

Worship Service for June 12, 2022

Welcome and Announcements ~ Cheryl Hess

Thank you to all who helped prepare the breakfast this morning.

Monday ~ Uplift support group at 3 pm in the vestry.

Tuesday ~ Prayer Group and Book Discussion of *A Praying Life*
chapters 14-15 at 7 pm via zoom.

Thursday ~ Choir Practice at the church at 7 pm.

Please let Lindy Mylott know if you can help with the food cupboard
during the month of June. Her number is 802-379-1921.

We plan to have a welcome table out in front of the church for Street
Fest on Friday, June 24th. Please let Pastor Rebecca know
if you would like to help.

Happy Birthday to Ronan O'Brien on Friday and

Happy Anniversary to Rebecca and Matt Sommons on Friday.

Thank you to Kay and Craig Keith for sharing flowers this morning
in loving memory of Kay's Mom, Sammie Stevens.

Mission Moment ~ Matthew Sommons will share about how the FBC
Missions and Outreach Committee is using your gifts for God's
purposes and glory.

Word of Preparation ~ Cheryl Hess

Prelude ~ The worship team will lead us in singing ~

"As The Deer"

*As the deer panteth for the water, so my soul longeth after Thee
You alone are my heart's desire, and I long to worship Thee
You alone are my strength my shield. To You alone may my spirit yield
You alone are my heart's desire, and I long to worship Thee
You're my friend and You are my brother, even though You are a King
I love You more than any other, so much more than anything*

Chorus

*I want You more than gold or silver, only You can satisfy
You alone are the real joy giver and the apple of my eye*

Chorus

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Call to Worship ~ Selected verses from Psalm 42 (TLB)

Please join in reading the bold lines.

As the deer pants for water, so I long for you, O God.

I thirst for God, the living God.

Where can I find him to come and stand before him?

Day and night I weep for his help...

Take courage, my soul!

Why then be downcast? Why be discouraged and sad?

Hope in God! I shall yet praise him again.

Yes, I shall again praise him for his help.

All your waves and billows have gone over me,
and floods of sorrow pour upon me like a thundering waterfall.

Yet day by day the Lord also pours out his steadfast love upon me,

and through the night I sing his songs

and pray to God who gives me life.

O my soul, don't be discouraged. Don't be upset.

Expect God to act!

For I know that I shall again have plenty of reason to praise him

for all that he will do.

He is my help! He is my God!

Choir Song ~ "A Place for Healing Grace"

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 ~ “O Love, That Wilt Not Let Me Go” (#540 in the blue hymnal)

*O Love, that wilt not let me go, I rest my weary soul in Thee
I give Thee back the life I owe,
that in thine ocean depths its flow may richer, fuller be.
O Light that followest all my way, I yield my flickering torch to Thee
My heart restores its borrowed ray,
That in Thy sunshine's blaze its day my brighter, fairer be
O Joy that sleekest me through pain, I cannot close my heart to Thee
I trace the rainbow through the rain,
And feel the promise is not vain that morn shall tearless be
O Cross that liftest up my head, I dare not ask to fly from Thee;
I lay in dust life's glory dead,
And from the ground these blossoms red life that shall endless be*

Words ~ George Matheson, 1882 Music ~ Albert L Peace, 1884

Introducing the Sermon ~ Pastor Rebecca

Scripture Reading ~ Genesis 29 (TLB)

¹ Jacob traveled on, finally arriving in the land of the East.

² He saw in the distance three flocks of sheep
lying beside a well in an open field, waiting to be watered.
But a heavy stone covered the mouth of the well.

³ (The custom was that the stone was not removed
until all the flocks were there. After watering them,
the stone was rolled back over the mouth of the well again.)

⁴ Jacob went over to the shepherds and asked them where they lived.

“At Haran,” they said.

⁵ “Do you know a fellow there named Laban, the son of Nahor?”

“We sure do.”

⁶ “How is he?”

“He’s well and prosperous.

Look, there comes his daughter Rachel with the sheep.”

⁷ “Why don’t you water the flocks so they can get back to grazing?”

Jacob asked. “They’ll be hungry if you stop so early in the day!”

⁸ “We don’t roll away the stone and begin the watering until all the flocks
and shepherds are here,” they replied.

⁹ As this conversation was going on, Rachel arrived with her father’s
sheep, for she was a shepherdess.

