, pray, and holy manna will be showered all around*

*Is there here a trembling jailer, seeking grace and filled with fears?  
Is there here a weeping Mary pouring forth a flood of tears?  
Tell them all about the Savior, how in Christ the lost are found  
Pray, oh pray, and holy manna will be scattered all around*

*Let us love our God supremely, let us love each other, too  
Let us pray for all earth's people till our God makes all things new  
Christ will call us home to heaven, at the table we'll sit down  
Christ will welcome us and serve us living manna all around*

Words ~ Attr. George Altkins Music ~ William Moore, 1825 | Public Domain

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

***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. 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**

*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*

***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***

***Love ~ There is love***

***Love ~ Hello love***

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**Sermon Introduction ~ Pastor Rebecca Sommons**

**Scripture Passage ~ 1 John 3:11-24 (NLT)** read by Annie Crumb

<sup>11</sup> This is the message you have heard from the beginning:  
We should love one another.

<sup>12</sup> We must not be like Cain, who belonged to the evil one  
and killed his brother. And why did he kill him?  
Because Cain had been doing what was evil,  
and his brother had been doing what was righteous.

<sup>13</sup> So don't be surprised, dear brothers and sisters,  
if the world hates you.

<sup>14</sup> If we love our brothers and sisters who are believers,  
it proves that we have passed from death to life.  
But a person who has no love is still dead.

<sup>15</sup> Anyone who hates another brother or sister  
is really a murderer at heart.

And you know that murderers don't have eternal life within them.

<sup>16</sup> We know what real love is because Jesus gave up his life for us.  
So we also ought to give up our lives for our brothers and sisters.

<sup>17</sup> If someone has enough money to live well  
and sees a brother or sister in need but shows no compassion—  
how can God's love be in that person?

<sup>18</sup> Dear children, let's not merely say that we love each other;  
let us show the truth by our actions.

<sup>19</sup> Our actions will show that we belong to the truth,  
so we will be confident when we stand before God.

<sup>20</sup> Even if we feel guilty,

God is greater than our feelings, and he knows everything.

<sup>21</sup> Dear friends, if we don't feel guilty,  
we can come to God with bold confidence.

<sup>22</sup> And we will receive from him whatever we ask  
because we obey him and do the things that please him.

<sup>23</sup> And this is his commandment:

We must believe in the name of his Son, Jesus Christ,  
and love one another, just as he commanded us.

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<sup>24</sup> Those who obey God's commandments  
remain in fellowship with him, and he with them.

And we know he lives in us  
because the Spirit he gave us lives in us.

**Sermon ~ “How to Love” ~ Pastor Rebecca Sommons**

**Song ~ “When Love is Found” (#499, blue hymnal, verses 1-3, 5)**

*When love is found, and hope comes home*

*Sing and be glad that two are one*

*When love explodes and fills the sky*

*Praise God, and share our Maker's joy*

*When love has flowered in trust and care*

*Build both each day, that love may dare*

*To reach beyond home's warmth and light*

*To serve and strive for truth and right*

*When love is tried as loved-ones change*

*Hold still to hope, though all seems strange*

*Till ease returns and hope grows wise*

*Through list'ning ears and opened eyes*

*Praise God for love, praise God for life*

*In age or youth, in calm or strife*

*Lift up your hearts! Let love be fed*

*Through death and life in broken bread*

Words ~ Brian Wren and Music ~ Trad. English Melody | Hope Publishing Co. 1983

**Communion** ~ Everyone is invited to partake of the bread and grape juice from the Lord's Table, as we remember how Christ laid down his life because of his great love for us.



**Song ~ “Let Us Break Bread Together” (#425, blue hymnal)**

***While we take the bread***

*Let us break bread together on our knees*

*Let us break bread together on our knees*

*When I fall on my knees, with my face to the rising sun,*

*O Lord, have mercy on me*

***Instrumental verse***

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***While we take the cup***

*Let us drink wine together on our knees*

*Let us drink wine together on our knees*

*When I fall on my knees, with my face to the rising sun*

*O Lord, have mercy on me*

*Let us praise God together on our knees*

*Let us praise God together on our knees*

*When I fall on my knees, with my face to the rising sun*

*O Lord, have mercy on me*

Words & music ~ African American spiritual | United Methodist Publishing House, 1965

**Benediction ~ Ephesians 6:23-24 (NLT)**

Peace be with you, dear brothers and sisters,  
and may God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ  
give you love with faithfulness.

May God’s grace be eternally upon all  
who love our Lord Jesus Christ.

**Postlude** ~ Dave Cobb will play “*Fanfare*” by Lemmens.