

Worship Bulletin for November 14, 2021

Welcome and Announcements ~ Judy McGraw

Thursday ~ Choir Practice at 7 pm in the vestry.

If you would like to help with the Community Food Cupboard shifts in December, please give Lindy Mylott a call at 802-379-1921.

Happy Anniversary to Jim & Carol Johnson on Monday!

Happy Birthday to Cheryl Hess on Tuesday!

The flowers today are from Jim & Carol Johnson in honor of our veterans.

Mission Moment ~ Linell Pike presenting the needs of FBC Missions.

Recognition and Prayer for Veterans ~ Pastor Rebecca Sommons

Song ~ “Eternal Father, Strong to Save” (#85 Chalice)

*Eternal Father strong to save,
Whose arm has bound the restless wave
Who bid the mighty ocean deep its own appointed limits keep
O hear us when we cry to thee for those in peril on the sea
O Savior whose almighty word
The winds and waves submissive heard
Who walked upon the foaming deep,
And calm amid its rage didst sleep
O hear us when we cry to thee for those in peril on the sea
O Holy Spirit who did brood upon the chaos wild and rude
And bid its angry tumult cease, and gave for fierce confusion, peace
O hear us when we cry to thee for those in peril on the sea
O Trinity of love and power, all travelers guard in danger's hour
From rock and tempest fire and foe,
Protect them whereso'er they go
Thus evermore shall rise to thee
Glad praise from air and land and sea*

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Word of Preparation ~ Judy McGraw

Choir Song ~ “As the Deer”

Call to Worship ~ Selected verses from Psalm 34 (TPT)

(Please join in reading the bold lines.)

Join me, everyone! Let's praise the Lord together.

Let's make his name glorious to all.

Listen to my testimony: I cried to God in my distress
and he answered me. He freed me from all my fears!

**Experience for yourself the joyous mercies he gives
to all who turn to hide themselves in him.**

Worship in awe and wonder, all you who've been made holy!

The Lord is close to all whose hearts are crushed by pain.

And he is always ready to restore the repentant one.

Even when bad things happen to the good and godly ones,

The Lord will save them

and not let them be defeated by what they face.

The Lord will feely pardon those who love him

When they turn to hide themselves in him.

Song ~ “He Touched Me” (#564)

*Shackled by a heavy burden
'Neath a load of guilt and shame
Then the hand of Jesus touched me
And now I am no longer the same*

Chorus

***He touched me. Oh He touched me
And oh the joy that floods my soul
Something happened and now I know
He touched me and made me whole***

*Since I met this blessed Savior
Since He cleansed and made me whole
I will never cease to praise Him
I'll shout it while eternity rolls*

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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 power and the glory forever. Amen

Song ~ “Sweet Hour of Prayer” (#570 in the blue hymnal)

*Sweet hour of prayer, sweet hour of prayer
That calls me from a world of care
And bids me at my Father's throne
Make all my wants and wishes known
In seasons of distress and grief
My soul has often found relief
And oft escaped the tempter's snare
By thy return sweet hour of prayer
Sweet hour of prayer sweet hour of prayer
The joys I feel the bliss I share
Of those whose anxious spirits burn
With strong desires for thy return
With such I hasten to the place
Where God my Savior shows His face
And gladly take my station there
And wait for thee sweet hour of prayer
Sweet hour of prayer sweet hour of prayer
Thy wings shall my petition bear
To Him whose truth and faithfulness
Engage the waiting soul to bless
And since He bids me seek His face
Believe His Word and trust His grace
I'll cast on Him my every care
And wait for thee sweet hour of prayer*

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Introducing the Sermon ~ Pastor Rebecca Sommons

Scripture Text ~ James 5:13 - 20 read by Judy McGraw

¹³ Are there any believers in your fellowship
suffering great hardship and distress?

Encourage them to pray!

Are there happy, cheerful ones among you?

Encourage them to sing out their praises!

¹⁴ Are there any sick among you?

Then ask the elders of the church to come and pray over the sick
and anoint them with oil in the name of our Lord.

¹⁵ And the prayer of faith will heal the sick

and the Lord will raise them up,

and if they have committed sins they will be forgiven.

¹⁶ Confess and acknowledge how you have offended one another
and then pray for one another to be instantly healed,
for tremendous power is released through the passionate,
heartfelt prayer of a godly believer!

¹⁷ Elijah was a man with human frailties, just like all of us,
but he prayed and received supernatural answers.

He actually shut the heavens over the land
so there would be no rain for three and a half years!

¹⁸ Then he prayed again, and the skies opened up over the land
so that the rain came again and produced the harvest.

¹⁹ Finally, as members of God's beloved family,
we must go after the one who wanders from the truth
and bring him back.

²⁰ For the one who restores the sinning believer back to God
from the error of his way, gives back to his soul life from the dead,
and covers over countless sins by their demonstration of love!

Sermon ~ Rev. Rebecca Sommons ~ “The Prayer of Faith”

Song ~ The Worship Team will lead us in singing

“You Never Let Go”

Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death

Your perfect love is casting out fear

And even when I'm caught in the middle of the storms of this life

I won't turn back I know You are near

Pre-Chorus

And I will fear no evil, for my God is with me

And if my God is with me, Whom then shall I fear

Whom then shall I fear

Chorus

Oh no, You never let go through the calm and through the storm

Oh no, You never let go. In every high and every low

Oh no, You never let go. Lord, You never let go of me

And I can see a light that is coming for the heart that holds on

A glorious light beyond all compare

And there will be an end to these troubles, but until that day comes

We'll live to know You here on the earth

Pre-chorus and Chorus

You keep on running and You never let go, Singing...

Repeat chorus

Yes, I can see a light, that is coming for the heart that holds on

And there will be an end to these troubles, but until that day comes

Still I will praise You, Still I will praise You

Chorus

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Benediction ~ from Ephesians 5:2 (TPT)

May we walk surrendered to the extravagant love of Christ,
for he surrendered his life as a sacrifice for us.

His great love for us was pleasing to God,
like an aroma of adoration—a sweet healing fragrance.

Time of Prayer in the sanctuary or Fellowship Time