

Worship Service October 16, 2022

Welcome and Announcements ~ Cheryl Hess

Today ~ There will be a Southwest Association Meeting at 3 pm at the Baptist Church in South Londonderry, with a meal to follow.

Monday ~ The Uplift Cancer Support Group will be meeting at church at 3 pm.

Tuesday ~ The Deacons will meet in the vestry at 4:30 pm.

Wednesday ~ Seeking God Together meeting at 11 am via zoom.

Thursday ~ We will have choir practice at 7 pm at church.

Happy Birthday to Lisa Catapano-Friedman on Friday
and to Judy Koch on Saturday!

Mission Update ~ Matthew Sommons will give an update on what is happening with FBC Missions. Any offerings given to missions this month will go toward FBC Mission supported projects.

Word of Preparation ~ Cheryl Hess

Prelude ~ Barb will play as we sing ***"I Come with Joy"***

(#420 in the blue hymnal, verses 1-3)

and we prepare our hearts for worship.

I come with joy, a child of God, forgiven, loved and free

The life of Jesus to recall

In love laid down for me, in love laid down for me

I come with Christians far and near to find as all are fed

The new community of love

In Christ's communion bread, in Christ's communion bread

As Christ breaks bread, and bids us share, each proud division ends

The love that made us makes us one

And strangers now are friends, and strangers now are friends

Words ~ Brian Wren, 1969 Music ~ Southern Harmony, 1835 | Hope Publishing 1971

Call to Worship ~ Ephesians 1:3-8 (NLT)

Please join in reading the bold lines.

³ All praise to God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly realms
because we are united with Christ.

**⁴ Even before he made the world,
God loved us and chose us in Christ to be holy
and without fault in his eyes.**

⁵ God decided in advance to adopt us into his own family
by bringing us to himself through Jesus Christ.
This is what he wanted to do, and it gave him great pleasure.

**⁶ So we praise God for the glorious grace
he has poured out on us who belong to his dear Son.**

⁷ He is so rich in kindness and grace
that he purchased our freedom with the blood of his Son
and forgave our sins.

**⁸ He has showered his kindness on us,
along with all wisdom and understanding.**

Song ~ The worship team will lead us in singing ***“Jesus Paid it All.”***

*And I hear the Savior say
Thy strength indeed is small
Child of weakness watch and pray
Find in Me thine all in all*

Chorus

***'Cause Jesus paid it all
All to Him I owe
Sin had left a crimson stain
He washed it white as snow***

*Lord now indeed I find
Thy power and Thine alone
Can change the leper's spots
And melt the heart of stone*

Chorus

*And when before the throne
I stand in Him complete
Jesus died my soul to save
My lips shall still repeat*

Chorus

*Sin had left a crimson stain
He washed it white as snow
He washed it white as snow
He washed it white as snow*

*Oh praise the One Who paid my debt
And raised this life up from the dead
[Repeat 4 times]*

*And I hear the Savior say
Thy strength indeed is small*

Child of weakness watch and pray find in Me thine all in all

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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

Choir Song ~ “Unless the Lord is Lifted Up”

Sermon Introduction ~ Pastor Rebecca Sommons

Scripture ~ 1 Corinthians 11:17-34 (TPT) read by Cheryl Hess

¹⁷ Now, on this next matter, I wish I could commend you, but I cannot,
because when you meet together as a church family
it is doing more harm than good!

¹⁸ I’ve been told many times that when you meet as a congregation,
divisions and cliques emerge—
and to some extent, this doesn’t surprise me.

¹⁹ Differences of opinion are unavoidable,
yet they will reveal which ones among you truly have God’s approval.

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²⁰ When all of your house churches gather as one church family,
you are not really properly celebrating the Lord's Supper.

²¹ For when it comes time to eat, some gobble down their food
before anything is given to others—
one is left hungry while others become drunk!

²² Don't you all have homes where you can eat and drink?
Don't you realize that you're showing a superior attitude
by humiliating those who have nothing?

Are you trying to show contempt for God's beloved church?
How should I address this appropriately?

If you're looking for my approval, you won't find it!

²³ I have handed down to you what came to me
by direct revelation from the Lord himself.

The same night in which he was handed over,
he took bread ²⁴ and gave thanks.

Then he distributed it to the disciples and said,

"Take it and eat your fill. It is my body, which is given for you.
Do this to remember me."

²⁵ He did the same with the cup of wine after supper and said,
"This cup seals the new covenant with my blood.

Drink it—and whenever you drink this, do it to remember me."

²⁶ Whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup,
you are retelling the story, proclaiming our Lord's death until he comes.

²⁷ For this reason, whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord
in the wrong spirit will be guilty
of dishonoring the body and blood of the Lord.

²⁸ So let each individual first evaluate his own attitude
and only then eat the bread and drink the cup.

²⁹ For continually eating and drinking with a wrong spirit
will bring judgment upon yourself by not recognizing the body.

³⁰ This insensitivity is why many of you
are weak, chronically ill, and some even dying.

³¹ If we have examined ourselves, we should not be judged.

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³² But when we are judged, it is the Lord's training
so that we will not be condemned along with the world.

³³ So then, my fellow believers,
when you assemble as one to share a meal,
show respect for one another and wait for all to be served.

³⁴ If you are that hungry, eat at home first,
so that when you gather together
you will not bring judgment upon yourself.

When I come to you,
I will answer the other questions you asked me in your letter.

Sermon ~ "Respect at the Lord's Table" ~ Pastor Rebecca

Journaling question for this week ~

What is your heart attitude as you come to the table?

Song of Preparation ~ “Come Share the Lord” (#408, blue)

*We gather here in Jesus’ name
His love is burning in our hearts like living flame
For through the loving Son the Father makes us one
Come take the bread, come drink the wine, come share the Lord.*

*No one is a stranger here, everyone belongs
Finding our forgiveness here, we in turn forgive all wrongs*

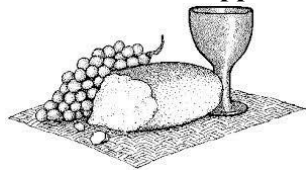
*He joins us here, He breaks the bread
The Lord who pours the cup is risen from the dead
The one we love the most is now our gracious host
Come take the bread, come drink the wine, come share the Lord*

*We are now a family of which the Lord is head
Through unseen he meets us here in the breaking of the bread*

*We’ll gather soon where angels sing
We’ll see the glory of our Lord and coming King
Now we anticipate the feast for which we wait
Come take the bread, come drink the wine, come share the Lord.*

Words and Music by Bryan Jeffery Leech, 1984

The Lord’s Supper



Sung Benediction ~ “Blest Be the Tie That Binds” (#433, blue)

*Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love
The fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above
When we are called to part, it gives us inward pain
But we shall still be joined in heart, and hope to meet again.*

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