

## **Worship Service on July 9, 2023**

**Welcome and Announcements** ~ Jim West

**Monday** ~ Kid's Summer Discovery Camp Planning Meeting  
at 1 pm at FCC.

**Tuesday** ~ Deacon's Meeting at 4:30 pm at the church and then  
Prayer Group with Book Discussion of chapters 4-5 of  
*Gentle and Lowly* at the Keith's house at 7 pm.

**Thursday** ~ Dean Braxton will be here at our church as a special speaker  
sharing his near-death experience, and what he learned  
about heaven. His talk will be at 7 pm, we plan to have  
a dessert reception afterward. There is a sign-up sheet  
for desserts in the fellowship room.

**Saturday** ~ Decorating for Summer Discovery Camp beginning at  
9 am at FCC. If you have items to contribute, you can  
bring them that day or label them and leave them in  
Pastor Rebecca's office during the week.

~ There is also a Gospel Concert and Picnic at Horseshoe Acres  
at 3 pm featuring Sherry Anne.

**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** ~ Please pray for the Summer Discovery Camp,  
which will take place from July 17-21<sup>st</sup>, 9:00 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 Birthday to Peggy Brockett on Wednesday!

Thank you to Glenna and Russ Taxter for bringing flowers  
in loving memory of Michaelanne Sylvester.

**Word of Preparation** ~ Jim West

**Prelude** ~ Matthew and Rebecca Sommons will share a song called  
***"Choose"*** as we prepare our hearts for worship.

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**Call to Worship ~ John 17:6, 13-17 (TPT)** read by Jim West.  
Please join in reading the bold lines.

<sup>6</sup> "Father, I have manifested who you really are  
and I have revealed you to the men and women that you gave to me.

**They were yours, and you gave them to me,  
and they have fastened your Word firmly to their hearts.**

<sup>13</sup> "But now I am returning to you so Father, I pray  
that they will experience and enter into my joyous delight in you  
**so that it is fulfilled in them and overflows.**

<sup>14</sup> I have given them your message  
and that is why the unbelieving world hates them.

**For their allegiance is no longer to this world  
because I am not of this world.**

<sup>15</sup> I am not asking that you remove them from the world,  
**but I ask that you guard their hearts from evil,**

<sup>16</sup> For they no longer belong to this world any more than I do.

<sup>17</sup> **"Your Word is truth!**

**So make them holy by the truth.**

**Song ~ “Be Thou My Vision” (#595 in the blue hymnal)**

*Be thou my vision , O Lord of my heart  
Naught be all else to me, save that thou art  
Thou my best though by day or by night  
Waking or sleeping, thy presence my light  
Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word  
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord  
Thou my redeemer, my love thou hast won  
Thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one  
Riches I heed not, nor vain, empty praise  
Thou mine inheritance, now and always  
Thou and thou only, first in my heart  
Great God of heaven, my treasure thou art  
Great God of heaven, my victory won  
May I reach heaven’s joys, O bright heaven’s Sun!  
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall  
Still be my vision, O Ruler of all*

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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 ~ “Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus” (#220 in the red hymnal)**

*O soul, are you weary and troubled?  
No light in the darkness you see?  
There’s light for a look at the Savior,  
And life more abundant and free*

**Refrain**

***Turn your eyes upon Jesus  
Look full in His wonderful face  
And the things of earth will grow strangely dim  
In the light of His glory and grace***

*Thru’ death into life everlasting  
He passed, and we follow Him there  
Over us sin no more hath dominion  
For more than conquerors we are!*

**Refrain**

***His word shall not fail you ~ He promised  
Believe Him, and all will be well  
Then go to a world that is dying  
His perfect salvation to tell!***

**Refrain**

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**Sermon Introduction ~ Pastor Rebecca Sommons**

**Scripture Passage ~ 1 John 4:1-6 (TPT)** read by Jim West

Delightfully loved friends,  
don't trust every spirit,  
but carefully examine what they say  
to determine if they are of God,  
because many false prophets have mingled into the world.

Here's the test  
for those with the genuine Spirit of God:  
they will confess Jesus as the Christ  
who has come in the flesh.  
Everyone who does not acknowledge that Jesus is from God  
has the spirit of antichrist,  
which you heard was coming  
and is already active in the world.

Little children,  
you can be certain that you belong to God  
and have conquered them,  
for the One who is living in you  
is far greater than the one who is in the world.  
They belong to this world  
and they articulate the spirit of this world,  
and the world listens to them.

But we belong to God,  
and whoever truly knows God listens to us.  
Those who refuse to listen to us  
do not belong to God.  
That is how we can know the difference  
between the spirit of truth  
and the spirit of deceit.

**Sermon ~ “How to Be Discerning” ~ Pastor Rebecca Sommons**

**Song ~ The Worship Team will lead us in singing**

**“Christ is Enough”**

*Christ is my reward and all of my devotion  
Now there's nothing in this world  
That could ever satisfy  
Through every trial my soul will sing  
No turning back I've been set free*

**Chorus**

*Christ is enough for me  
Christ is enough for me  
Everything I need is in You  
Everything I need  
Christ my all in all the joy of my salvation  
And this hope will never fail  
Heaven is our home  
Through every storm my soul will sing  
Jesus is here to God be the glory*

**Chorus**

**Bridge**

*I have decided to follow Jesus  
No turning back, no turning back  
I have decided to follow Jesus  
No turning back, no turning back  
The cross before me, the world behind me  
No turning back, no turning back  
The cross before me, the world behind me  
No turning back, no turning back*

**Chorus**

**Bridge**

*No turning back, no turning back*

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**Benediction ~ John 16:33 (TPT)**

Jesus Christ said ~

“Everything I’ve taught you  
is so that the peace  
which is in me  
will be in you  
and will give you great confidence  
as you rest in me.

For in this unbelieving world  
you will experience trouble and sorrows,  
but you must be courageous,  
for I have conquered the world!”

