

## Worship Service for July 17, 2022

### Welcome and Announcements ~ Jim West

We welcome Theresa and Ken Taylor this morning. It is always delightful to have Theresa bring us the message. We are so grateful that you both are a part of our fellowship.

Next Sunday Craig Keith will be bringing us our message. Thank you Craig for your willingness to share your talents with us.

Happy Birthday to Pastor Rebecca and Ken Beers on Tuesday and

Happy Birthday to Jim West on Thursday.

Happy Anniversary to Theresa and Ken Beers on Monday.

Thank you to Jim Holden for the flowers  
in loving memory of his parents James and Helen Holden.

### Word of Preparation ~ Jim West

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

**Call to Worship ~ We Ask Not for Easy Lives –(#624, blue hymnal)**  
(Please join in reading the bold lines.)

O God, come to us, we pray thee, with the resources of thy power,

**That we may be strong within.**

We ask not for easy lives,

**But for adequacy.**

We ask not to be freed from storms,

**But to build our houses on rock that will not fall.**

We pray not for a smooth sea, but for a stout ship,

**A good compass, and a strong heart;**

In the name of him who faced enmity and death without flinching

**Thy Son Jesus Christ our Savior.**

~Harry Emerson Fosdick, 20<sup>th</sup>-century American minister

### Song ~ “My Life Flows On” (#619, blue hymnal)

*My life flows on in endless song, above earth's lamentation,  
I hear the clear, though far off hymn that hails a new creation.*

*Refrain*

*No storm can shake my inmost calm while to that Rock I'm clinging.  
Since love is Lord of heav'n and earth, how can I keep from singing?*

*Through all the tumult and the strife, I hear that music ringing.  
It finds an echo in my soul. How can I keep from singing?*

*What though my joys and comforts die? I know my Savior liveth.  
What though the darkness gather round? Songs in the night he giveth.*

*The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart, a fountain ever springing!  
All things are mine since I am his! How can I keep from singing?*

Words and Music ~ Robert Lowry, 1869

### 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 ~ “Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)” ~Jim Holden**

*Amazing grace  
How sweet the sound  
That saved a wretch like me  
I once was lost, but now I'm found  
Was blind, but now I see*

*'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear  
And grace my fears relieved  
How precious did that grace appear  
The hour I first believed*

*My chains are gone  
I've been set free  
My God, my Savior has ransomed me  
And like a flood His mercy reigns  
Unending love, amazing grace*

*The Lord has promised good to me  
His word my hope secures  
He will my shield and portion be  
As long as life endures  
[sing chorus two times]  
My chains are gone  
I've been set free  
My God, my Savior has ransomed me  
And like a flood His mercy reigns  
Unending love, amazing grace*

*The earth shall soon dissolve like snow  
The sun forbear to shine  
But God, Who called me here below,  
Will be forever mine.  
Will be forever mine.  
You are forever mine.*

Words and Music ~ Chris Tomlin, John Newton, Louie Giglio

**Introducing the Sermon ~ Rev. Dr. Theresa Taylor**

**Scripture Reading ~ Luke 8:1 - 3, Mark 15:37 – 16:8, John 20:10 -18**

– read by Jim West

**Luke 8:1** After this, Jesus traveled about from one town and village to another, proclaiming the good news of the kingdom of God. The Twelve were with him, <sup>2</sup> and also some women who had been cured of evil spirits and diseases: Mary (called Magdalene) from whom seven demons had come out; <sup>3</sup> Joanna the wife of Chuza, the manager of Herod's household; Susanna; and many others. These women were helping to support them out of their own means.

**Mark 15:37** With a loud cry, Jesus breathed his last.

<sup>38</sup> The curtain of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom. <sup>39</sup> And when the centurion, who stood there in front of Jesus, saw how he died,<sup>[c]</sup> he said, “Surely this man was the Son of God!”

<sup>40</sup> Some women were watching from a distance. Among them were Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James the younger and of Joseph,<sup>[d]</sup> and Salome. <sup>41</sup> In Galilee these women had followed him and cared for his needs. Many other women who had come up with him to Jerusalem were also there.

<sup>42</sup> It was Preparation Day (that is, the day before the Sabbath). So as evening approached, <sup>43</sup> Joseph of Arimathea, a prominent member of the Council, who was himself waiting for the kingdom of God, went boldly to Pilate and asked for Jesus' body. <sup>44</sup> Pilate was surprised to hear that he was already dead. Summoning the centurion, he asked him if Jesus had already died. <sup>45</sup> When he learned from the centurion that it was so, he gave the body to Joseph. <sup>46</sup> So Joseph bought some linen cloth, took down the body, wrapped it in the linen, and placed it in a tomb cut out of rock. Then he rolled a stone against the entrance of the tomb. <sup>47</sup> Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of Joseph saw where he was laid.

**John 20:10** Then the disciples went back to where they were staying.

<sup>11</sup> Now Mary stood outside the tomb crying. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb <sup>12</sup> and saw two angels in white, seated where Jesus' body had been, one at the head and the other at the foot.

<sup>13</sup> They asked her, “Woman, why are you crying?”

“They have taken my Lord away,” she said, “and I don’t know where they have put him.” <sup>14</sup> At this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not realize that it was Jesus.

<sup>15</sup> He asked her, “Woman, why are you crying? Who is it you are looking for?”

Thinking he was the gardener, she said, “Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have put him, and I will get him.”

<sup>16</sup> Jesus said to her, “Mary.”

She turned toward him and cried out in Aramaic, “Rabboni!” (which means “Teacher”).

<sup>17</sup> Jesus said, “Do not hold on to me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father. Go instead to my brothers and tell them, ‘I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.’”

<sup>18</sup> Mary Magdalene went to the disciples with the news: “I have seen the Lord!” And she told them that he had said these things to her.

### Sermon ~ “Mary Magdalene: Broken and Beautiful”

~ Rev. Dr. Theresa Taylor

Space for notes

### Song ~ “*Are Ye Able, Said the Master*” (#621, blue hymnal)

*“Are ye able,” said the Master, “to be crucified with me?”*

*“Yea,” the sturdy dreamers answered, “to the death we follow thee.”*

*Refrain*

*“Lord, we are able.” Our spirits are thine.*

*Remold them, make us, like thee, divine.*

*Thy guiding radiance above us shall be*

*A beacon to God, to love and loyalty.*

*“Are ye able,” to remember, when a thief lifts up his eyes,*

*That his pardoned soul is worthy of a place in paradise?*

*“Are ye able” when the shadows close around you with the sod,*

*To believe that spirit triumphs, to commend your soul to God?*

*“Are ye able?” Still the Master whispers down eternity,*

*And heroic spirits answer now, as then, in Galilee.*

### Benediction ~ Rev. Dr. Theresa Taylor

~ 2 Peter 1:2

Grace and peace be yours in abundance through the knowledge of God  
and of Jesus our Lord.