

## Worship Bulletin for March 6, 2022

### Welcome and Announcements ~ Cara Davenport

Monday ~ The Uplift Cancer Support group will meet at 3 pm in the vestry.

Tuesday ~ The Prayer Group will meet at 7 pm via zoom to pray and finish the discussion of *When God Whispers Your Name*, chapters 26, 27, & 28.

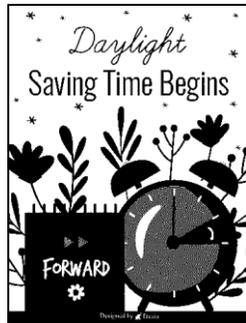
Wednesday ~ Mission and Outreach Committee Meeting at 7 pm at the church.

Thursday ~ Lasagna Takeout Dinner from 5 – 6:30 pm. (\$12, Talk to Martha Thompson for reservations). Prudential Meeting at 6 pm both in person and via zoom. Choir Practice at the church at 7 pm.

Next Sunday ~ We will need to turn our clocks forward for daylight saving time. Mary and Martha Breakfast and Meeting at 8:30 am. A brief church business meeting will be held after the morning service.

Thank you to Lindy Mylott for giving the flowers in loving memory of her mom and dad, Ruby and Wayne Norse.

Happy Birthday to Alan McGraw on Friday!



### Word of Preparation ~ Cara Davenport



**Prelude** ~ The choir will sing “*Speak to Me in Ashes*” as we prepare our hearts for worship.

*Speak to me in ashes. Speak to me in tears.*

*Whisper to the silence in my soul.*

*Lord, I wait in stillness, ready now to hear.*

*Speak to me in ashes and in tears.*

*Speak to me in silence. Speak to me in peace.*

*Touch my heart and still my troubled mind.*

*Words of calm assurance, all my fears release.*

*Speak to me in silence. Give me peace.*

*Lord, speak to me. My heart is open to receive your grace.*

*Lord, speak to me.*

*Here in these shadows, let me feel Your sure embrace.*

*Speak to me with mercy. Speak to me in love.*

*By your word, my spirit is reborn.*

*Echoes of compassion sounding from above*

*Speak to me with mercy and with love.*

*Speak to me in mercy and in love.*

**Call to Worship ~ Romans 8:12-23 (NLT)**

<sup>12</sup> Therefore, dear brothers and sisters, you have no obligation to do what your sinful nature urges you to do.

<sup>13</sup> For if you live by its dictates, you will die.

**But if through the power of the Spirit you put to death the deeds of your sinful nature, you will live.**

<sup>14</sup> For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God.

<sup>15</sup> **So you have not received a spirit that makes you fearful slaves.**

Instead, you received God's Spirit when he adopted you as his own children.

**Now we call him, "Abba, Father."**

<sup>16</sup> **For his Spirit joins with our spirit to affirm that we are God's children.**

<sup>17</sup> And since we are his children, we are his heirs.

In fact, together with Christ we are heirs of God's glory.

**But if we are to share his glory, we must also share his suffering.**

<sup>18</sup> Yet what we suffer now is nothing compared to the glory he will reveal to us later.

<sup>19</sup> **For all creation is waiting eagerly for that future day when God will reveal who his children really are.**

<sup>20</sup> Against its will, all creation was subjected to God's curse.

But with eager hope, <sup>21</sup> the creation looks forward to the day when it will join God's children in glorious freedom from death and decay.

<sup>22</sup> **For we know that all creation has been groaning as in the pains of childbirth right up to the present time.**

<sup>23</sup> And we believers also groan, even though we have the Holy Spirit within us as a foretaste of future glory, for we long for our bodies to be released from sin and suffering.

**We, too, wait with eager hope for the day when God will give us our full rights as his adopted children, including the new bodies he has promised us.**

**Song ~ "Rejoice, the Lord is King" (#699 in the blue hymnal)**

*Rejoice the Lord is King! The risen Christ adore!  
Rejoice, give thanks, and sing, and triumph evermore*

**Chorus**

*Lift up your heart, lift up your voice!*

*Rejoice, again I say rejoice!*

*God's reign can never fail, Christ rules o'er earth and heaven  
The keys of death and hell are to our Jesus given*

*Rejoice in glorious hope! For Christ, our Judge shall come  
to glorify the saints for their eternal home*

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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

