

## Worship Service October 2, 2022

### Welcome and Announcements ~ Jim West

Our special giving focus for missions this month is International Ministries' World Mission Offering. Thank you for your generosity and prayers to support the work God has invited them to do in the world.

Monday ~ Thank you to all who are helping to prepare and serve a dinner for the firefighters at the Manchester Fire Department. We are meeting there at 4:30 pm to begin setting up the meal.

Wednesday ~ There will be a Mission Committee meeting at 10:30 am at the church.

Thursday ~ The Mary and Martha Chicken Pie Supper will be distributed between 5:30 and 7 pm. Thank you to all who are participating! We will have choir practice at 7 pm at church.

Looking ahead ~ Our next potluck meal and showing of *The Chosen* (episode 5) is scheduled for 5 pm on Saturday, October 15<sup>th</sup>. There is a Southwest Association meeting at 3 pm on Oct. 16<sup>th</sup>.

The flowers this morning are given by the Sommons family

Happy Birthday to Dominique Dease on Wednesday,  
and Happy Anniversary to Brittany and Jacob Dombroski  
on Thursday!

### Word of Preparation ~ Jim West

**Prelude** ~ Barb will play *"To God Be the Glory"*  
as we prepare our hearts for worship.



### Call to Worship ~ selected verses from 2 Corinthians 4:1-6 (TPT) Please join in reading the bold lines.

Now, it's because of God's mercy that we have been entrusted  
with the privilege of this new covenant ministry.

**And we will not quit or faint with weariness.**

We reject every shameful cover-up  
and refuse to resort to cunning trickery or distorting the Word of God.

**Instead, we open up our souls to you  
by presenting the truth to everyone's conscience**

**in the sight and presence of God.**

Even if our gospel message is veiled,  
it is only veiled to those who are perishing,  
**for their minds have been blinded by the god of this age,  
leaving them in unbelief.**

Their blindness keeps them from seeing the dayspring light  
of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the divine image of God.  
**We don't preach ourselves, but rather the lordship of Jesus Christ,  
for we are your servants for Jesus' sake.**

For God, who said  
"Let brilliant light shine out of darkness,"  
is the one who has cascaded his light into us—  
**the brilliant dawning light of the glorious knowledge of God  
as we gaze into the face of Jesus Christ.**

**Song ~** The Worship Team will lead us in singing

**“Awesome is the Lord Most High”**

*Great are You Lord mighty in strength  
You are faithful, and You will ever be  
We will praise You all of our days  
It's for Your glory we offer everything*

**Chorus**

*Raise your hands all you nations  
Shout to God all creation  
How awesome is the Lord most high  
We will praise You together for now and forever  
How awesome is the Lord most high*

*Where You send us, God we will go  
You're the answer we want the world to know  
We will trust You when You call our name  
Where You lead us we'll follow all the way*

**Chorus**

*Hallelujah, hallelujah  
How awesome is the Lord most high  
Hallelujah, hallelujah  
How awesome is the Lord most high*

**Chorus**

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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 ~ “Sing Out Your Song, Christians of the World”**

**Song ~ “I Love to Tell the Story” (#480 in the blue hymnal)**

*I love to tell the story of unseen things above  
Of Jesus and his glory, of Jesus and his love  
I love to tell the story, because I know 'tis true  
It satisfies my longings as nothing else can do*

**Chorus**

***I love to tell the story, 'twill be my theme in glory,  
To tell the old, old story of Jesus and his love***

*I love to tell the story; 'tis pleasant to repeat  
What seems each time I tell it, more wonderfully sweet  
I love to tell the story for some have never heard  
The message of salvation from God's own holy word*

*I love to tell the story, for those who know it best  
Seem hungering and thirsting to hear it like the rest  
And when, in scenes of glory, I sing the new, new song  
'Twill be the old, old story that I have loved so long*

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**Sermon Introduction ~** Pastor Rebecca Sommons

**Scripture ~ 1 Corinthians 9:16-23 (TPT)** read by Jim West

<sup>16</sup> For you see, even though I proclaim the good news,  
I can't take the credit for my labors,  
for I am compelled to fulfill my duty by completing this work.  
It would be agony to me if I did not constantly preach the gospel!  
<sup>17</sup> If it were my own idea to preach as a way to make a living,  
I would expect to be paid.  
Since it's not my idea but God's, who commissioned me,  
I am entrusted with the stewardship of the gospel  
whether or not I'm paid.  
<sup>18</sup> So then, where is my reward?  
It is found in continually depositing the good news into people's hearts,  
without obligation, free of charge,  
and not insisting on my rights to be financially supported.  
<sup>19</sup> Now, even though I am free from obligations to  
others, I joyfully make myself a servant to all  
in order to win as many converts as possible.  
<sup>20</sup> I became Jewish to the Jewish people  
in order to win them to the Messiah.  
I became like one under the law  
to gain the people who were stuck under the law,  
even though I myself am not under the law.  
<sup>21</sup> And to those who are without the Jewish laws,  
I became like them, as one without the Jewish laws,  
in order to win them,  
although I'm not outside the law of God but under the law of Christ.  
<sup>22</sup> I became "weak" to the weak to win the weak.  
I have adapted to the culture of every place I've gone  
so that I could more easily win people to Christ.  
<sup>23</sup> I've done all this so that I would become God's partner  
for the sake of the gospel.

**Sermon ~ "Sharing the Gospel" ~ Pastor Rebecca**

**Journaling question for this week ~**

*With whom is the Holy Spirit leading you to share the Gospel?*

*How can you meet them where they are?*

**Song ~**

**"Freely, Freely"**

*God forgave my sin in Jesus' name  
I've been born again in Jesus' name  
And in Jesus' name I come to you  
To share His love as He told me to*

**Chorus**

***He said freely, freely, you have received  
Freely, freely, give  
Go in My name and because you believe  
Others will know that I live***

*All pow'r is giv'n in Jesus' name  
In earth and heav'n in Jesus' name  
And in Jesus' name I come to you  
To share His pow'r as He told me to*

**Chorus**

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**Benediction ~ inspired by 2 Corinthians 4: 13-15 (TPT)**

We have the Spirit of faith  
Who enables us to believe, then speak in faith,  
God's marvelous grace will spread to more and more people,  
resulting in a great increase of praise and glory to God.  
Together with them, we will be brought into his glorious presence  
for all eternity.