

## Worship Service for March 5, 2023

**Welcome and Announcements** ~ Craig Keith

**Monday** ~ Uplift Support Group meeting at 3 pm at church.

**Tuesday** ~ Deacon Meeting at 3 pm at church and  
Prayer Group at 7 pm via zoom.

**Thursday** ~ Mission Committee Meeting at 4 pm at church  
Prudential Committee Meeting at 5 pm at church and via zoom.  
Choir Practice at 7 pm at church.

**Saturday** ~ Ladies Retreat in Chester from 8:30 am to 4 pm.

### Looking Ahead ~

There has been some interest expressed in offering an Alpha program for young people in our church and community. If you are interested in learning more about this, please talk with Rev. Dr. Theresa Taylor.

The Annual Gathering for ABCVNH is March 17-18<sup>th</sup> in West Lebanon, NH, and there will be a special celebration of Rev. Dale Edwards' ministry.

You are invited to join in reading and discussing the new book the prayer group has chosen ~ *What Does Your Soul Love?* By Gem and Alan Fadling. Let Pastor Rebecca know if you're interested.

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

Happy Belated Birthday to Carol (March 1<sup>st</sup>),  
Happy Birthday to Glenna Taxter today  
and Happy Birthday to Alan McGraw on Saturday!



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

## Word of Preparation ~ Craig Keith

*"Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open,  
all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid,  
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,  
that we may love you and magnify your holy name."*

*Gregorian Sacramentary, 6<sup>th</sup> century*

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

**Call to Worship ~ Jeremiah 31:1-7 (NIV)** read by Bryan Richheimer  
Please join in reading the bold lines.

"At that time," declares the Lord,

**"I will be the God of all the families of Israel,  
and they will be my people."**

<sup>2</sup> This is what the Lord says:

**"The people who survive the sword will find favor in the wilderness;  
I will come to give rest to Israel."**

<sup>3</sup> The Lord appeared to us in the past, saying:

**"I have loved you with an everlasting love;  
I have drawn you with unfailing kindness."**

<sup>4</sup> I will build you up again, and you, Virgin Israel, will be rebuilt.

**Again you will take up your timbrels  
and go out to dance with the joyful."**

<sup>5</sup> Again you will plant vineyards on the hills of Samaria;  
**the farmers will plant them and enjoy their fruit."**

<sup>6</sup> There will be a day when watchmen cry out on the hills of Ephraim,  
**'Come, let us go up to Zion, to the Lord our God.'**

<sup>7</sup> This is what the Lord says:

**"Sing with joy for Jacob; shout for the foremost of the nations."**

Make your praises heard, and say,

**'Lord, save your people, the remnant of Israel.'**

Song ~

**“The Lord Reigns”**

*The Lord reigns, let the people shout  
He reigns in righteousness  
Let the heavens be glad, let the earth rejoice  
The Lord reigns, let the people clap their hands  
Angels shout, the redeemed have come to dance  
To celebrate, to celebrate He reigns*

**Chorus**

***The Lord reigns, the Lord reigns  
The Lord reigns, we will sing and shout  
You reign, You reign  
You reign, forever King of all***  
*The Lord reigns let the people shout  
He reigns in righteousness  
Let the heavens be glad let the earth rejoice  
The Lord reigns let the people clap their hands  
Angels shout the redeemed have come to dance  
To celebrate to celebrate He reigns*

**Chorus**

*Let all the people sing of  
Your awesome power in all the earth  
Let darkness tremble at Your Name  
Why do the nations rage when  
The King is on His throne  
Now and forever, You will reign  
[repeat]*

**Chorus twice**

*Forever King of all  
Forever King of all*

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**Lifting our Praises and Prayers to the Lord ~**

*Space for Prayer Requests and Praises*

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 ~      “Holy Spirit, Truth Divine” (#241 in the blue hymnal)**

*Holy Spirit, Truth divine, dawn upon this soul of mine  
Voice of God, and inward Light, wake my spirit, clear my sight*

*Holy Spirit, Love divine, glow within this heart of mine  
Kindle every high desire, purify me with your fire*

*Holy Spirit, Power divine, fill and nerve this will of mine  
Boldly may I always live, bravely serve and gladly give*

*Holy Spirit, Peace divine, still this restless heart of mine  
Speak to calm this tossing sea, grant me your tranquility*

*Holy Spirit, Joy divine, gladden now this heart of mine  
In the desert ways I sing, spring, O living Water, spring!*

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## Sermon Introduction ~ Rev. Rebecca Sommons

**Scripture ~ Jeremiah 31:31-37 (NIV)** read by Craig Keith

<sup>31</sup> “The days are coming,” declares the Lord,

“when I will make a new covenant  
with the people of Israel and with the people of Judah.

<sup>32</sup> It will not be like the covenant I made with their ancestors  
when I took them by the hand to lead them out of Egypt,  
because they broke my covenant, though I was a husband to them.”  
declares the Lord.

<sup>33</sup> “This is the covenant I will make with the people of Israel  
after that time,” declares the Lord.

“I will put my law in their minds and write it on their hearts.  
I will be their God, and they will be my people.

<sup>34</sup> No longer will they teach their neighbor, or say to one another,  
‘Know the Lord,’ because they will all know me,  
from the least of them to the greatest,”  
declares the Lord.

“For I will forgive their wickedness  
and will remember their sins no more.”

<sup>35</sup> This is what the Lord says,  
he who appoints the sun to shine by day,  
who decrees the moon and stars to shine by night,  
who stirs up the sea so that its waves roar—  
the Lord Almighty is his name:

<sup>36</sup> “Only if these decrees vanish from my sight,”  
declares the Lord,

“will Israel ever cease being a nation before me.”

<sup>37</sup> This is what the Lord says:  
“Only if the heavens above can be measured  
and the foundations of the earth below be searched out  
will I reject all the descendants of Israel because of all they have done,”  
declares the Lord.

## Message ~

## “The New Covenant”

Question to consider ~

*How has the knowledge of God  
moved from external to internal in your life?*

## Choir Song ~

## “Share the Table

**The Lord’s Supper** ~ Everyone who knows the Lord is welcome at this table. If you would like to speak with me after the service about knowing and accepting the Lord’s gift of grace and a new heart, please come and let me know.



## Communion Music ~ “Stronger”

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## Sung Benediction ~ “Breathe on Me Breath of God” (#254, v. 1-3 )

*Breathe on me, Breath of God, fill me with life anew  
That I may love what thou dost love, and do what thou wouldst do  
Breathe on me, Breath of God, until my heart is pure  
Until with thee I will one will, to do and to endure  
Breathe on me, Breath of God, till I am wholly thine  
Until this earthly part of me glows with thy fire divine*

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