**Worship Bulletin for February 20, 2022**

**Welcome and Announcements ~** Bryan Richheimer

Monday ~ The Cancer Support group UPLIFT will meet in the

vestry at 2 pm.

Tuesday ~ Prayer Group and Book Discussion of Chapters 24-25

 of *When God Whispers Your Name* via zoom at 7 pm.

Thursday ~ Choir Practice at the church at 7 pm.

Donations to the fuel fund would be appreciated,

since that fund is running low.

Thank you to Dottie Sundquist for the flowers

in loving memory of her niece, Jenica Junilla.

Happy Birthday to Jim Johnson and to Dottie Beers tomorrow!

**Word of Preparation** ~ Bryan Richheimer

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

**Call to Worship ~ Psalm 110:2-3 (TPT)**

Please join in on the bold lines.

Messiah, I know God Himself will establish Your Kingdom

**as you reign in Zion-glory.**

For he says to You, “Rule in the midst of Your enemies!”

**Your people will be your love offerings.**

In the day of your mighty power you will be exalted,

**And in the brightness of your holy ones you will shine.**

**Song ~ *“Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”* (#66, blue)**

*Immortal, invisible, God only wise
In light inaccessible, hid from our eyes
Most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days
Almighty, victorious, Thy great name we praise*

*Unresting unhasting and silent as light
Nor wanting nor wasting, Thou rulest in might
Thy justice like mountains high soaring above
Thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and love*

*To all life thou givest, to both great and small
In all life thou livest, the true life of all
We blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree
And wither and perish, but naught changeth thee*

*Thou reignest in glory, Thou dwellest in light
Thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight
All praise we would render: O help us to see
That only the splendor of light hideth thee*

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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 Has Given Us a Song to Sing”***

*As I live each day, I will learn and grow.*

*I will trust in my Savior and share God’s gift of hope.*

*As I serve the Lord, I will walk in faith.*

*I will follow my Savior and share God’s gift of grace.*

*For God has given me a song to sing*

*and share the joy that it can bring.*

*I will use it as an offering*

 *of thanks and praise for God’s amazing love.*

*And I will sing alleluia, sing alleluia.*

*I will sing alleluia, sing alleluia, alleluia.*

*Sing alleluia, sing alleluia, alleluia.*

*Lift your voice in praise.  Come and join as one.*

*We are called by our Savior to share God’s gift of love.*

*For God has given us a song to sing*

*and share the joy that it can bring.*

*We will use it as an offering*

*of thanks and praise for God’s amazing love*

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

***“King of Heaven”***

*Jesus let Your kingdom come here. Let Your will be done here in us
Jesus there is no one greater. You alone are Savior*

*Show the world Your love*

*King of heaven come down, King of heaven come now
Let Your glory reign shining like the day, King of heaven come
King of heaven rise up. Who can stand against us?
You are strong to save in Your mighty name King of heaven come*

*We are children of Your mercy rescued for Your glory
We cry Jesus set our hearts towards You*

*That every eye would see You lifted high*

*King of heaven come down, King of heaven come now
Let Your glory reign shining like the day, King of heaven come
King of heaven rise up. Who can stand against us?
You are strong to save in Your mighty name King of heaven come*

*King of heaven come, King of heaven come
King of heaven come, King of heaven come*

*King of heaven come down,* *King of heaven come now
Let Your glory reign shining like the day, King of heaven come
King of heaven rise up. Who can stand against us?
You are strong to save in Your mighty name King of heaven come*

*King of Heaven come, King of heaven come*

*King of heaven come, King of heaven come*

*King of heaven come down, King of heaven come now
Let Your glory reign shining like the day, King of heaven come*

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**Introducing the Sermon ~ Pastor Rebecca Sommons**

**Scripture ~ Philippians 2:12-30 (TPT)** read by Bryan Richheimer

12 My beloved ones, just like you’ve always listened

to everything I’ve taught you in the past,

I’m asking you now to keep following my instructions

as though I were right there with you.

 Now you must continue to make this new life fully manifested

as you live  in the holy awe of God—

which brings you trembling into his presence.

13 God will continually revitalize you,

 implanting within you the passion to do what pleases him.

14 Live a cheerful life,

without complaining or division among yourselves.

15 For then you will be seen as innocent, faultless, and pure

children of God,

even though you live in the midst of a brutal and perverse culture.

For you will appear among them as shining lights in the universe,

16 holding out  the words of eternal life.

I haven’t labored among you for nothing,

for your lives are the fruit of my ministry

and will be my glorious boast at the unveiling  of Christ!

17 But I will rejoice even if my life is poured out like a liquid offering to God over your sacrificial and surrendered lives of faith.

18 And so no matter what happens to me,

you should rejoice in ecstatic celebration with me!

19 Yet I’m trusting in our Lord Jesus that I may send Timothy to you soon, so I can be refreshed when I find out how you’re doing.

20 Timothy is like no other. He carries the same passion

for your welfare that I carry in my heart.

21 For it seems as though everyone else is busy

seeking what is best for themselves instead of the things

 that are most important to our Lord Jesus Christ.

22 You already know about his excellent reputation,

since he has served alongside me as a loyal son

in the work of ministry.  *(Continued on the next page)*

23 After I see what transpires with me

he’s the one I will send to you to bless you.

 24 And I’m trusting in my Lord to return to you in due time.

25 But for now, I feel a stirring in my heart to send Epaphroditus  back to you immediately.

He’s a friend to me and a wonderful brother and fellow soldier

who has worked with me as we serve as ministers of the gospel.

And you sent him as your apostle to minister to me in my need.

26 But now he is grieved to know that you found out

he had been sick, so he longs to return and comfort you in this.

27 It’s true he almost died,

but God showed him mercy and healed him.

And I’m so thankful to God for his healing,

 as I was spared from having the sorrow of losing him

on top of all my other troubles!

28 So you can see why I’m delighted to send him to you now.

I know that you’re anxious to see him and rejoice in his healing,

and it encourages me to know how happy you’ll be

to have him back.

29 So warmly welcome him home in the Lord, with joyous love,

 and esteem him highly, for people like him deserve it.

 30 Because of me, he put his life on the line, despising the danger,

so that he could provide for me with what you couldn’t,

 since you were so far away.

And he did it all because of his ministry for Christ.

**Sermon ~ “Lives That Shine Like Stars”**

~ Rev. Rebecca Sommons

**Song ~ *“Sister, Let Me Be Your Servant”***

**(6 verses found here and melody found on #490, blue)**

*Sister, let me be your servant. Brother, let me walk with you*

*Pray that I might have the grace to let you be my servant too*

*We are pilgrims on a journey, fellow travelers on the road
We are here to help each other walk the mile and bear the load*

*I will hold the Christ-light for you in the nighttime of your fear
I will hold my hand out to you, speak the peace you long to hear*

*I will weep when you are weeping*

*When you laugh, I'll laugh with you
I will share your joy and sorrow till we've seen this journey through*

*When we sing to God in heaven, we shall find such harmony
Born of all we've known together, of Christ's love and agony*

*Brother, let me be your servant, Sister, let me walk with you
Pray that I may have the grace to let you be my servant too*

Words and Music ~ Richard Gillard, 1977 | Scripture in Song

**Benediction ~** based on John 8:12 (CEV)

Jesus said ~ *"I am the light for the world!*

*Follow me, and you won't be walking in the dark.*

*You will have the light that gives life."*

May we walk in Jesus’ light,

reflect that light in all we do,

and share his words of life

with those we encounter along the way.