

Worship Service on August 27, 2023

Welcome and Announcements ~ Jim Comar

Monday ~ Uplift support group for people affected by cancer meets at 3 pm in the church fellowship room.

Tuesday ~ People will be meeting at Craig and Kay Keith's home at 7 pm to pray and discuss chapters 10-11 in *Gentle and Lowly*.

Wednesday ~ The Seeking God Together spiritual formation group is meeting at the Taxter home at 11 am and bringing a lunch.

Thursday ~ There is an Interfaith Council Clergy meeting at Cantor Scott Buckner's home at 11 am.
~ The Pastoral Relations Committee meeting is scheduled for 3:30 pm.
~ Choir practice will be at the church fellowship room at 7 pm.

Opportunities ~ If you are interested in getting baptized or joining the church as a member, please let Pastor Rebecca know.
~ 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.

Looking Ahead ~ On September 10th, the time of our worship service will change to 10:30 am. This will allow time for the Ladies' and Martha Fellowship breakfast and meeting at 8:30 am and Sunday School Classes at 9:30 am. Sept. 10th will also be the first meeting of Alpha for Teens that evening from 5-7 pm.

Happy Birthday to Aiden Russell on Thursday, August 31st.



Thank you to Carol Lattuga for the flowers
in loving memory of her father, Charles Moore.

Word of Preparation ~ Jim Comar

Prelude ~ You are invited to listen to Emily Higgins play
"Great Is Thy Faithfulness" (music by William M Runyan)
as we prepare our hearts for worship.

Call to Worship ~ **Psalm 84:1-4, 10-12 (NIV)** read by Jim Comar
Please join in reading the bold lines.

¹ How lovely is your dwelling place, Lord Almighty!

² **My soul yearns, even faints, for the courts of the Lord;**
my heart and my flesh cry out for the living God.

³ **Even the sparrow has found a home,**
and the swallow a nest for herself, where she may have her young—
a place near your altar, Lord Almighty, my King and my God.

⁴ Blessed are those who dwell in your house;
they are ever praising you.

¹⁰ Better is one day in your courts than a thousand elsewhere;
I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God
than dwell in the tents of the wicked.

¹¹ For the Lord God is a sun and shield;
the Lord bestows favor and honor;
no good thing does he withhold
from those whose walk is blameless.

¹² **Lord Almighty, blessed is the one who trusts in you.**

Song ~ “How Lovely, Lord, How Lovely” (#285 in the blue hymnal)

*How lovely, Lord, how lovely is your abiding place
My soul is longing, fainting, to feast upon your grace
The sparrow finds a shelter, a place to build her nest
And so your temple calls us within its walls to rest*

*In your blest courts to worship, O God, a single day
Is better than a thousand if I from you should stray
I'd rather keep the entrance and claim you as my Lord
Than revel in the riches the ways of sin afford*

*A sun and shield forever are you, O God most high
You shower us with blessings no good will you deny
The saints, your grace receiving, from strength to strength shall go
And from their life shall rivers of blessing overflow*

Words ~ Arlo D. Duba, Music ~ Hall H. Hobson | 1986 Hope Publishing Co.

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 ~ “We Give Thee But Thine Own” (#382 in the blue hymnal)

*We give thee but thine own, whate'er the gift may be
All that we have is thine alone, a trust, O Lord, from thee*

*May we thy bounties thus as stewards true receive
And gladly, as thou blessest us, to thee our first fruits give*

*To comfort and to bless, to find a balm for woe
To tend the lonely in distress, is angel's word below*

*The captive to release, to God the lost to bring
To teach the way of life and peace ~ it is a Christ-like thing*

*And we believe thy Word, though dim our faith may be
Whate'er for thine we do, O Lord, we do it unto thee*

Words ~ William W. How, c. 1858, Music ~ Mason and Webb's *Cantica Laudis*, 1850
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Introducing the Sermon ~ Pastor Rebecca Sommons

Scripture Passage ~ 1 Samuel 1:21-2:11, 18-20, 26 (NIV)

read by Jim Comar.

²¹ When her husband Elkanah went up with all his family
to offer the annual sacrifice to the Lord and to fulfill his vow,

²² Hannah did not go.

