

## Worship Service for November 16, 2025

Welcome and Announcements .....Barbara Towslee

1. Thanksgiving Ecumenical Choir & Service: Mark your calendar for the Northshire Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service on November 25th at 7PM at the Christ the Savior Church. If you're interested in participating in the choir, please come at 6 PM that night for rehearsal.
2. Food cupboard: Once again, First Baptist Church has the privilege of helping at the food cupboard in December. We are looking for, at least, two volunteers per shift, which are Wednesday afternoon 2 to 4, Thursday 10 to noon or 2 to 4. If you are interested, please contact Lindy Mylott or Pastor Theresa. We have to let the food cupboard know by November 21st.
3. Cookie decorating and sale:

### Christmas Cookie Sale

Thursday Dec 6	Friday Dec 7	Saturday Dec 8
Deliver cookies anytime today or tomorrow by 1 pm	Cookies due by 1pm	8 am set-up 10am - 1pm sale 1pm clean-up &

\*Please note: imitation almond extract is safe for a person with a nut allergy.  
Real almond nut extract is not safe for a person with a nut allergy.  
\*We also need more gluten free cookies.  
 Russian/ Mexican Wedding cookies are VERY popular.

4. Advent readers: The joyous time of advent is near! We need Advent readers! If you are interested in reading scripture on a particular Sunday, please contact Pastor Theresa.

## Upcoming Events

Monday 9am - 1pm..... Pastor Theresa's office hours

**2pm..... Uplift (Cancer Support Group) at Linda H home.**

**Tuesday via zoom .....** Prayer group/Book study; we will be finishing up "You Were Born for This"

**Wednesday 7pm via zoom .....** Mission meeting

## Celebrations

### Happy Birthday to:

Cheryl Hess Today; Nathaniel Louis on Monday;

Loraine Wilkins on Saturday.

### Happy Anniversary to:

John & Cheryl Hess Today.

Thank you to John & Cheryl Hess for the flowers in Honor of their anniversary.

## Word of Preparation - Barbara Towslee

### Prelude ~Wonderful Peace

#### Verse 1

Far away in the depths of my spirit tonight  
 Rolls a melody sweeter than psalm  
 In celestial-like strains it unceasingly falls  
 O'er my soul like an infinite calm

#### Verse 2

What a treasure I have in this wonderful peace  
 Buried deep in the heart of my soul  
 So secure that no power can mine it away  
 While the years of eternity roll

Refrain

Peace, peace, wonderful peace  
Coming down from the Father above  
Sweep over my spirit forever I pray  
In fathomless billows of love

Verse 3

I am resting tonight in this wonderful peace  
Resting sweetly in Jesus' control  
For I'm kept from all danger by night and by day  
And His glory is flooding my soul

Verse 4

And I think when I rise to that city of peace  
Where the Author of peace I shall see  
That one strain of the song  
Which the ransomed will sing  
In that heavenly kingdom shall be. Refrain

Verse 5

Ah soul are you here without comfort and rest  
Marching down the rough pathway of time  
Make Jesus your friend ere the shadows grow dark  
O accept this sweet peace so sublime. Refrain

Warren D. Cornell, William G. Cooper

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**Call to Worship** ~ from the Week of Prayer for World Peace,  
1978: Please join in reading the bold lines.

Lord, we pray for the power to be gentle,  
**the strength to be forgiving,**  
**the patience to be understanding,**  
**and the endurance to accept the consequences**  
**of holding to what we believe to be right.**

May we put our trust in the power of good to overcome evil  
and the power of love to overcome hatred.

**We pray for the vision to see and the faith to believe  
in a world emancipated from violence.**

Help us to devote our whole life, thought and energy  
to the task of making peace,

**praying always for the inspiration and the power  
to fulfill the destiny for which we were created.**

**Hymn - #11 Red Hymnal: Great is Thy Faithfulness.**

Verse 1

Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father,  
There is no shadow of turning with Thee;  
Thou changest not, Thy compassions they fail not  
As Thou has been, Thou forever wilt be.

