

Worship Bulletin for January 23, 2021

Welcome and Announcements ~ Linell Pike

Today ~ After our worship service everyone is welcome to enjoy lunch together in appreciation for all God has done in and through us in this past year. At 12:30 pm, we will begin our Annual Meeting in the sanctuary. 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 two people for the Audit Committee. If you have any questions or interest, please let Pastor Rebecca know.

Tuesday ~ Prayer Group and Book Discussion of Chapters 19 – 21 in “*When God Whispers Your Name*” at 7 pm via zoom.

Thursday ~ Choir Practice at the church at 7 pm.

Happy Birthday to Jeremy Crumb on Thursday
and Anna Ennis on Friday!

Thank you, Lindy Mylott for bringing flowers for worship today!

Mission Moment ~ We will have an opportunity to give to the Retired Ministers and Missionary Offering by using the special envelopes or writing RMMO on the memo line of your check.

Word of Preparation ~ Linell Pike

Prelude ~ The Worship Team will share the song called “*Love*” as we prepare our hearts for worship.
We’ll be singing it together at the end of the service, and the words can be found on the last page of the bulletin.

Call to Worship ~ 1 John 4:7-8 & 1 Corinthians 13:4-8

(Please join in reading the bold lines.)

Beloved, let us love one another

Because love is from God;

Everyone who loves is born of God and knows God.

Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love.

Love is patient; love is kind;

love is not envious or boastful or arrogant or rude.

Love does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful;

Love does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth.

Love bears all things, believes all things,

hopes all things, endures all things.

Love never ends.

Song ~ “*The Gift of Love*” (#526 in the blue hymnal)

*Though I may speak with bravest fire,
and have the gift to all inspire
And have not love, my words are vain,
as sounding brass, and hopeless gain.*

*Though I may give all I possess,
and striving so my love profess
But not be given by love within,
the profit soon turns strangely thin.*

*Come, Spirit, come, our hearts control,
our spirits long to be made whole
Let inward love guide every deed,
by this we worship, and are freed.*

Words ~ Hal H. Hopson, 1972 Music ~ Trad. English melody | Hope Publishing

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 ~

“Come Follow Me”

“Come, follow me,” said the Lord.

“Be at peace within my care.

Be as a child. Show me your need. Take my hand, and I will lead.

Come, follow me,” said the Lord.

“Leave your worldly cares behind.

Free as a bird soaring above, filled with my forgiving love.

And share the love you feel this day with all whose hurt you find.

If all do so, then love will flow through all mankind.”

“Come, follow me,” said the Lord.

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“Come, follow me,” said the Lord.

Song ~ “Fill the World with Love” (#467 in the blue hymnal)

*With the vision in our minds of how the world could be
And the fullness of our heart from the suffering we see
When we make all that we are and have part of God’s destiny
We can fill the world with love. We can fill the world with love.*

*All the people in this world living lives of pain and fear
Crying out into the night, wondering when someone will hear
While there are so many others having so much they can share
Can we fill the world with love? Can we fill the world with love?*

*We whose spirits long to share, long to comfort and to heal
Know that when we act alone, hope is difficult to feel
But together as we labor God’s compassion to reveal
We will fill the world with love. We will fill the world with love.*

*Let us hesitate no longer in our doubt and our dismay
There’s a power at work within us that has promised a new day
And the time will surely come, it will not be long delayed
When God fills the world with love.
When God fills the world with love.*

Words and Music by David L. Edwards, 1992 | Chalice Press



Introducing the Sermon ~ Pastor Rebecca Sommons

Scripture Text ~ Philippians 1:7-11 read by Linell Pike

⁷ It's no wonder I pray with such confidence,
since you have a permanent place in my heart!

You have remained partners with me in the wonderful grace of God
even though I'm here in chains

for standing up for the truth of the gospel.

⁸ Only God knows how much I dearly love you
with the tender affection of Jesus, the Anointed One.

⁹ I continue to pray for your love to grow
and increase beyond measure,
bringing you into the rich revelation
of spiritual insight in all things.

¹⁰ This will enable you to choose the most excellent way of all—
becoming pure and without offense
until the unveiling of Christ.

¹¹ And you will be filled completely
with the fruits of righteousness
that are found in Jesus, the Anointed One—
bringing great praise and glory to God!

Sermon ~ Rev. Rebecca Sommons ~ “The Beloved Community”

Space for notes ~

Song ~ The worship team will lead us in singing

“Love”

When our hope is hard to find, and our faith is in decline

We need a cause to stand behind ~ Love

We all want the way it feels, Time it comes, and time it steals

What remains, what is real ~ Love

There is love, There is forgiveness

There is love in times of need

When life is cold, there is a promise

You will never go without

There is love, There is love

It heals the sick, comforts the weak

Breaks the proud, raises the meek

In this life, no guarantees, but there is love

There is love, There is forgiveness

There is love in times of need

When life is cold, there is a promise

You will never go without

Love is the answer, Love will find a way

When we love one another, it's a brighter day

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You will never go without ~ Love

There is love ~ Love ~ Hello love

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Benediction ~ from Romans 15:5-6 (the Living Bible)