

## **Worship Service for May 7, 2023**

**Welcome and Announcements** ~ Craig Keith

**Tuesday** ~ Prayer Group and Book Discussion of  
*What Does Your Soul Love?* chapters 7-8 at 7 pm via zoom.

**Thursday** ~ Mission & Outreach Committee Meeting at 4 pm at church.

**Next Sunday** ~ Thank you to the men of the church who will be serving a Mother's Day Breakfast for the ladies at 8:30 am. The regular Mary and Martha Meeting will follow breakfast, and Sunday School class will be upstairs at 9:30 am. Rev. Dr. Theresa Taylor will be preaching on Mother's Day.



The flowers today are given by Jim and Cathy Comar  
in loving memory of Cathy's parents, Ken and Mary Jean Pierce.

**Word of Preparation** ~ Craig Keith

**Prelude** ~ *"For This Child~ Baby Dedication Song"* ~ by Kevin Blount

### **Dedication of the Wilder and the Dombroski Family**

Pastor ~ God has entrusted you with a magnificent responsibility.

**Parents ~ We lovingly accept this responsibility.**

Pastor ~ God has given you the gift of Wilder's life.

**Parents ~ We will protect and nurture him.**

Pastor ~ God wants you to teach Wilder

through the example of a godly life.

and His teachings for understanding the life of faith.

**Parents ~ We will read the Bible with Wilder,**

**so we can follow Jesus together.**

Pastor ~ The Holy Spirit will give you insight and strength to respond with wisdom and grace to Wilder in each stage of his development.

**Parents ~ We will rely on the Spirit,**

**by praying and listening with open hearts to the Spirit's leading**

**Parents ~ We commit to living with integrity as we walk with God.**

Pastor ~ The Scriptures give us Jesus' life as a pattern for our own

**and to Wilder's questions and needs.**

Pastor ~ You do not need to raise Wilder alone.

You can rely on the help and support of family, friends, and your church

family who will come alongside you

to share nurture, truth, and love with him.

**Community ~ We commit to be here, praying and ready to help you**

**and Wilder, today and in the days to come.**

**Call to Worship** ~ The portion of Scripture that Brittany and Jacob have chosen for Wilder's dedication is Mark 10:13-16, let's read it responsively together, with everyone joining on the bold lines.

"People were bringing little children to Jesus

**for him to place his hands on them**

but the disciples rebuked them.

**When Jesus saw this, he was indignant.**

He said to them, "Let the little children come to me

and do not hinder them,

**For the kingdom of God belongs to such as these.**

Truly I tell you, anyone who will not receive the kingdom of God

like a little child will never enter it.

**And he took the children in his arms,**

**placed his hands on them and blessed them."**

**Words of blessing prayed over Wilders' life** ~ Pastor Rebecca

**Song ~ "Filled with Joy and Gladness" (#362 in the blue hymnal)**

*Filled with the joy and gladness of life's wonder*

*We stand before you, new life in our hands*

*Trembling with fear before the unknown future*

*Earnest but awed before life's stern demands*

*Filled with the wonder, standing in your presence*

*This newborn child before your life we lay*

*You wait upon the small and bear the tender*

*You who command the planets on their way*

*By all your work and love's divine intention*

*We have been born to new life in your name*

*Your living word surrounds this celebration*

*Lord, let this child your love and faith proclaim.*

Words ~ Daniel B. Merrick, 1986, Music ~ Joseph Barnby, 1889 | Chalice Press, 1995

**Prayers and Praises ~**



**Our Father, Who Art in Heaven, hallowed be Your name.**

**Your Kingdom come, Your 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 ~**

**"Fairest Lord Jesus" (#97 in the blue hymnal)**

*Fairest Lord Jesus, ruler of all nature*

*O thou of God to earth come down*

*Thee will I cherish, Thee will I honor*

*Thou my soul's glory, joy, and crown*

*Fair are the meadows, fairer still the woodlands*

*Robed in the blooming garb of spring*

*Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer*

*Who makes the woeful heart to sing*

*Fair is the sunshine, fairer still the moonlight*

*And all the twinkling, starry hosts*

*Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer*

*Than all the angels heaven can boast*

Words ~ Munster Gesangbuch, 1677, Music ~ Schlesische Volkslieder, 1842  
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**Introducing the Sermon** ~ Pastor Rebecca Sommons

**Scripture** ~ 1 John 1:1-7 (TPT) read by Craig Keith

<sup>1</sup> We saw him with our very own eyes.

We gazed upon him and heard him speak.

Our hands actually touched him,

the one who was from the beginning, the Living Expression of God.

<sup>2</sup> This Life-Giver was made visible, and we have seen him.

We testify to this truth: the eternal Life-Giver

lived face-to-face with the Father and has now dawned upon us.

<sup>3</sup> So we proclaim to you what we have seen and heard

about this Life-Giver

so that we may share and enjoy this life together.

For truly our fellowship is with the Father

and with his Son, Jesus, the Anointed One.

<sup>4</sup> We are writing these things to you

because we want to release to you our fullness of joy.

<sup>5</sup> This is the life-giving message we heard him share

and it's still ringing in our ears.

We now repeat his words to you: God is pure light.

You will never find even a trace of darkness in him.

<sup>6</sup> If we claim that we share life with him,

but keep walking in the realm of darkness,

we're fooling ourselves and not living the truth.

<sup>7</sup> But if we keep living in the pure light that surrounds him,

we share unbroken fellowship with one another,

and the blood of Jesus, his Son, continually cleanses us from all sin.

**Sermon** ~ ***"God is the Life-Giver"***

**Choir Song** ~ ***"Remember"***

**Communion** ~ Everyone is welcome at Christ's Communion Table.

We eat the bread and drink the juice as a sign of our fellowship with God the Father, with Jesus Christ, the Holy Spirit, and each other.

**Song** ~ The worship team will lead us in singing

***"At the Cross"***

*There's a place where mercy reigns and never dies*

*There's a place where streams of grace flow deep and wide*

*Where all the love I've ever found*

*Comes like a flood, comes flowing down*

***Chorus***

***At the cross, at the cross I surrender my life***

***I'm in awe of You, I'm in awe of You***

***Where Your love ran red and my sin washed white***

***I owe all to You, I owe all to You (Jesus)***

*There's a place where sin and shame are powerless*

*Where my heart has peace with God and forgiveness*

*Where all the love I've ever found*

*Comes like a flood, comes flowing down*

***Chorus***

*Here my hope is found. Here on holy ground*

*Here I bow down, here I bow down*

*Here arms open wide. Here You saved my life*

*Here I bow down, here I bow*

***Chorus***

*I owe all to you, I owe to all to you, Jesus*

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**Benediction** ~ Revelation 1:5b-6 (NIV)

*"To Him who loves us*

*and has freed us from our sins by his blood,*

*and has made us to be a kingdom and priests*

*to serve his God and Father—*

*to him be glory and power for ever and ever!*

*Amen."*