[Chorus]

Great is Thy faithfulness!  
Great is Thy faithfulness!  
Morning by morning new mercies I see.  
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided  
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me.

[Verse 2]

Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest,  
Sun, moon, and stars in their courses above  
Join with all nature in manifold witness  
Thy great faithfulness, mercy and love. Refrain

[Verse 3]

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,  
Thy own dear presence to cheer and to guide.  
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow

Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside. Refrain

### **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**

### **Hymn - The Solid Rock**

#### Verse 1

My hope is built on nothing less  
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness;  
I dare not trust the sweetest frame,  
But wholly lean on Jesus' name.

#### Chorus

On Christ the solid Rock, I stand;  
All other ground is sinking sand,  
All other ground is sinking sand.

#### Verse 2

When darkness veils His lovely face,  
I rest on His unchanging grace;  
In ev'ry high and stormy gale,  
My anchor holds within the veil. Chorus

#### Verse 3

His oath, His covenant, His blood,  
Support me in the whelming flood;  
When all around my soul gives way;  
He then is all my hope and stay. Chorus

#### Verse 4

When He shall come with trumpet sound,  
Oh, may I then in Him be found;  
Dressed in His righteousness alone,  
Faultless to stand before the throne. Chorus

Edward Mote, William Batchelder Bradbury  
CCLI Song #25417

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### **Intro to sermon - Rev Dr Theresa Taylor**

**Scripture text** - Psalm 34:14; Matthew 5:9; 5:43-45; Romans 12:18; Matthew 7:12; James 3:17-18; Romans 14:19; 2 Corinthians 13:11.

Turn away from evil and do good; seek peace and pursue it.

Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

If possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all.

So whatever you wish that others would do to you, do also to them, for this is the Law...

But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, open to reason, full of mercy and good fruits, impartial and sincere. And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace by those who make peace.

So then let us pursue what makes for peace and for mutual upbuilding.

Finally, brothers, rejoice. Aim for restoration, comfort one another, agree with one another, live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you.

You have heard that it was said, 'You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy'. But I say to you, Love your enemies and pray

for those who persecute you, so that you may be sons of your Father who is in heaven. For he makes his sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the just and on the unjust.

**Sermon** - "Happy are the peacemakers"

Rev Dr Theresa Taylor

**Song** - Bring the Rain

Verse 1

I can count a million times, people asking me how I can praise You, with all that I've gone through.

The question just amazes me, can circumstances possibly change, who I forever am in You.

Verse 2

Maybe since my life was changed long before these rainy days, it's never really ever crossed my mind, to turn my back on You, oh Lord, my only shelter from the storm, but instead I draw closer through these times. So I pray.

Chorus

Bring me joy, bring me peace, Bring the chance to be free,  
Bring me anything that brings You glory.  
And I know there'll be days, When this life brings me pain,  
But if that's what it takes to praise You, Jesus bring the rain.

Verse 3

I am Yours regardless of the clouds that may loom above  
because, You are much greater than my pain.  
You who made a way for me, by suffering Your destiny  
So tell me, what's a little rain. So I pray. Chorus

Bridge

Holy holy holy, Holy holy holy  
Is the Lord God Almighty. Is the Lord God Almighty.

(REPEAT 2x)

Chorus

Holy holy holy. Holy holy holy.

Is the Lord God Almighty. Is the Lord God Almighty.

Barry Gaul, Bart Millard, Jim Bryson, Mike Scheuchzer, Nathan Cochran, Robby Shaffer  
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**Benediction** - John 14:27

Peace, I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid.

**Purpose:**

To share the love of Jesus.

**Vision:**

Beacon of hope, welcoming all.

**Mission:**

Worship God, Follow Jesus, Rely on the Holy Spirit, and Love  
Everyone.



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**Mt 5:9**