

Worship Service for April 23, 2023

Welcome and Announcements ~ Matthew Sommons

Tuesday ~ Kid's Camp planning meeting at 2 pm at First Congregational Church. If you would like to attend, please let me know.
~ Christian Ed. Committee meeting via zoom at 6 pm.
~ Prayer Group with a Book Discussion of chapters 5-6 in *What Does Your Soul Love?* led by Cara.

Thursday ~ Prudential Meeting at 5 pm at the church and via zoom.
~ Choir Practice at the church at 7 pm.

Thank you to Jim and Barb West for the flowers today
in loving memory of Jim's father, Lewis West.

Word of Preparation ~ Matthew Sommons

Prelude ~ Barb West will play *"His Eye Is on the Sparrow"*
as we prepare our hearts for worship.

Call to Worship ~ **Matthew 6:26-30 (NIV)** Matthew Sommons
Please join in reading the bold lines.

²⁶ Look at the birds of the air;
they do not sow or reap or store away in barns,
and yet your heavenly Father feeds them.
Are you not much more valuable than they?

²⁷ **Can any one of you by worrying add a single hour to your life?**

²⁸ "And why do you worry about clothes?
See how the flowers of the field grow.

They do not labor or spin.

²⁹ **Yet I tell you that not even Solomon
in all his splendor was dressed like one of these.**

³⁰ If that is how God clothes the grass of the field,
which is here today, and tomorrow is thrown into the fire,
**will he not much more clothe you
—you of little faith?**

Song ~ "Blessed Assurance" (#543 in the blue hymnal)

*Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!
O what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God
Born of his Spirit, washed in his blood*

Refrain

***This is my story, this is my song,
Praising my Savior all the day long
This is my story, this is my song,
Praising my Savior all the day long
Perfect submission, perfect delight
Visions of rapture now burst on my sight
Angels descending bring from above
Echoes of mercy, whispers of love***

Refrain

***Perfect submission, all is at rest
I in my Savior am happy and blest
Watching and waiting, looking above
Filled with his goodness, lost in his love***

Refrain

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Choir Song ~ "Hear Us, O Father, We Pray"

Praying Together ~

**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 ~ “Take My Life” (# 609 in the blue hymnal)

*Take my life, and let it be
Consecrated, Lord, to thee
Take my moments and my days;
Let them flow in ceaseless praise (repeat phrase)*

*Take my hands, and let them move
At the impulse of thy love
Take my feet, and let them be
Swift and beautiful for thee (repeat phrase)*

*Take my voice, and let me sing
Unto God my praise I bring
Take my lips and let them be
Filled with messages from thee (repeat phrase)*

*Take my silver and my gold
Not a mite would I withhold
Take my intellect, and use
Every power as thou shalt choose (repeat phrase)*

*Take my will, and make it thine
It shall be no longer mine
Take my heart, it is thine own
It shall be thy royal throne (repeat phrase)*

*Take my love; my Lord, I pour
At thy feet its treasure store
Take myself, and I will be
Ever only all for thee (repeat phrase)*

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Sermon Introduction ~ Craig Keith

Scripture Passages ~ (NIV) read by Matthew Sommons

Proverbs 3:5-6

⁵ Trust in the Lord with all your heart
and lean not on your own understanding;
⁶ in all your ways submit to him,
and he will make your paths straight.

Jeremiah 29:11

¹¹ For I know the plans I have for you,”
declares the Lord,
“plans to prosper you and not to harm you,
plans to give you hope and a future.

1 Thessalonians 5:18

¹⁸ Give thanks in all circumstances;
for this is God’s will for you in Christ Jesus.

Sermon ~ “God’s Will” ~ Craig Keith

Space for notes

Song ~ The worship team will lead us in singing

"Lay Me Down"

*With this heart open wide
From the depths from the heights
I will bring a sacrifice
With these hands lifted high
Hear my song, hear my cry
I will bring a sacrifice
I will bring a sacrifice*

Chorus

*I lay me down, I'm not my own
I belong to You alone
Lay me down, lay me down
Oh ~ Hand on my heart this much is true
There's no life apart from You
Lay me down, lay me down
(2nd and 3rd times ~ Oh lay me down, lay me down)
Letting go of my pride
Giving up all my rights
Take this life and let it shine, shine, shine
Take this life and let it shine*

Chorus

*Oh ~ Lay me down, lay me down
It will be my joy to say ~ Your will, Your way
It will be my joy to say ~ Your will Your way
It will be my joy to say ~ Your will Your way ~ always
(REPEAT)*

Chorus

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Benediction ~ Craig Keith