

Worship Service for January 29th, 2023

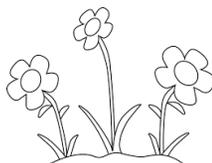
Welcome and Announcements ~ Michaelanne Sylvester

Wednesday ~ There's a Seeking God Together meeting at 11 am via zoom.

Thursday ~ An Interfaith Council meeting will be at 11:45 am at the First Congregational Church in Manchester Center.
~ The Dorset Church is hosting a free community Roast Pork Dinner complete with apple sauce, red cabbage or a vegetarian corn chowder from 5:30 to 7 pm.
~ We will have Choir Practice at 7 pm at the church.

Looking Ahead ~ Next Sunday, February 5th, we will have a soup and bread lunch following the worship service.
Then we will have our Annual Meeting after lunch.
There is more information about the ladies retreat on March 11th and the Annual Gathering for ABCVNH on March 17-18th in the vestry.

Happy Birthday to Rosemary Hall on Friday!



Thank you to Lindy Mylott for bringing flowers today with hope that it will remind us spring is coming.

Word of Preparation ~ Michaelanne Sylvester

Prelude ~ “Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing” (#16, blue)

You can sing along or listen as we prepare our hearts for worship.

*Come thou Fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing thy grace
Streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise
Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above
Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it, mount of thy redeeming love*

*Here I raise to thee an altar; hither by thy help I'm come
And I hope, by thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home
Jesus sought me when a stranger, wandering from the fold of God
He, to rescue me from danger, interposed his precious blood*

*O to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be!
Let thy goodness, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to thee
Prone to wander, how I feel it, prone to leave the God I love
Here's my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for thy courts above*

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Call to Worship ~ Psalm 36:5-9 (NIV) led by Michaelanne Sylvester.
Please join in reading the bold lines.

⁵ Your love, Lord, reaches to the heavens,
your faithfulness to the skies.

⁶ Your righteousness is like the highest mountains,
your justice like the great deep.

You, Lord, preserve both people and animals.

⁷ **How priceless is your unfailing love, O God!**
People take refuge in the shadow of your wings.

⁸ **They feast on the abundance of your house;**
you give them drink from your river of delights.

⁹ **For with you is the fountain of life;**
in your light we see light.

Song ~ The worship team will lead us in singing

“All Who Are Thirsty”

*All who are thirsty, all who are weak,
Come to the fountain. Dip your heart in the stream of life
Let the pain and the sorrow be washed away
In the waves of His mercy, as deep cries out to deep
We sing ~ Come, Lord Jesus, come. Come, Lord Jesus, come
Come, Lord Jesus, come. Come, Lord Jesus, come
All who are thirsty, all who are weak,
Come to the fountain. Dip your heart in the stream of life
Let the pain and the sorrow be washed away
In the waves of His mercy, as deep cries out to deep
We sing ~ Holy Spirit, come. Holy Spirit, come
Holy Spirit, come. Holy Spirit, come
As deep cries out to deep
As deep cries out to deep
As deep cries out to deep
We sing ~ Come, Lord Jesus, come. Come, Lord Jesus, come
Come, Lord Jesus, come. Come, Lord Jesus, come*

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Lifting our Praises and Prayers to the Lord ~

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 ~ **“Come, Come Unto Me”**

Song ~ **“Like a River Glorious” (#364 in the red hymnal)**

*Like a river glorious is God’s perfect peace
Over all victorious in its bright increase
Perfect, yet it floweth fuller every day
Perfect, yet it growth deeper all the way*

Refrain

***Stayed upon Jehovah, hearts are fully blest
Finding as He promised, perfect peace and rest***

*Hidden in the hollow of His blessed hand
Never foe can follow, never traitor stand
Not a surge of worry, not a shade of care
Not a blast of hurry touch the spirit there*

Refrain

*Every joy or trial falleth from above
Traced upon our dial by the Sun of Love
We may trust Him fully all for us to do
They who trust Him wholly find Him wholly true*

Refrain

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Sermon Introduction ~ Rev. Rebecca Sommons

Scripture ~ Jeremiah 2 (NIV) read by Michaelanne Sylvester

¹ The word of the Lord came to me:
² “Go and proclaim in the hearing of Jerusalem:
“This is what the Lord says:
“I remember the devotion of your youth,
how as a bride you loved me
and followed me through the wilderness,
through a land not sown.
³ Israel was holy to the Lord,
the first fruits of his harvest;
all who devoured her were held guilty,
and disaster overtook them,”
declares the Lord.
⁴ Hear the word of the Lord, you descendants of Jacob,
all you clans of Israel.
⁵ This is what the Lord says:
“What fault did your ancestors find in me,
that they strayed so far from me?
They followed worthless idols
and became worthless themselves.
⁶ They did not ask, ‘Where is the Lord,
who brought us up out of Egypt
and led us through the barren wilderness,
through a land of deserts and ravines,
a land of drought and utter darkness,
a land where no one travels and no one lives?’
⁷ I brought you into a fertile land
to eat its fruit and rich produce.
But you came and defiled my land
and made my inheritance detestable.

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⁸ The priests did not ask,
‘Where is the Lord?’
Those who deal with the law did not know me;
the leaders rebelled against me.
The prophets prophesied by Baal,
following worthless idols.
⁹ “Therefore I bring charges against you again,”
declares the Lord.
“And I will bring charges against your children’s children.
¹⁰ Cross over to the coasts of Cyprus and look,
send to Kedar and observe closely;
see if there has ever been anything like this:
¹¹ Has a nation ever changed its gods?
(Yet they are not gods at all.)
But my people have exchanged their glorious God
for worthless idols.
¹² Be appalled at this, you heavens,
and shudder with great horror,”
declares the Lord.
¹³ “My people have committed two sins:
They have forsaken me,
the spring of living water,
and have dug their own cisterns,
broken cisterns that cannot hold water.

Message ~ “Thirsty People” ~ Pastor Rebecca Sommons
Questions ~

What broken cisterns have you dug?

How is God inviting you to return to the Spring of Living Water?

Song ~ The worship team will lead us in singing “*Enough.*”

Chorus

*All of You is more than enough for all of me
For every thirst and every need
You satisfy me with Your love
And all I have in You is more than enough
You're my supply my breath of life
Still more awesome than I know
You're my reward worth living for
Still more awesome than I know*

Chorus

*You're my sacrifice of greatest price
Still more awesome than I know
You're my coming King You are everything
Still more awesome than I know*

Chorus

*More than all I want more than all I need
You are more than enough for me
More than all I know more than all I can say
You are more than enough
All of You is more than enough for all of me
For every thirst and every need
You satisfy me with Your love
And all I have in You is more than enough*

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Benediction ~ Revelation 22:17 (MSG)

“Come!” say the Spirit and the Bride.
Whoever hears, echo, “Come!”
Is anyone thirsty? Come!
All who will, come and drink,
Drink freely of the Water of Life!