

Worship Service on August 13, 2023

Welcome and Announcements ~ Judy McGraw

Thank you to those who helped to participate in the Street Fest on Friday night. It was a delightful chance to share some fellowship with our community and let them know they are welcome to join us for worship and coming events.

Tuesday ~ People will be meeting at Craig and Kay Keith's home at 7 pm to pray and discuss chapters 8 & 9 in *Gentle and Lowly*.

Matthew and Pastor Rebecca will be away in Maine this week, so if a pastoral care need arises, please reach out to one of the deacons.

Next Sunday ~ Rev. Dr. Theresa Taylor will be preaching the message from the letter to Philemon in the morning service, and there will be an Alpha Training Meeting with supper for leaders from 5-7 pm.

Opportunity ~ The Community Food Cupboard is collecting back-to-school items for August. The full list can be found on the bulletin board in the fellowship room.

There are many things to celebrate this week!

Happy Anniversary to Lisa and George Hess today,
and to Lindy and Joe Mylott as well as
Glenna and Russ Taxter on Thursday!

Happy Birthday to Kelsey Towslee on Tuesday,
and to Annie Crumb and Linda Bushee on Thursday!



Thank you to Lisa Hess for the flowers today
in honor of her wedding anniversary with George.

Word of Preparation ~ Judy McGraw

"We hope and pray.

Of course we do:

We could hardly expect the one without the other.

True hope IS prayer."

~ Rick Beato

Prelude ~ You are invited to listen to Dave Cobb play
"Traumeri" by Schumann on the organ
as we prepare our hearts for worship.

Call to Worship ~ Psalm 113 (GNT)

Please join in reading the bold lines.

¹ Praise the Lord!

You servants of the Lord,

praise his name!

² **May his name be praised,
now and forever.**

³ From the east to the west
praise the name of the Lord!

⁴ **The Lord rules over all nations;
his glory is above the heavens.**

⁵ There is no one like the Lord our God.
He lives in the heights above,

⁶ **but he bends down**

to see the heavens and the earth.

⁷ He raises the poor from the dust;
he lifts the needy from their misery

⁸ **and makes them companions of princes,
the princes of his people.**

⁹ He honors the childless wife in her home;
he makes her happy by giving her children.

Song ~ “For the Beauty of the Earth” (#56, blue, v. 1, 2, 4, 5)

*For the beauty of the earth, for the glory of the skies
For the love which from our birth over and around us lies
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise*

*For the beauty of each hour of the day and of the night
Hill and vale, and tree and flower, sun and moon, and stars of light
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise*

*For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent child,
Friends on earth, and friends above, for all gentle thoughts and mild
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise*

*For thy church that evermore lifteth holy hands above
Offering up on every shore one pure sacrifice of love
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise*

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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 ~ The worship team will lead us in singing

“He Knows My Name”

*I have a Maker
He formed my heart
Before even time began
My life was in His hand*

Chorus

***He knows my name
He knows my every thought
He sees each tear that falls
And hears me when I call***

*I have a Father
He calls me His own
He'll never leave me
No matter where I go*

Chorus

And He hears me when I call

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Introducing the Sermon ~ Pastor Rebecca Sommons

Scripture Passage ~ 1 Samuel 1:1-20 (NIV) read by Judy McGraw

- 1** There was a certain man from Ramathaim,
a Zuphite from the hill country of Ephraim,
whose name was Elkanah son of Jeroham,
the son of Elihu, the son of Tohu, the son of Zuph, an Ephraimite.
2 He had two wives; one was called Hannah and the other Peninnah.
Peninnah had children, but Hannah had none.
3 Year after year this man went up from his town
to worship and sacrifice to the Lord Almighty at Shiloh,
where Hophni and Phinehas, the two sons of Eli,
were priests of the Lord.
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⁴ Whenever the day came for Elkanah to sacrifice,
 he would give portions of the meat to his wife Peninnah
 and to all her sons and daughters.

⁵ But to Hannah he gave a double portion because he loved her,
 and the Lord had closed her womb.

⁶ Because the Lord had closed Hannah's womb,
 her rival kept provoking her in order to irritate her.

⁷ This went on year after year.

Whenever Hannah went up to the house of the Lord,
 her rival provoked her till she wept and would not eat.

⁸ Her husband Elkanah would say to her,
 "Hannah, why are you weeping? Why don't you eat?
 Why are you downhearted? Don't I mean more to you than ten sons?"

⁹ Once when they had finished eating and drinking in Shiloh,
 Hannah stood up. Now Eli the priest was sitting on his chair
 by the doorpost of the Lord's house.

¹⁰ In her deep anguish Hannah prayed to the Lord, weeping bitterly.

¹¹ And she made a vow, saying,
 "Lord Almighty, if you will only look on your servant's misery
 and remember me, and not forget your servant but give her a son,
 then I will give him to the Lord for all the days of his life,
 and no razor will ever be used on his head."

¹² As she kept on praying to the Lord, Eli observed her mouth.

¹³ Hannah was praying in her heart,
 and her lips were moving but her voice was not heard.

Eli thought she was drunk ¹⁴ and said to her,
 "How long are you going to stay drunk? Put away your wine."

¹⁵ "Not so, my lord," Hannah replied,
 "I am a woman who is deeply troubled.
 I have not been drinking wine or beer;
 I was pouring out my soul to the Lord.

¹⁶ Do not take your servant for a wicked woman;
 I have been praying here out of my great anguish and grief."

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¹⁷ Eli answered, "Go in peace,
 and may the God of Israel grant you what you have asked of him."

¹⁸ She said, "May your servant find favor in your eyes."
 Then she went her way and ate something,
 and her face was no longer downcast.

¹⁹ Early the next morning they arose and worshiped before the Lord
 and then went back to their home at Ramah.
 Elkanah made love to his wife Hannah,
 and the Lord remembered her.

²⁰ So in the course of time Hannah
 became pregnant and gave birth to a son.
 She named him Samuel saying,
 "Because I asked the Lord for him."

Sermon ~ "Asked of God" ~ Pastor Rebecca Sommons

Song ~ "*O God, Unseen Yet Ever Near*" (#399, blue)

*O God, unseen yet ever near, reveal thy presence now
 While we, in love that hath no fear, before thy glory bow
 Here may thy faithful people know the blessings of thy love ~
 The streams that through the desert flow, the manna from above
 Awhile beside the fount we stay and eat this bread of thine
 Then go, rejoicing, on our way, renewed with strength divine*

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Communion ~ Everyone is welcome at the table where we
 commemorate Jesus' sacrifice for our salvation. We remember
 and give thanks for God's mercy and grace outpoured.



Benediction ~ Romans 15:13 (NIV)

“May the God of hope
fill you with all joy and peace
as you trust in him,
so that you may overflow with hope
by the power of the Holy Spirit.”



Postlude ~ “*Marche Royale*” by Lully played by Dave Cobb