

Worship Service for August 3, 2025

Welcome and Announcements ~

Linell Pike

Thursday ~ There is a Mission and Outreach Committee Meeting
via zoom at 7 pm.

Next Sunday ~ There will be a chance to celebrate Natalie Sommons
and Jason Buffenmeyer's engagement in the fellowship time
after the church service.

~ Celebrations ~

Happy Birthday to Jim Lincoln on Wednesday!
Happy Anniversary to Jerry and Linell Pike on Thursday!



*Thank you to Linda Hulett for flowers
in loving memory of her husband, Butch Hulett.*

Word of Preparation ~

Linell Pike

Prelude ~ Please listen to a piano arrangement of
"Oh, How I Love Jesus"
as we prepare our hearts for worship.



Call to Worship ~ John 14:1-6 (NLT)

Please join in reading the bold lines.

Jesus said ~

¹ "Don't let your hearts be troubled.

Trust in God, and trust also in me.

² There is more than enough room in my Father's home.

If this were not so,

would I have told you

that I am going to prepare a place for you?

³ When everything is ready, I will come and get you,
so that you will always be with me where I am.

⁴ And you know the way to where I am going."

⁵ **"No, we don't know, Lord," Thomas said.**

**"We have no idea where you are going,
so how can we know the way?"**

⁶ Jesus told him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life.

No one can come to the Father

except through me.

⁷ If you had really known me,
you would know who my Father is.

**From now on,
you do know him and have seen him!"**

Song ~ “Amazing Grace ~ My Chains Are Gone”

*Amazing grace how sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me
I once was lost but now I'm found, was blind but now I see*

*'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear and grace my fears relieved
How precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed*

Chorus

***My chains are gone. I've been set free.
My God my Savior has ransomed me
And like a flood His mercy rains
Unending love, amazing grace***

*The Lord has promised good to me. His word my hope secures
He will my shield and portion be as long as life endures*

Chorus two times

*The earth shall soon dissolve like snow, the sun forbear to shine
But God who called me here below will be forever mine
Will be forever mine. You are forever mine*

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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 ~ “Lord, I Need You”

*Lord I come I confess. Bowing here I find my rest
And without You I fall apart. You're the one that guides my heart*

Chorus

***Lord I need You, oh I need You. Every hour I need You
My one defense my righteousness, Oh God how I need You***

*Where sin runs deep Your grace is more
Where grace is found is where You are
And where You are Lord I am free. Holiness is Christ in me
Where You are Lord I am free. Holiness is Christ in me*

Chorus

***Bridge ~ So teach my song to rise to You
When temptation comes my way
And when I cannot stand I'll fall on You
Jesus You're my hope and stay
And when I cannot stand I'll fall on You
Jesus You're my hope and stay***

Chorus

***Ending ~ You're my one defense my righteousness
Oh God, how I need You
My one defense, my righteousness
Oh God, how I need You***

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Introducing the Sermon ~ Pastor Rebecca Sommons

Scripture Text ~ Acts 9:1-22 (NLT)

¹ Meanwhile, Saul was uttering threats with every breath and was eager to kill the Lord's followers. So he went to the high priest.

² He requested letters addressed to the synagogues in Damascus, asking for their cooperation in the arrest of any followers of the Way he found there. He wanted to bring them—both men and women—back to Jerusalem in chains.

³ As he was approaching Damascus on this mission, a light from heaven suddenly shone down around him.

⁴ He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, "Saul! Saul! Why are you persecuting me?"

⁵ "Who are you, lord?" Saul asked.

And the voice replied, "I am Jesus, the one you are persecuting!"

⁶ Now get up and go into the city, and you will be told what you must do."

⁷ The men with Saul stood speechless, for they heard the sound of someone's voice but saw no one!

⁸ Saul picked himself up off the ground, but when he opened his eyes he was blind.

So his companions led him by the hand to Damascus.

⁹ He remained there blind for three days and did not eat or drink.

¹⁰ Now there was a believer in Damascus named Ananias.

The Lord spoke to him in a vision, calling, "Ananias!"

"Yes, Lord!" he replied.

¹¹ The Lord said, "Go over to Straight Street, to the house of Judas.

When you get there, ask for a man from Tarsus named Saul.

He is praying to me right now.

¹² I have shown him a vision of a man named Ananias coming in and laying hands on him so he can see again."

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¹³ "But Lord," exclaimed Ananias,

"I've heard many people talk about the terrible things this man has done to the believers in Jerusalem!"

¹⁴ And he is authorized by the leading priests to arrest everyone who calls upon your name."

¹⁵ But the Lord said, "Go, for Saul is my chosen instrument to take my message to the Gentiles and to kings, as well as to the people of Israel.

¹⁶ And I will show him how much he must suffer for my name's sake."

¹⁷ So Ananias went and found Saul.

He laid his hands on him and said,

"Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus, who appeared to you on the road, has sent me so that you might regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit."

¹⁸ Instantly something like scales fell from Saul's eyes, and he regained his sight.

Then he got up and was baptized.

¹⁹ Afterward he ate some food and regained his strength.

Saul stayed with the believers in Damascus for a few days.

²⁰ And immediately he began preaching about Jesus in the synagogues, saying, "He is indeed the Son of God!"

²¹ All who heard him were amazed.

"Isn't this the same man who caused such devastation Jesus' followers in Jerusalem?" they asked.

"And didn't he come here to arrest them and take them in chains to the leading priests?"

²² Saul's preaching became more and more powerful, and the Jews in Damascus couldn't refute his proofs that Jesus was indeed the Messiah.

Sermon ~ "Finding the Way of Salvation"

~ Pastor Rebecca Sommons

Communion ~ Everyone is welcome at the Lord's Table.
Here, we remember how we are forgiven,
washed clean in God's grace,
and welcomed into the family with love



Communion Song ~ "Precious Love"

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Benediction ~ 2 Corinthians 4:1, 6 (NLT)

Therefore, since God in his mercy
has given us this new way,
we never give up...
For God, who said,
"Let there be light in the darkness,"
has made this light
shine in our hearts
so we could know the glory of God
that is seen in the face of Jesus Christ.

