

Worship Bulletin for October 17, 2021

Welcome and Announcements ~ Glenna Taxter

Tuesday ~ Deacon Meeting at 4:30 in the church vestry.

Wednesday ~ Prudential Meeting at 4 pm at church.

Thursday ~ Choir Practice at 7 pm. Everyone is welcome to come!

Saturday ~ Youth Pumpkin Patch Activity 2 - 4:30 pm, meeting at

Equinox Nursery and coming back to the church to decorate.

Potluck supper at 5:30 and Episode 2 of *The Chosen* at 6:30 pm.

Next Sunday ~ We will be writing messages in cards for our first

responders during the fellowship time.

The flowers today are given by Carol Lattuga in loving memory of

her mother, Mary Moore.

Happy Birthday to Lisa Catapano-Friedman on Thursday, Judy Koch on Friday, and John Hess on Saturday!

Mission Moment ~ This month, Linell Pike will highlight the work

of International Ministries and we will take a special offering for their support. There are special envelopes by the offering box, or you can designate your offering to International Ministries by writing that on the memo line of a check.

Word of Preparation ~ Glenna Taxter

Prelude ~ The Worship Team will share “*Here in Your Presence*”

as we prepare our hearts for worship.

*Found in Your hands, fullness of joy
Every fear suddenly wiped away here in Your Presence
All of my gains now fade away
Every crown no longer on display here in Your Presence
Heaven is trembling in awe of Your wonders
The kings and their kingdoms are standing amazed
Here in Your Presence we are undone
Here in Your Presence Heaven and earth become one
Here in Your Presence all things are new
Here in Your Presence everything bows before You
Wonderful, beautiful, glorious, matchless in every way*

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Call to Worship ~ Philippians 4:4-9 (NIV)

(Please join in reading the bold lines.)

Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice!

Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near.

Do not be anxious about anything,

but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.

And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding,
will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, **whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely,**

whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—**think about such things.**

Whatever you have learned or received or heard from me, or seen in me—put it into practice.

And the God of peace will be with you.

Choir Song ~ “Help Us to Be Like Them”

Praying Together ~

Space for 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

Song ~ “Lord, Speak to Me” (#338 in the red hymnal)

Lord, speak to me, that I may speak

*In living echoes of Thy tone
As Thou hast sought, so let me seek
Thy erring children lost and lone*

*O Teach me , Lord, that I may teach
The precious things thou dost impart
And wing my words, that they may reach
The hidden depths of many a heart*

*O fill me with Thy fullness, Lord
Until my very heart o’erflow
In kindling thought and glowing word
Thy love to tell, Thy praise to show*

*O use me, Lord, use even me
Just as Thou wilt, and when and where
Until Thy blessed face I see
Thy rest, Thy joy, Thy glory share*

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Introducing the Sermon ~ Pastor Rebecca Sommons

Scripture Text ~ James 3:1-12 (TPT) read by Glenna Taxter

¹ My dear brothers and sisters,
don’t be so eager to become a teacher in the church
since you know that we who teach
are held to a higher standard of judgment.

² We all fail in many areas, but especially with our words.

Yet if we're able to bridle the words we say
we are powerful enough to control ourselves in every way,
and that means our character is mature and fully developed.

³ Horses have bits and bridles in their mouths
so that we can control and guide their large body.

James 3:1-12 continued ~

⁴ And the same with mighty ships,
though they are massive and driven by fierce winds,
yet they are steered by a tiny rudder
at the direction of the person at the helm.

⁵ And so the tongue is a small part of the body
yet it carries great power!

Just think of how a small flame can set a huge forest ablaze.

⁶ And the tongue is a fire!
It can be compared to the sum total of wickedness
and is the most dangerous part of our human body.

It corrupts the entire body and is a hellish flame!

It releases a fire that can burn
throughout the course of human existence.

⁷ For every wild animal on earth
including birds, creeping reptiles, and creatures of the sea and
land

have all been overpowered and tamed by humans,

⁸ but the tongue is not able to be tamed.

It's a fickle, unrestrained evil
that spews out words full of toxic poison!

⁹ We use our tongue to praise God our Father
and then turn around and curse a person
who was made in his very image!

¹⁰ Out of the same mouth

we pour out words of praise one minute and curses the next.

My brothers and sisters, this should never be!

¹¹⁻¹² Would you look for olives hanging on a fig tree
or go to pick figs from a grapevine?

Is it possible that fresh and bitter water
can flow out of the same spring?

So neither can a bitter spring produce fresh water.

Sermon ~ Pastor Rebecca Sommons "Our Words Matter"

Song ~ The Worship Team will lead us in singing

"Lord, I Need You"

Lord I come, I confess

Bowing here I find my rest

And without You I fall apart

You're the one that guides my heart

Chorus

Lord, I need You oh I need You

Every hour I need You

My one defense my righteousness

Oh God how I need You

Where sin runs deep Your grace is more

Where grace is found is where You are

And where You are Lord, I am free

Holiness is Christ in me

Where You are Lord, I am free

Holiness is Christ in me

Chorus

So teach my song to rise to You

When temptation comes my way

*And when I cannot stand, I'll fall on You
Jesus You're my hope and stay
And when I cannot stand, I'll fall on You
Jesus You're my hope and stay*

Chorus

*My one defense my righteousness
Oh God how I need You*

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Benediction ~ from Psalm 19:14 (TLB)

May my spoken words and unspoken thoughts
be pleasing even to you,
O Lord my Rock and my Redeemer.