She said to her husband, “After the boy is weaned,
I will take him and present him before the Lord,
and he will live there always.”

²³ “Do what seems best to you,” her husband Elkanah told her.

“Stay here until you have weaned him;
only may the Lord make good his word.”

So the woman stayed at home
and nursed her son until she had weaned him.

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²⁴ After he was weaned, she took the boy with her, young as he was,
along with a three-year-old bull, an ephah of flour and a skin of wine,
and brought him to the house of the Lord at Shiloh.

²⁵ When the bull had been sacrificed, they brought the boy to Eli,

²⁶ and she said to him, “Pardon me, my lord. As surely as you live,
I am the woman who stood here beside you praying to the Lord.

²⁷ I prayed for this child,
and the Lord has granted me what I asked of him.

²⁸ So now I give him to the Lord.
For his whole life he will be given over to the Lord.”
And he worshiped the Lord there.

¹ Then Hannah prayed and said:

“My heart rejoices in the Lord; in the Lord my horn is lifted high.
My mouth boasts over my enemies, for I delight in your deliverance.

² “There is no one holy like the Lord; there is no one besides you;
there is no Rock like our God.

³ “Do not keep talking so proudly or let your mouth speak such arrogance
for the Lord is a God who knows, and by him deeds are weighed.

⁴ “The bows of the warriors are broken,
but those who stumbled are armed with strength.
⁵ Those who were full hire themselves out for food,
but those who were hungry are hungry no more.

She who was barren has borne seven children,
but she who has had many sons, pines away.

⁶ “The Lord brings death and makes alive;
he brings down to the grave and raises up.

⁷ The Lord sends poverty and wealth; he humbles, and he exalts.

⁸ He raises the poor from the dust and lifts the needy from the ash heap;
he seats them with princes and has them inherit a throne of honor.

“For the foundations of the earth are the Lord’s;
on them he has set the world.

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⁹ He will guard the feet of his faithful servants,
but the wicked will be silenced in the place of darkness.

“It is not by strength that one prevails;

¹⁰ those who oppose the Lord will be broken.

The Most High will thunder from heaven;
the Lord will judge the ends of the earth.

“He will give strength to his king and exalt the horn of his anointed.”

¹¹ Then Elkanah went home to Ramah,
but the boy ministered before the Lord under Eli the priest...

¹⁸ But Samuel was ministering before the Lord—
a boy wearing a linen ephod.

¹⁹ Each year his mother made him a little robe and took it to him
when she went up with her husband to offer the annual sacrifice.

²⁰ Eli would bless Elkanah and his wife, saying,

“May the Lord give you children by this woman
to take the place of the one she prayed for and gave to the Lord.”

Then they would go home.

²⁶ And the boy Samuel continued to grow in stature
and in favor with the Lord and with people.

Sermon ~ “Dedicated to God” ~ Pastor Rebecca Sommons

Space for notes

Song ~ The worship team will lead us in singing

“Awesome Is the Lord Most High”

Great are You Lord, mighty in strength.

You are faithful and You will ever be

We will praise You all of our days.

It's for Your glory we offer everything

Chorus 1

Raise your hands all you nations. Shout to God all creation

How awesome is the Lord most high

Where You send us God we will go

You're the answer we want the world to know

We will trust You when You call our name

Where You lead us we'll follow all the way

Chorus 2

Raise your hands all you nations. Shout to God all creation

How awesome is the Lord most high

We will praise You together, for now and forever

How awesome is the Lord most high

Hallelujah, Hallelujah ~ How awesome is the Lord most high

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Chorus 2 two times

The Lord most high

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Benediction ~ 1 Kings 8:61 (AMP) and Colossians 1:9b-10a (GNT)

May your hearts be wholly devoted to the Lord our God,
to walk in His statutes and to keep His commandments,
as you are doing today.

May God fill you with the knowledge of his will,
with all the wisdom and understanding that his Spirit gives.

Then you will be able to live as the Lord wants
and will always do what pleases him.

Postlude ~ “Trumpet March” by Clarke played by Dave Cobb