Worship service for June 29, 2025

Welcome and Announcements:

Today - After the service a special meeting. See

notice in the fellowship room.

Tuesday - Philippians study 1:30 at Kay Keith's home

Prayer group/Book study (ch 9 & 10 of

Grace by Max Lucado) via Zoom.

Friday - Church picnic at Dana L Thompson park

pavilion 1. Fun, food, fellowship and

fireworks start at 4pm.

Happy birthday to:

Today - Derry Dickenson

Happy anniversary to Jim & Cathy Comar Tomorrow

Thanks to Russ & Glenna Taxter for the flowers in loving memory of Everett & Grace Hazelton

Word of preperation - Ken Taylor

Prelude - We Fall Down Please join in.

Verse
We fall down
We lay our crowns
At the feet of Jesus
The greatness of mercy and love
At the feet of Jesus
Repeat

Chorus

we cry holy holy holy we cry holy holy holy

And we cry holy holy is the Lamb

Verse

Chorus 2x

Chris Tomlin CCLI Song #2437367

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Call to worship - Please join in reading together:

Lord, I am faced with hard decisions, big and small, every day. I long to have the courage to make the right choices in my thoughts, actions, and words. Give me courage to follow your ways and to deny the ways of my flesh and the ways of this world. Please give me the Holy Spirit's conviction as I deal with friends, family, and strangers. Teach me your ways as I read your word, and learn about people in the Bible who lived courageously for you. Help me weed out things in my life that distract me and keep me from following in your ways. Help me to

be a light to those around me, being an example of what it looks like to courageously follow you.

Your ways are perfect. Your ways are the truth. I don't want to live by worldly standards. I don't want to live in fear of what it might cost me to follow you. You are bigger than anything that I will face, and you will give me the strength for every situation I come across. Thank you, Jesus, for giving me courage. Thank you for giving me your Word of truth to follow. Please bring people into my life to encourage me and convict me with love. Speak louder than the world so that I can recognize your voice and have the strength to listen. Praise you God for your perfect ways and help me to reflect that in my life. In your precious name we pray, amen.

Heidi Vega

Song - Praise my soul, the God of heaven. #23 blue hymnal

Verse 1

Praise my soul the God of heaven, glad of heart your carols raise. ransom, healed, restored, forgiven, who like me should sing God's praise? Allelujah. Allelujah. Praise the maker all our days.

Verse 2

Praise to God for grace and favor, shown to all who are oppressed. God shows steadfast love forever, Slow to chide and swift to bless. hallelujah hallelujah Gloria is God's faithfulness. Verse 3

Mother-like, God tends and spares us, knowing well are fragile frame. Father-like, God gently hears us, -tender hearted, slow to blame. Hallelujah hallelujah all within me praise God's name.

Verse 4

Frail as summer's flower we flourish, blows the wind and it is gone, but while mortals rise and perish, God's compassion still lives on. Hallelujah hallelujah praise the high eternal one.

Verse 5

Angels teach us adoration, you see God face-to-face; sun and moon and all creation, dwellers all in time and space, hallelujah hallelujah praise with us the God of grace

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 pow
and the glory forever, Amen

Song - I need the every hour #578 blue hymnal

Verse 1

I need Thee every hour, Most gracious Lord No tender voice like Thine Can peace afford

Chorus
I need Thee O I need Thee
Every hour I need Thee
O bless me now my Savior
I come to Thee

Verse 2 I need Thee every hour Stay Thou near by Temptations lose their pow'r When Thou art nigh

Verse 3 I need Thee every hour In joy or pain Come quickly and abide Or life is vain

Verse 4 I need Thee every hour teach me thy will and thy rich promises in me fulfill

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Introduction to sermon - Rev Theresa Taylor

Scripture text - Acts 4:23-31 NIV

On their release, Peter and John went back to their own people and reported all that the chief priests and the elders had said to them. When they heard this, they raised their voices together in prayer to God. "Sovereign Lord," they said, "you made the heavens and the earth and the sea, and everything in them. You spoke by the Holy Spirit through the mouth of your servant, our father David:

> "'Why do the nations rage and the peoples plot in vain? The kings of the earth rise up and the rulers band together against the Lord and against his anointed one.

Indeed Herod and Pontius Pilate met together with the Gentiles and the people of Israel in this city to conspire against your holy servant Jesus, whom you anointed. They did what your power and will had decided beforehand should happen. Now, Lord, consider their threats and enable your servants to speak your word with great boldness. Stretch out your hand to heal and perform signs and wonders through the name of your holy servant Jesus."

After they prayed, the place where they were meeting was shaken. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke the word of God boldly.

Sermon "Be Bold" - Rev Theresa Taylor

Song - Come Thou Fount #16 Blue hymnal

Verse 1
Come Thou fount of every blessing
Tune my heart to sing Thy grace
Streams of mercy never ceasing
Call for songs of loudest praise
Teach me some melodious sonnet
Sung by flaming tongues above
Praise the mount I'm fixed upon it
Mount of Thy redeeming love

Verse 2
Here I raise to the an alter
Hither by Thy help I'm come
And I hope by Thy good pleasure
Safely to arrive at home
Jesus sought me when a stranger
Wand'ring from the fold of God
He to rescue me from danger
Interposed His precious blood

Verse 3
Oh to grace thou great a debtor
Daily I'm constrained to be
Let Thy goodness like a fetter
Bind my wand'ring heart to Thee
Prone to wander how I feel it
Prone to leave the God I love
Here's my heart O take and seal it
Seal it for Thy courts above

Benediction

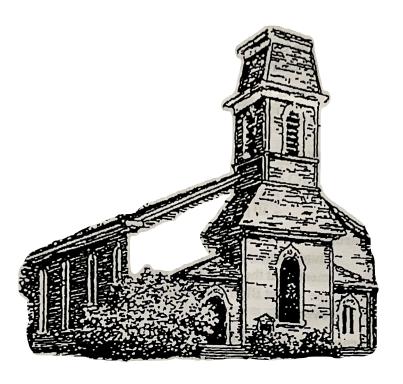
1 Thes 5:16-18

Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.

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ACTS 4;31b