

## **Worship Service on November 5, 2023**

### **Welcome and Announcements ~ Ken Taylor**

**Today** – The congregational meeting is postponed until a later date.

**Monday** - Uplift 3pm at church

**Tuesday** - Prayer group & Book study 7pm via zoom

We are starting a new book for the holiday season.

“When God Comes Down” Chapter 1

**Thursday** - Missions meeting 4:30pm

Choir practice 7pm

**Sunday** - Mary & Martha Breakfast & meeting 8:30

Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes are due at church

There will be a town wide youth event at Zion Church

### **Upcoming events ~ November 14 6pm**

There will be a “share your faith” potluck dinner. As we begin the holiday season, let’s take time to give thanks for each other, and for our faith journeys. Come, share your faith story and a dish.

Happy Birthday to Jerry Pike today, Debbie Kamm on Monday, and Ray Koch on Wednesday.

The flowers this morning are given by Peggy Brockett in loving memory of her parents Harvey and Dottie Brophy.

### **Word of preparation ~Ken Taylor**

#### **Prelude:**

**I Can Only Imagine** ~ led by Ken Taylor

#### Verse 1

I can only imagine  
What it will be like  
When I walk by Your side  
I can only imagine  
What my eyes will see  
When Your face is before me

I can only imagine

#### Chorus

Surrounded by Your glory  
What will my heart feel  
Will I dance for You Jesus  
Or in awe of You be still  
Will I stand in Your presence  
Or to my knees will I fall  
Will I sing hallelujah  
Will I be able to speak at all  
I can only imagine (yeah)  
I can only imagine

#### Verse 2

I can only imagine  
When that day comes  
And I find myself standing in the Son  
I can only imagine  
When all I will do  
Is forever forever worship You  
I can only imagine  
I can only imagine

#### Tag

I can only imagine yeah  
I can only imagine  
I can only imagine  
I can only imagine

#### Ending

I can only imagine when all I will do  
Is forever forever worship You  
I can only imagine  
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**Call to worship** – read by Ken Taylor  
Please join in reading the bold print.

Psalm 138:1–3 (CSB)

I will give you thanks with all my heart;

**I will sing your praise before the heavenly beings.**

I will bow down toward your holy temple

**and give thanks to your name**

**for your constant love and truth.**

You have exalted your name

**and your promise above everything else.**

On the day I called, you answered me;

**you increased strength within me.**

**Song: Sanctuary/Step by step** – led by Ken Taylor

Lord prepare me  
To be a sanctuary  
Pure and holy  
Tried and true  
With thanksgiving  
I'll be a living  
Sanctuary for You

Lord prepare me  
To be a sanctuary  
Pure and holy

Tried and true  
With thanksgiving  
I'll be a living  
Sanctuary for You

O God You are my God  
And I will ever praise You  
O God You are my God  
And I will ever praise You  
I will seek You in the morning  
And I will learn to walk in Your ways  
And step by step You'll lead me  
And I will follow You all of my days

Lord prepare me  
To be a sanctuary  
Pure and holy  
Tried and true  
With thanksgiving  
I'll be a living  
Sanctuary for You

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## Prayer

**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**

## Bring the Rain – led by Ken Taylor

### 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 (oh)

### 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

(And I forever sing) (Ev'rybody singin')  
Holy holy holy  
Holy holy holy  
Is the Lord God Almighty  
Is the Lord God Almighty  
(REPEAT)

### Chorus

Holy holy holy  
Holy holy holy  
Is the Lord God Almighty  
Is the Lord God Almighty

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Sermon introduction    Rev Dr. Theresa Taylor

Scripture passage: Luke 14:15-24 – read by Ken Taylor

15 After Jesus had finished speaking, one of the guests said, “The greatest blessing of all is to be at the banquet in God's kingdom!”

16 Jesus told him:

A man once gave a great banquet and invited a lot of guests. 17 When the banquet was ready, he sent a servant to tell the guests, “Everything is ready! Please come.”

18 One guest after another started making excuses. The first one said, “I bought some land, and I've got to look it over. Please excuse me.”

19 Another guest said, “I bought five teams of oxen, and I need to try them out. Please excuse me.”

20 Still another guest said, “I've just now married, and I can't be there.”

21 The servant told his master what happened, and the master became so angry he said, “Go as fast as you can to every street and alley in town! Bring in everyone who is poor or paralyzed or blind or lame.”

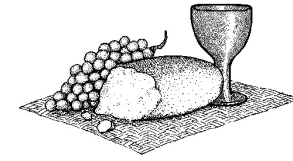
22 When the servant returned, he said, “Master, I've done what you told me, and there is still plenty of room for more people.”

23 His master then told him, “Go out along the back roads and make people come in, so my house will be full. 24 Not one of the guests I first invited will get even a bite of my food!”

Sermon ~ **The Great Banquet**   Rev Dr Theresa Taylor

Choir song ~ ***“Behold the Lamb”***

Soloists – Cara Davenport, Jim Comar



Communion

Benediction

The Lord bless you and keep you;  
the Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you;  
the Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace. **Amen**