

Worship Service for February 19, 2023

Welcome and Announcements ~ Cheryl Hess

Monday ~ Uplift Support Group meets at 3 pm at the church.

Tuesday ~ We will meet via zoom at 7 pm for our prayer group and book discussion of chapters 12-13 in *Help is Here*, led by Theresa Taylor.

Wednesday ~ Ash Wednesday Service at the church at 5:30 pm.

Thursday ~ Choir Practice at 7 pm at the church.

Friday ~ PRC meeting

Saturday ~ Men's breakfast and meeting at the church at 9 am.
Showing and discussion of *The Chosen* season 1 episode 8 following a potluck supper at 5:30 pm.

Special Opportunity ~ Please see Pastor Rebecca if you would like to be part of creating our Journey to the Cross for Holy Week. This is a chance to meditate on a Scripture passage and create a work of art or experience for our church family and community.

Looking Ahead ~ There is more information about the ladies retreat on March 11th and the Annual Gathering for ABCVNH on March 17-18th in the vestry. If you would like to write a note or contribute to a financial gift to Dale Edwards for his retirement, you can send them to the ABCVNH Office Attn: Sue Wyand 93 South Main Street, Suite 201, W. Lebanon, NH 03784.

Reminder ~ A portion of the money given to FBC Missions this month will go to Seek the Son Ministries.

Happy Birthday to Jim Johnson and Dottie Beers on Tuesday!



Thank you to Dottie Sundquist for the flowers today
in loving memory of her niece, Jenica Junnila.

Word of Preparation ~ Cheryl Hess

Prelude ~ Please center your hearts for worship as Barb West plays.



Call to Worship ~ Hebrews 10:19-23 (NLT) led by Cheryl Hess
Please join in reading the bold lines.

¹⁹ And so, dear brothers and sisters,
we can boldly enter heaven's Most Holy Place
because of the blood of Jesus.

²⁰ By his death, Jesus opened a new and life-giving way
through the curtain into the Most Holy Place.

²¹ And since we have a great High Priest
who rules over God's house,

²² let us go right into the presence of God
with sincere hearts fully trusting him.

For our guilty consciences have been sprinkled with Christ's blood
to make us clean,

and our bodies have been washed with pure water.

²³ Let us hold tightly without wavering to the hope we affirm,
for God can be trusted to keep his promise.

Song ~

“Yes and Amen”

*Father of kindness, You have poured out grace
You brought me out of darkness
You have filled me with peace
Giver of mercy, You're my help in time of need
Lord, I can't help but sing*

Chorus

***Faithful You are
Faithful forever You will be
Faithful You are
All Your promises are Yes and Amen
All Your promises are Yes and Amen
Beautiful Savior, You have brought me near
You pulled me from the ashes
You have broken every curse
Blessed Redeemer, You have set this captive free
Lord, I can't help but sing***

Chorus

*I will rest in Your promises
My confidence is Your faithfulness
[REPEAT]*

Chorus

*All Your promises are Yes and Amen
All Your promises are Yes and Amen*

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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 ~

“If We Will Seek the Lord”

Song ~

“Change My Heart, O God”

*Change my heart, oh God
Make it ever true
Change my heart, oh God
May I be like You
You are the potter
I am the clay
Mold me and make me
This is what I pray
[REPEAT]*

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Sermon Introduction ~ Rev. Rebecca Sommons

Scripture ~ Jeremiah 18:1-6 (NIV) read by Cheryl Hess

¹ This is the word that came to Jeremiah
from the Lord:

² “Go down to the potter’s house,
and there I will give you my message.”

³ So I went down to the potter’s house,
and I saw him working at the wheel.

⁴ But the pot he was shaping from the clay
was marred in his hands;

so the potter formed it into another pot,
shaping it as seemed best to him.

⁵ Then the word of the Lord came to me.

⁶ He said,

“Can I not do with you, Israel, as this potter does?”
declares the Lord.

“Like clay in the hand of the potter,
so are you in my hand,
Israel.

Message ~ “Clay in the Master Potter’s Hands”

Questions to consider ~

What is God using to form and shape you?

Is there an invitation in this passage for you?

Song ~ “Have Thine Own Way, Lord” (#588, blue)

*Have thine own way, Lord! Have thine own way!
Thou art the potter; I am the clay.
Mold me and make me after thy will
While I am waiting, yielded and still*

*Have thine own way, Lord! Have thine own way!
Search me and try me, Savior today!
Wash me just now, Lord, wash me just now
As in thy presence humbly I bow*

*Have thine own way, Lord! Have thine own way!
Wounded and weary, help me I pray!
Power, all power, surely is thine!
Touch me and heal me, Savior divine!*

*Have thine own way, Lord! Have thine own way!
Hold o’er my being absolute sway
Fill with thy Spirit till all shall see
Christ only always, living in me!*

Words ~ Adelaide A. Pollard, 1902, Music ~ George C. Stebbins, 1907

Benediction ~ Isaiah 64:8 and Philippians 1:6

You, Lord, are our Father.
We are the clay,
you are the potter;
we are all the work of your hand.

May we be confident of this,
that You who began a good work in us
will carry it on to completion
until the day of Christ Jesus.