¹⁰ And because she was his cousin—
the daughter of his mother’s brother—
and because the sheep were his uncle’s,

Jacob went over to the well and rolled away the stone
and watered his uncle’s flock.

¹¹ Then Jacob kissed Rachel and started crying!

¹²⁻¹³ He explained about being her cousin on her father’s side,
and that he was her Aunt Rebekah’s son.
She quickly ran and told her father, Laban,

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and as soon as he heard of Jacob's arrival,
 he rushed out to meet him and greeted him warmly
 and brought him home. Then Jacob told him his story.
¹⁴ "Just think, my very own flesh and blood," Laban exclaimed.
 After Jacob had been there about a month,
¹⁵ Laban said to him one day, "Just because we are relatives is no reason
 for you to work for me without pay. How much do you want?"
¹⁶ Now Laban had two daughters,
 Leah, the older, and her younger sister, Rachel.
¹⁷ Leah had lovely eyes,
 but Rachel was shapely, and in every way a beauty.
¹⁸ Well, Jacob was in love with Rachel. So he told her father,
 "I'll work for you seven years if you'll give me Rachel as my wife."
¹⁹ "Agreed!" Laban replied.
 "I'd rather give her to you than to someone outside the family."
²⁰ So Jacob spent the next seven years working to pay for Rachel.
 But they seemed to him but a few days, he was so much in love.
²¹ Finally the time came for him to marry her.
 "I have fulfilled my contract," Jacob said to Laban.
 "Now give me my wife, so that I can sleep with her."
²² So Laban invited all the men of the settlement
 to celebrate with Jacob at a big party.
²³ Afterwards, that night, when it was dark,
 Laban took Leah to Jacob, and he slept with her.
²⁴ (And Laban gave to Leah a servant girl, Zilpah, to be her maid.)
²⁵ But in the morning—it was Leah!
 "What sort of trick is this?" Jacob raged at Laban.
 "I worked for seven years for Rachel.
 What do you mean by this trickery?"
²⁶ "It's not our custom to marry off a younger daughter
 ahead of her sister," Laban replied smoothly.
²⁷ "Wait until the bridal week is over and you can have Rachel too—
 if you promise to work for me another seven years!"
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²⁸ So Jacob agreed to work seven more years.
 Then Laban gave him Rachel, too.
²⁹ And Laban gave to Rachel a servant girl, Bilhah, to be her maid.
³⁰ So Jacob slept with Rachel, too,
 and he loved her more than Leah,
 and stayed and worked the additional seven years.
³¹ But because Jacob was slighting Leah, Jehovah let her have a child,
 while Rachel was barren.
³² So Leah became pregnant and had a son, Reuben
 (meaning "God has noticed my trouble"), for she said,
 "Jehovah has noticed my trouble—now my husband will love me."
³³ She soon became pregnant again and had another son and named him
 Simeon (meaning "Jehovah heard"), for she said,
 "Jehovah heard that I was unloved,
 and so he has given me another son."
³⁴ Again she became pregnant and had a son, and named him Levi
 (meaning "Attachment") for she said,
 "Surely now my husband will feel affection for me,
 since I have given him three sons!"
³⁵ Once again she was pregnant and had a son and named him Judah
 (meaning "Praise"), for she said, "Now I will praise Jehovah!"
 And then she stopped having children.

Sermon ~ "Leah's Longing" ~ Rev. Rebecca Sommons

Space for notes

Song ~ The Worship Team will share a song called

"Who You Say I Am"

*Who am I that the highest King would welcome me
I was lost but He brought me in. Oh His love for me.*

Oh His love for me

Who the Son sets free, oh is free indeed

I'm a child of God. Yes, I am!

Free at last, He has ransomed me. His grace runs deep

While I was a slave to sin, Jesus died for me.

Yes, He died for me

Who the Son sets free, oh is free indeed

I'm a child of God. Yes, I am!

In my Father's house, there's a place for me

I'm a child of God. Yes, I am!

I am chosen, not forsaken. I am who You say I am

You are for me, not against me. I am who You say I am

[Repeat]

I am who You say I am

Who the Son sets free, oh is free indeed

I'm a child of God. Yes, I am!

In my Father's house, there's a place for me

I'm a child of God. Yes, I am!

In my Father's house, there's a place for me

I'm a child of God. Yes, I am!

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Welcoming New Members ~ Ken and Theresa Taylor

Benediction ~

May you always remember ~

God sees you,

He hears you,

and He loves you

because you are His.