

Worship Service for May 22, 2022

Welcome and Announcements ~ Glenna Taxter

A special thank you goes out to Anna Ennis for finding worship assistants for the past 18 years. If you would like to serve as a worship assistant, please let Linell Pike know, as she has taken up the torch.

Monday ~ The Uplift Support Group meets in the vestry at 3 pm.

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

Wednesday ~ The Seeking God Together will meet at the Sommons home at 11 am.

Thursday ~ Discussion on Transcending Trauma and the Plight of Refugees at 5 pm at the Dorset Library (Afghan meal afterward).
Choir Practice at the church at 7 pm.

The focus of our mission giving for May is the ABC America for Christ offering. If you would like to contribute to it, please write AFC on the memo line of your check or use an AFC envelope.

Happy Anniversary to Barb and Jim West on Monday
and Happy Birthday to Russ Taxter on Wednesday!

Thank you to Martha Thompson for the flowers
in loving memory of her mother, Edith Krakauskas.

Word of Preparation ~ Glenna Taxter

Prelude ~ ***“Open the Eyes of My Heart”***

Open the eyes of my heart, Lord

Open the eyes of my heart

I want to see You, I want to see You

To see You high and lifted up

Shining in the light of Your glory

Pour out Your power and love

As we sing holy, holy, holy

Holy, holy, holy ~ Holy, holy, holy ~ Holy, holy, holy

I want to see You

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Call to Worship ~ Psalm 107:1-9 (TPT)

Please join in reading the bold lines.

Let everyone give all their praise and thanks to the Lord!

Here's why—he's better than anyone could ever imagine.

Yes, he's always loving and kind, and his faithful love never ends.

So, go ahead—let everyone know it!

**Tell the world how he broke through
and delivered you from the power of darkness and
has gathered us together from all over the world.**

He has set us free to be his very own!

**Some of us once wandered in the wilderness like desert nomads,
with no true direction or dwelling place.**

Starving, thirsting, staggering,
we became desperate and filled with despair.

Then we cried out, “Lord, help us! Rescue us!” And he did!

He led us out by the right way
until we reached a suitable city to dwell in.

**So lift your hands and thank God for his marvelous kindness
and for all his miracles of mercy for those he loves.**

**How he satisfies the souls of thirsty ones
and fills the hungry with goodness!**

Song ~

“Forever”

*Give thanks to the Lord, Our God and King
His love endures forever
For He is good, He is above all things
His love endures forever
Sing praise, sing praise
With a mighty hand and an outstretched arm
His love endures forever
For the life that's been reborn
His love endures forever
Sing praise, sing praise
Sing praise, sing praise
**Forever God is faithful
Forever God is strong
Forever God is with us
Forever, forever**
From the rising to the setting sun
His love endures forever
And by the grace of God we will carry on
His love endures forever
Sing praise, sing praise
**Forever God is faithful
Forever God is strong
Forever God is with us
Forever, forever***

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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 ~

“He Knows My Name”

*I have a Maker
He formed my heart
Before even time began
My life was in His hand
Chorus
**He knows my name
He knows my every thought
He sees each tear that falls
And hears me when I call**
I have a Father
He calls me His own
He'll never leave me
No matter where I go
Chorus*

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Sermon Introduction ~ Pastor Rebecca Sommons

Scripture ~ Genesis 16:1-15 (NIV) read by Glenna Taxter

¹Now Sarai, Abram's wife, had borne him no children.

But she had an Egyptian slave named Hagar;

²so she said to Abram, "The Lord has kept me from having children. Go, sleep with my slave; perhaps I can build a family through her."

Abram agreed to what Sarai said.

³So after Abram had been living in Canaan ten years, Sarai his wife took her Egyptian slave Hagar and gave her to her husband to be his wife.

⁴He slept with Hagar, and she conceived.

When she knew she was pregnant, she began to despise her mistress.

⁵Then Sarai said to Abram,

"You are responsible for the wrong I am suffering.

I put my slave in your arms, and now that she knows she is pregnant, she despises me. May the Lord judge between you and me."

⁶"Your slave is in your hands," Abram said.

"Do with her whatever you think best." T

hen Sarai mistreated Hagar; so she fled from her.

⁷The angel of the Lord found Hagar near a spring in the desert; it was the spring that is beside the road to Shur.

⁸And he said, "Hagar, slave of Sarai, where have you come from, and where are you going?"

"I'm running away from my mistress Sarai," she answered.

⁹Then the angel of the Lord told her,

"Go back to your mistress and submit to her."

¹⁰The angel added, "I will increase your descendants so much that they will be too numerous to count."

¹¹The angel of the Lord also said to her:

"You are now pregnant, and you will give birth to a son.

You shall name him Ishmael, for the Lord has heard of your misery.

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¹²He will be a wild donkey of a man; his hand will be against everyone and everyone's hand against him, and he will live in hostility toward all his brothers."

¹³She gave this name to the Lord who spoke to her: "You are the God who sees me,"

for she said, "I have now seen the One who sees me."

¹⁴That is why the well was called Beer Lahai Roi; it is still there, between Kadesh and Bered.

¹⁵So Hagar bore Abram a son, and Abram gave the name Ishmael to the son she had borne.

Sermon ~ "Hagar's Hope"

Space for Notes

Song ~ Video of "Hagar's Song ~ The One Who Sees"
by Abigail Marklund

Song ~

“Your Grace is Enough”

*Great is Your faithfulness O God
You wrestle with the sinner's heart
You lead us by still waters into mercy
And nothing can keep us apart
So remember Your people
Remember Your children
Remember Your promise O, God
Your grace is enough
Your grace is enough
Your grace is enough for me
Great is Your love and justice God of Jacob
You use the weak to lead the strong
You lead us in the song of Your salvation
And all Your people sing along
Your grace is enough
Your grace is enough
Your grace is enough for me
Yeah, Your grace is enough
Heaven reaches out to us
Your grace is enough for me
God I sing Your grace is enough
I'm covered in Your love
Your grace is enough for me for me*

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Benediction ~ based on Psalm 9:9-10 (TPT)

May all who are oppressed come to the Lord who Sees
For He is a shelter in the time of trouble, a perfect hiding place.
May we know your wonderful name and keep putting our trust in you.
May we can count on you for help no matter what.
Because you will never, neglect those who come to you.