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

***“The Father’s House”***

*Sometimes on this journey I get lost in my mistakes  
What looks to me like weakness is a canvas for Your strength  
My story isn't over. My story's just begun  
Failure won't define me, 'cause that's what my Father does  
Yeah, failure won't define me, 'cause that's what my Father does  
Ooo, lay your burdens down. Ooo, here in the Father's house  
Check your shame at the door 'cause it ain't welcome anymore  
Ooo, you're in the Father's house  
Arrival's not the endgame. The journey's where You are  
You never wanted perfect. You just wanted my heart  
And the story isn't over if the story isn't good  
Failure's never final when the Father's in the room  
Failure's never final when the Father's in the room  
Ooo, lay your burdens down. Ooo, here in the Father's house  
Check your shame at the door 'cause it ain't welcome anymore  
Ooo, you're in the Father's house  
Prodigals come home. The helpless find hope  
Love is on the move when the Father's in the room  
Prison doors fling wide. The dead come to life  
Love is on the move when the Father's in the room  
Miracles take place. The cynical find faith  
Love is breaking through when the Father's in the room  
Jericho walls are quaking. Strongholds now are shaking  
Love is breaking through when the Father's in the room  
Love is breaking through when the Father's in the room  
Ooo, lay your burdens down. Ooo, here in the Father's house  
Check your shame at the door 'cause it ain't welcome anymore  
Ooo, you're in the Father's house  
(Repeat)*

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**Introducing the Sermon** ~ Pastor Rebecca Sommons

**Scripture** ~ **Philippians 3:17-21 (NLT)** read by Cara Davenport

<sup>17</sup> Dear brothers and sisters, pattern your lives after mine,  
and learn from those who follow our example.

<sup>18</sup> For I have told you often before,  
and I say it again with tears in my eyes,  
that there are many whose conduct shows  
they are really enemies of the cross of Christ.

<sup>19</sup> They are headed for destruction.  
Their god is their appetite,  
they brag about shameful things,  
and they think only about this life here on earth.

<sup>20</sup> But we are citizens of heaven,  
where the Lord Jesus Christ lives.  
And we are eagerly waiting for him to return as our Savior.

<sup>21</sup> He will take our weak mortal bodies  
and change them into glorious bodies like his own,  
using the same power  
with which he will bring everything under his control.

**Sermon** ~ **“Citizens of Heaven”** ~ Rev. Rebecca Sommons

Space for notes

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**Song ~ “Our Great Savior” (#121 in the red hymnal)**

*Jesus, what a friend for sinners! Jesus, lover of my soul;  
Friends may fail me, foes assail me. He, my Savior, makes me whole*

**Chorus**

***Hallelujah! What a Savior!  
Hallelujah! What a Friend!  
Saving, helping, keeping, loving.  
He is with me to the end***

*Jesus what a strength in weakness! Let me hide myself in Him;  
Tempted, tried, and sometimes failing,  
He, my strength, my victory wins*

*Jesus, what a Help in sorrow! While the billows o'er me roll,  
Even when my heart is breaking, He, my Comfort, helps my soul*

*Jesus, what a Guide and Keeper! While the tempest still is high,  
Storms about me, night o'ertakes me, He, my Pilot, hears my cry.*

*Jesus, I do now receive Him, More than all in Him I find  
He hath granted me forgiveness, I am His, and He is mine*

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**Communion** ~ All are welcome at the Lord's Table  
to honor our Savior, Jesus Christ, and receive His grace anew.



**Song ~ “He is Coming Again” (#89 in the red hymnal)**

*Lift up your heads, pilgrims weary,  
See day's approach now crimson the sky;  
Night shadows flee, and your Beloved,  
Awaited with longing, at last draweth nigh.*

**Chorus**

***He is coming again, He is coming again,  
The very same Jesus, rejected of men;  
He is coming again, He is coming again,  
With power and great glory,  
He is coming again!***

*Dark was the night, sin warred against us;  
Heavy the load of sorrow we bore;  
But now we see signs of His coming;  
Our hearts glow within us, joy's cup runneth o'er!*

*O blessed hope! O blissful promise!  
Filling our hearts with rapture divine;  
O day of days! Hail Thy appearing!  
Thy transcendent glory forever shall shine!*

*Even so come, precious Lord Jesus;  
Creation waits redemption to see;  
Caught up in clouds, soon we shall meet Thee;  
O blessed assurance, forever with Thee!*

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**Benediction** ~ Based on **Hebrews 13:14-15 (TLB)**

May we always remember this world is not our home;  
we are looking forward to our everlasting home in heaven.  
With Jesus' help we will continually offer our sacrifice of praise  
to God by telling others of the glory of his name.