**Worship Bulletin for January 16, 2021**

**Welcome and Announcements ~** Lisa Towslee

Monday ~ Day of Prayer for ABC churches in Vermont & New

Hampshire via zoom from 9 am – noon using the meeting

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 The Interfaith Council of the Northshire invites you to a

conversation about “Creating a Beloved Community in our Time” facilitated by Rev. Dr. Arnold Isidore Thomas via zoom at 7 pm.

Tuesday ~ Deacon Meeting at 4:30 pm in the vestry

Wednesday ~ Seeking God Together Meeting via zoom at 11 am.

Thursday ~ Choir Practice at the church at 7 pm.

Next Sunday ~ We will have an opportunity to give to the Retired

Ministers and Missionary Offering.

 There will be an appreciation lunch after the morning service

followed by our Annual Meeting. Copies of the Annual Report are available in the vestry as well as via email.

There are still some openings on committees for 2022.

 We need one more person to serve on the Christian Ed.

Committee, one more person for the Prudential Committee,

and three people for the Audit Committee, which will be formally created this year. If you have any questions or interest, please let Pastor Rebecca know.

If you are interested in providing flowers for the worship services

in 2022, please sign up with Martha Thompson.

Thank you to Martha Thompson for bringing the flowers for today.

Happy Birthday to Craig Keith today!

**Word of Preparation** ~ Lisa Towslee

**Prelude ~** Barb will play as we prepare our hearts for worship.

**Call to Worship ~ selected verses from Psalm 71 TPT**

 (Please join in reading the bold lines.)

You are my only hope, Lord!
    I’ve hung on to you, trusting in you all my life.

**It was you who supported me from the day I was born,
    loving me, helping me through my life’s journey.**

 Don’t let go of me when my strength is spent.

Stay close to me!

**No matter what, I’ll trust in you to help me.
    Nothing will stop me from praising you to magnify your glory!**

I couldn’t begin to count the times you’ve been there for me.

**From my childhood you’ve been my teacher,
    and I’m still telling everyone of your miracle-wonders!**

Even though you’ve let us sink down with trials and troubles,
    I know you will revive us again…

**Turn and comfort us once again.**My loving God, the harp in my heart will praise you.
**Your faithful heart toward us will be the theme of my song.**
    Melodies and music will rise to you, the Holy One of Israel.

**I will shout and sing your praises for all you are to me—
    Savior, lover of my soul!**

**Song ~** The Worship Team will lead us in singing

***“The Power of Your Love”***

*Lord I come to You. Let my heart be changed, renewed*

*Flowing from the grace that I found in You*

*And Lord I've come to know the weaknesses I see in me*

*Will be stripped away by the power of Your love*

***Chorus***

***Hold me close. Let Your love surround me***

***Bring me near. Draw me to Your side***

***And as I wait, I'll rise up like the eagle***

***And I will soar with You***

***Your Spirit leads me on in the power of Your love***

*Lord unveil my eyes. Let me see You face to face*

*The knowledge of Your love, as You live in me*

*Lord renew my mind as Your will unfolds in my life*

*In living every day by the power of Your love*

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**Praying Together ~**

Space for Prayer Requests ~

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

**Choir Song ~ *“God’s Work”***

**Song ~ *“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”* (#517, blue)**

*Love divine all loves excelling, joy of heaven to earth come down
Fix in us Thy humble dwelling, all Thy faithful mercies crown*

*Jesus Thou art all compassion, pure unbounded love Thou art
Visit us with Thy salvation, enter every trembling heart*

*Breathe, O breathe Thy loving Spirit into every troubled breast*

*Let us all in Thee inherit, let us find Thy promised rest*

*Take away our love of sinning; Alpha and Omega be*

*End of faith, as its beginning, set our hearts at liberty*

*Come, Almighty to deliver, let us all Thy life receive
Suddenly return and never, never-more Thy temples leave*

*Thee we would be ever blessing, serve Thee as Thy hosts above
Pray and praise Thee without ceasing, glory in Thy perfect love*

*Finish then Thy new creation; pure and spotless let us be
Let us see Thy great salvation, perfectly restored in Thee*

*Changed from glory into glory, till in heaven we take our place
Till we cast our crowns before Thee, lost in wonder, love, and praise*

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**Introducing the Sermon ~** Pastor Rebecca Sommons

**Scripture Text ~ Philippians 1:1-6** read by Lisa Towslee

1 From Paul and Timothy,

 both of us servants of Jesus, the Anointed One.

To all his devoted followers in Philippi,

 including your pastors, and to all the servant-leaders of the church.

**2**May the blessings of divine grace and supernatural peace

that flow from God our wonderful Father,

and our Messiah, the Lord Jesus,

 be upon your lives.

**3–4**My prayers for you are full of praise to God

as I give him thanks for you with great joy!

I’m so grateful for our union **5**and our enduring partnership

that began the first time I presented to you the gospel.

**6**I pray with great faith for you,

 because I’m fully convinced

that the One who began this gracious work in you

 will faithfully continue the process of maturing you

 until the unveiling of our Lord Jesus Christ!

**Sermon ~** Rev. Rebecca Sommons  **~ *“We’re In This Together”***

Space for notes ~

**Song ~** The worship team will lead us in singing

***“Never Once”***

*Standing on this mountaintop, looking just how far we've come
Knowing that for every step You were with us*

*Kneeling on this battleground, seeing just how much You've done
Knowing every victory was Your power in us*

*Scars and struggles on the way, but with joy our hearts can say
Yes, our hearts can say*

*Never once did we ever walk alone,
Never once did You leave us on our own
You are faithful, God You are faithful
Kneeling on this battleground, seeing just how much You've done
Knowing every victory was Your power in us*

*Scars and struggles on the way, but with joy our hearts can say
Yes, our hearts can say*

*Never once did we ever walk alone,
Never once did You leave us on our own
You are faithful, God You are faithful
You are faithful, God You are faithful*

*Scars and struggles on the way, but with joy our hearts can say
Never once did we ever walk alone
Carried by Your constant grace, held within Your perfect peace
Never once, no we never walk alone*

*Never once did we ever walk alone
Never once did You leave us on our own
You are faithful, God You are faithful
Every step we are breathing in Your grace
Evermore we'll be breathing out Your praise
You are faithful, God You are faithful (4 times)*

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**Benediction ~** from **1 Corinthians 1:8-9 (TPT)**